



UNT SGA 47th Student Senate Fall 2017 Session
Cole & Umeh Administration
Wednesday, November 1, 2017

I. Call to Order

a. **5:30**

II. Opening Ceremonies

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Texas Pledge

III. Roll Call

IV. Officer Reports

a. Chief of Staff

i. Scrafty Event

1. Nov 9th

2. 11am-2pm

b. Intern Program Director

i. Pride Alliance will be presenting to the Interns on safety tour for individual bathrooms

c. Director of Student Concerns

i. Find students to fill the food advisory committee

ii. Filing concerns that have come my way

iii. Distinguished Teaching Selection Committee is still open

iv. Concern Cards are being used appropriately

1. Make sure they are detailed and specific

d. Director of Outreach

i. Bike town-hall was a success

1. 20 bike repairs

ii. If anyone is interested in tabling, there will be a tabling event on November 2nd at 3pm

iii. Nov 15 is the last Townhall

1. Disco-park

2. 8am

e. Director of Governmental Affairs

i. Completed the Org-sync form for the safety tour



- ii. Still registering people to vote
- iii. Working on initiatives for diversity

f. Communications Director

- i. Working on blood drive poster
- ii. Working on Senate plaques

g. Public Relations Director

- i. Writing Press releases for National Coming-out Day
- ii. Meeting with NTDaily
- iii. BuzzFeed quiz is complete and posted on our social media for students to take

h. Director of Student Allocations, Eagle's Nest

- i. Meeting with 2 other orgs this week
- ii. Eagle's Nest application will close November 5th

i. Director of Student Allocations, Raupe Travel Grant

- i. Last committee presentation on Thursday
- ii. Collecting and filing receipts for those who have gone to conferences

j. President

- i. Safety Tour today at 7pm
- ii. November 6th from 10am-3:45pm there will be a blood drive for Hurricane Harvey
- iii. Nov 16th starting at 6pm at the South-Lawn SGA will partake in the celebration for the season of lights
- iv. Referendum details

k. Vice President

- i. Senate seats are updated
- ii. December 6 is the last senate meeting
 - 1. This last meeting will be the banquet which will take place of the senate meeting.
- iii. November 22 Meeting - CANCELLED

V. Old Business

a. Approval

- i. October 25th meeting minutes
 - 1. Approved by unanimous consent

VI. New Business

a. Senator Appointment



- i. Mayborn School of Journalism – Bryson Badon
 - ii. Motion to open the period of questioning. Seconded.
 - iii. Motion to close the period of questioning. Seconded
 - iv. Motion to open a period of closed discussion Seconded.
 - v. Motion to close the period of closed discussion. Seconded.
 - vi. Motion to vote by unanimous consent. Seconded.
 - vii. Motion Passes! Congratulations Senator Badon!
- b. F2017-R3 – Texas Student Government Coalition Resolution
- i. Discussion & Vote
 - ii. Motion to open a period of discussion. Seconded.
 - iii. Motion to amend the second whereas. Motion seconded and voted on by unanimous consent.
- c. Requested Attendance: Chief Justice Jena Chakour
- d. Appeal
- i. Document is read
 - ii. Motion to open the period of questioning. Seconded.
 - iii. Motion to close the period of questioning. Seconded.
 - iv. Motion to open the period of discussion. Seconded.
 - v. Motion to move this item to the end of the meeting. Seconded.
 - vi. Motion to revisit this appeal
 - vii. Sen Shafer- Concerned about the new college not having any seats and would like to see the senator in question grandfathered in
 - viii. Chief Justice Chakour clarifies that the supreme court was asked to rule on the eligibility of a senator and was not given any personal information on the senator
 - ix. Sen. Roosa- “do the bylaws say anything about kicking out a senator in a new college?” Chief Justice Chakour- “We were asked to make an interpretation and we believe there are gaps in the by-laws”



- x. Sen. Ashwood- "Since there was no hearing, you didn't need to invite the senator in question?" Chief Justice Chakour- "There was no need to invite him because it wasn't a hearing."
- xi. Sen. Lohse- "How can senators work with supreme court in the future to avoid these situations?" Chief Justice Chakour- asks for senators to meet with the Supreme Court to write these things together to assure it is accordance with current documents.
- xii. Motion to form an Ad Hoc committee with the Supreme Court, SGA, and previous senator Isaiah Williams. Seconded.
- xiii. Motion to deputize Isaiah Williams as a nonvoting but speaking member of the committee. Seconded.
 1. Sen. Pamela Ashwood nominated as chair of this committee. Seconded. Congratulations Sen. Ashwood!
- xiv. Motion for the Speaker of the Senate display the Constitution on the screen. Seconded.
- xv. Through discussion points, it was ruled that the senator in question, Isaiah Williams, was initially removed due to ineligibility deemed by the Supreme Court, but it is not the Supreme Court's job to enforce their ruling-it is simply a ruling. That being said, after being removed by Speaker of the Senate, Lisa Umeh, it was revealed that Isaiah Williams would have been removed anyways due to his absences exceeding the Senate Code of Conduct.
- xvi. Motion to close the period of discussion. Seconded.
- xvii. As quorum is not currently met, the last motion will be placed on the old business section of our next meeting.

VII. College Reports

- a. College of Business
 - i. Distinguished lecture series on November 10
 - ii. Meeting with their dean
 - iii. Writing bill on recycling



- b. College of Education
 - i. Lost a senator and are looking for a new one
- c. College of Engineering
 - i. No report
- d. College of Health & Public Service
 - i. No report
- e. College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
 - i. Primary voting locations for both Dem. and Rep. on campus
 - ii. Perhaps swap a science for a training course in something like Excel to make students more marketable in their industries
 - iii. Spoke with the Counseling Center to discuss student complaints
 - iv. Gathering a list of rooms that lack left-handed desks
- f. College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism
 - i. No report
- g. College of Science
 - i. Met with their dean where they discussed student retention (via building a sense of community) and awareness of undergraduate research options (funding for this can be acquired through grants)
- h. Mayborn School of Journalism
 - i. No Report
- i. TAMS
 - i. TAMS is not disappearing!
 - ii. Funding was lost but can be made up through increasing program fees
 - iii. TAMS programming looking to expand to attract more high schoolers
 - iv. Working on transportation initiatives regarding parking
- j. Honors College
 - i. Successful Honors programming event
 - ii. Working with a professor on SMART classrooms



VIII. Announcements

- VP Announcements
 - Student Conduct in the SGA office
- Sen. Tilley- looking to establish a committee to design an info board for tabling events (all branches welcome to help)
- Sen. Tilley- Looking to establish a “Get Out and Vote” committee (all branches welcome)

IX. Adjournment

- a. Safety Tour
 - i. November 1
 - ii. 7pm – 8pm