



UNT SGA 47th Student Senate Fall 2017 Session
Cole & Umeh Administration
Wednesday, September 27, 2017

I. Call to Order

- a. 5:33pm

II. Opening Ceremonies

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Texas Pledge

III. Roll Call

IV. New Business

- a. Approvals

- i. Advocate General- Tiffany Miller

- a. Motion to open a period of questioning. Seconded.
 - b. Motion to close the period of questioning. Seconded.
 - c. Motion to open the period of discussion
 - d. Discussion points spoke of her positive character and experience.
 - e. Motion to close the period of discussion
 - f. Motion to vote by unanimous consent. Seconded. All I's, no nay's.

- b. Senator Appointment

- i. College of Business- Shanelle Lance

- i. Motion to open a period of questioning. Seconded
 - ii. Question: what are your other involvement positions?
Answer: includes over five examples of current campus involvement.
 - iii. Question: do you have a vision for your position as a senator? Answer: I would like to get more SI's for intro business classes



- iv. Question: do you have any campus-wide goals for the campus as a whole? Answer: to open the lines of communication between resources such as SMMC and the career center.
 - v. Motion to close the period of questioning. Seconded.
 - vi. Motion to open a period of closed discussion. Seconded.
 - vii. Motion to close the period of closed discussion. Seconded.
 - viii. Motion to vote by roll-call. All senators vote “yes”
- c. Parliamentary Procedure Training- Christa Coffey
- d. F2017-R1 - Confederate Memorial Resolution
- i. Discussion & Vote
 - i. Motion to open a period of discussion. Objection.
 - a. Motion to reread the bill. Seconded.
 - ii. Motion to open a period of discussion. Seconded.
 - iii. Sen. Collins- has received no negative feedback from people she has reached out to
 - iv. Sen. Dondrea had a constituent ask two questions, 1. Is SGA a political organization? And 2. Should SGA be making political statements on non-campus issues? Expresses concerned it may be harder to connect with constituents in the future if a political statement.
 - v. Sen. Avilla- believes that the existence of the statue in the community is enough to affect student education and safety. Does not believe the statue is political, but this is a human right’s issue
 - vi. Sen. Prasanna- believes SGA is a political organization and that SGA should be making political statements so long as they are well-researched and well-stated. Believes that the context of this statue specifically having a narrative that does not run parallel to the truth.



- vii. Sen. Collins- many UNT events are held on, around, and near the square so it does directly affect student.
- viii. Sen. Villarreal- believes this is a non-partisan issue. Clarifies that this resolution is a political statement but SGA should speak on issues that concern students.
- ix. Sen. Fraser- references SGA's statement on their website and questions whether the student senate has precedence to make a statement since it is public property.
- x. Sen. Motlagh- attended the Denton County Commissioner's court meeting. Took copious notes on the meeting and include a look into their character.
- xi. Sen. Matamoros- took a picture and quoted the statement engraved on the back of the statue.
- xii. Sen. Mondragon is TWU or GSC still involved? Sen. Villarreal answers that they are in communication.
- xiii. Sen. Tilley- "I don't want anyone to think that if we pass this that we are against them or want to interfere with their success." Points out perhaps the majority of constituents rule in this matter.
- xiv. Sen. Ashwood- Believes the Denton Square is metaphorically a partnership. UNT was personally advertised to her as a college town and believes the Square is an "integral part of the identity of UNT."
- xv. Sen. Collins- "The square is not on-campus, but it is definitely part of our life here at UNT."
- xvi. Sen. Williams- questions the history of the statue. States we should look towards the future of UNT.
- xvii. Sen. Dondrea- clarifies his original question. "For something that is not on campus, we need to find a place to draw a line" for future endeavors. "We don't support the statue but is this



SGA's place to comment on it?" "This might be something better suited outside of SGA."

