



UNT SGA 47th Student Senate Fall 2017 Session
Cole & Umeh Administration
Wednesday, September 20, 2017

I. Call to Order

- 5:30 PM

II. Opening Ceremonies

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Texas Pledge

III. Roll Call

IV. New Business

a. Approvals

i. Election Board Member Appointment

i. Tommy Hughes

- Motion to open the period of questioning.
- Senator Avila: "How well do you work under pressure?" Hughes: "I enjoy a challenge and prefer when things are run efficiently"
- Senator Collins: "Do you have any goals?" Hughes: "I want to partner with other election board members to increase voter turnout."
- Motion to close the period of questioning. Seconded
- Motion to open a period of closed discussion. Seconded
- Motion to close the period of discussion. Seconded
- Motion to vote on the candidate by unanimous consent. Seconded and candidate is approved.

ii. Election Calendar

- October 24-25: Election code meetings
October 27: Referendum deadline
October 30: Campaigns open for the fall



November 13-15: Fall elections

November 16: Official election report due

- i. Motion to move into a period of questioning.
Seconded
 - ii. Question: is there anything on the table to be voted on? Commissioner: not at the moment.
 - iii. Question: do you think the fact that this happens after homecoming will affect turnout? Commissioner: We plan to use the excitement of homecoming to promote voting.
 - iv. Motion to close the period of discussion. Seconded
 - v. Motion to move into a closed discussion. Seconded.
 - vi. Motion to close the period of closed discussion.
Seconded
 - vii. Motion to vote by unanimous consent.
- b. Parliamentary Procedure Training: By Christa Coffey
- c. F2017-R1 - Confederate Memorial Resolution
- i. Read & Question
 - i. Motion to open the floor for a period of questioning.
Seconded.
 - ii. Senator Shafer: "Do you have a place in mind for where the statue will go? Senator Villarreal: "That is legislation for another time. Currently we just want to remove it"
 - iii. Senator Fraser Question: "Will this impact the decision of people who are responsible for whether it stays or gets removed?" Senator Villarreal: "We are sending it to the Denton City Council to put pressure on the Denton County Historical Commissioner."
 - iv. Senate defines the "Lost Cause Movement"



- v. Question: "Can you speak more about the context of the time it was built?" Answer: "There were whites-only water fountains on the statue as well during the Jim Crow era."
- vi. Question: "Has there been any data collected on this cause?" Answer: "An unscientific pole on Twitter shows that 276 people have voted total. 59% voted to take it down/relocate it, 28% to leave it be. 13% had no opinion."
- vii. Question: "Has there been any action against the memorial in SGA history?" Answer: "Author is unsure but probably not."
- viii. Question: "Since this is a Denton County memorial has there been any effort from surrounding cities to remove it?" Answer: "People from surrounding cities are against the memorial but have not spoken against it as a collective group."
- ix. Question: "Do we think this is our business to address as students since we aren't the one who changes this?" Answer: "I believe we should take a stance against this because it is a bipartisan issue against a cause that is better left lost."
- x. Question: "Who has the power to change the statue's status?" Answer: "The Denton County Commissioner's Court. The other people we are sending this to can apply pressure to the Commissioner's Court."
- xi. Question: "Have you had time to talk to your constituents about this?" Answer: "[The authors of this legislation] have opened their office hours and emails for students to contact them and have reached out to constituents."
- xii. Question: "Are there any other examples of the student senate taking stances on local issues?" Answer: "The author



would need to look through past senate records to confirm or deny.”

xiii. Motion to end the period of questioning. Seconded

V. Officer Reports

a. Chief of Staff

- Finalized the invoice for Copass
- Updated my budget
- Met with UPC for a sponsorship for homecoming
- Working on by-laws and orgsync form for sponsorships

b. Intern Program Director

- Completed second Intern meeting with a focus on leadership traits.
- Completed first one-on-one with Intern discussing experience within the program.

c. Director of Student Concerns

- Filled We Mean Green Fund
- Looking for more students for I Bike UNT
- Working on ways to make student concern report process more well-known

d. Director of Outreach

- Meeting with student organizations
- Addressing student concerns collected through outreach
- Surveying senators for availability to table

e. Director of Governmental Affairs

- Had a meeting with Doug Campbell, an I BIKE UNT Representative, City of Denton Small Area Plan Consultants, and TSGC coalition representative.
- SGA had its partnership Round Table Discussion for Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts with the Office of Leadership and Service last night. It went well.



- Currently researching voting student regents and joining TSGC

f. Communications Director

- Created graphics for SGA Meetings which are now on social media
- Currently working on redesigning Eagle's Nest logo

g. Public Relations Director

- Wrote notices of student passing from summer and beginning of fall semester
- Wrote press release for Tuning in to Healthy Relationships, an event hosted by the Dean of Students in which SGA participated by tabling.
- Attended Round Table discussion for Hurricane Harvey Relief
- Wrote press release about Round Table discussion for Hurricane Harvey Relief
- Coordinated times with NTDaily, will begin weekly meetings with them next week.

h. Director of Student Allocations, Eagle's nest

- No Report – Out Sick

i. Director of Student Allocations, Raupe Travel Grant

- Confirmed Raupe Committee

j. President

- Sat in on many meetings to continue strengthening relations with administration

k. Vice President

- In announcements

VI. College Reports

a. College of Business

- No Report

b. College of Education

- No Report

c. College of Engineering



- No Report
- d. **College of Health & Public Service**
 - No Report
- e. **College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**
 - No Report
- f. **College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism**
 - No Report
- g. **College of Science**
 - No Report
- h. **Mayborn School of Journalism**
 - No Report
- i. **TAMS**
 - No Report
- j. **Honors College**
 - Met with Dean de Oliveira and discussed expansion of Honors Courses and measures to encourage Honors students to take advantage of graduate school resources on campus
 - Set to meet with Dr. Gruver this week to continue pushing for the expansion of honors course
 - Honors college enrollment begins at 7am on October 2nd, so if you have honors college constituents, please encourage them to see their advisor in the next week and a half.
 - The honors college has also just introduced an online appointment scheduling system this semester, so it's easier than ever for students to get honors advising!
 - Tentatively working at bringing the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Campus Walk to UNT, if you're interested in working on it or are passionate about the topic, let me know!

VII. Announcements



a. VP Announcements

i. Eaglethon presentation

- i. 6/21 Fundraiser at Chipotle on Fry Street from 5pm-9pm
 - ii. \$5 Registration day 6/26, 10am-2pm Monday 6/25- Friday 6/29 in the library mall
 - iii. Committees meet from 5pm-6pm on Tuesdays
 - iv. February 16, 4pm-12pm
 - v. No team minimum- no team maximum
 - vi. Dress comfortably for Eaglethon!
- ii. Sign in for office hours
- iii. Legislation templates are on Orgsync. Legislation is due Sunday night before midnight.

b. All SGA Photos

VIII. Adjournment: 6:39pm