- xviii. Sen. Kuehne- points out that we cannot verify that the voters in the Twitter poll all attend UNT. Also notes that percentages showing 12%-29% is still a percentage and deserves to be represented.
- xix. Motion to amend the resolution to redact the word "fully" in the first Let It Be Resolved.
 - a. Sen. Villarreal- this is saying that specifically, SGA would fully support it.
 - b. Motion to allow a guest to speak. Seconded.
 - c. Guest, Paxton Swisher- suggests we can vote on the amendment to confirm whether the senate "fully" supports the word "fully."
 - d. Sen. Prasanna- this amendment does not change the message of the bill and I support it.
 - i. Motion to amend to replace "fully" with "the majority"
 - ii. Sen. Williams calls for a division of the house
 - iii. Vote on this amendment fails. 6 in favor, 14 opposed.
 - e. Motion vote on amendment by unanimous consent. There is a nay so vote by raise of hands. Vote fails. "Fully" will not be redacted.
- xx. Sen. Phommachanh- points out that many UNT students have appeared at the square to protest in 2017
- xxi. Sen. Prasanna- when SGA makes political statements it is a double-edged sword but we can use it to stand up for human rights.



- xxii. Sen. Motlagh- notes that some faculty and staff are also participating in protesting the statue.
- xxiii. Sen. Tilley- thanks the senate for discussing tough topics even though it can be predicted that no senator opposes the actual removal of the statue. Reminder that if this resolution passes, this will just be a suggestion to those who the resolution would be sent to.
- xxiv. Sen. Motlagh- asks if the roll call votes will be published online. Speaker of the Senate Umeh answers, "yes."
- xxv. Motion to close the period of discussion
- xxvi. Motion to vote by rollcall. Vote passes.
- xxvii. Motion to suspend the rules and post officer reports and college reports online. Seconded.

V. Officer Reports

a. Chief of Staff

- Finished budget side to Copass
- Worked on Homecoming
- Updated budget

b. Intern Program Director

- Completed 3rd Intern Meeting w/ speaker Olivia Wood from Learning Center
- Retrieved exec shadow preference sheets and pairing interns with exec members; will be announced 10/3/2017
- Researching benefit packages for Intern Social Night
- Prepping and gathering information to discuss safety tour with interns

c. Director of Student Concerns

- Organized committee infrastructure
- Filled I Bike UNT & Tree Advisory Committee



- Drafting concerns card
- d. Director of Outreach
- Meeting with student organizations and students talking about what SGA has to offer
 - Tabling dates are posted on the Facebook page and they will be themed so please sign up to speak to your constituents and have a ton of fun! Please sign up!! Also, if you're involved in a student organization and would like me to come to present to your student org, let me know and I would love to schedule a meeting with you and your student organization.
- e. Director of Governmental Affairs
- Reached out to city officials to schedule a meeting for the purpose of establishing a relationship with them
 - Been looking into educational programs for teaching individuals how to write to their elected representatives
 - Been researching what other universities for their It's On Us Week
- f. Public Relations Director
- Wrote press release for Geek Week
 - Wrote press release for Intern Program
 - Had first weekly meeting with the North Texas Daily
 - Working on archiving SGA's past accomplishments
- g. Director of Student Allocations, Eagle's nest
- Next Resource Meeting: October 2nd, 1PM in Union 401
 - Continuing to work with student organizations for funding and I am processing applications as they come in
- h. Director of Student Allocations, Raupe Travel Grant
- Reserved rooms for committee hearings – will begin next week
 - Finalizing committee
 - Received 3 more applications to the Raupe Travel Grant



i. President

- Thank you to everyone who attended the Town Hall, hosted by the Student Support Taskforce, on Monday!
- Please reach out your constituents about any solutions or ideas they might have regarding the Open Party Freeze and let me know.
- I would encourage everyone to review the highlights of the State of the University, if you weren't able to attend, as the points mentioned are great to know when talking to fellow students.
- Fun Fact of the Week: The UNT/OU women's volleyball game yesterday set a school record for attendance and WE WON! #GMG

j. Vice President

- File has been uploaded on the Orgsync portal names "Senate Files" for senator files
- Retreat minutes have been uploaded
- Parliamentary procedure PowerPoints have been uploaded
- Continue to encourage senators to promote the senator appointment application!

VI. College Reports

a. College of Business

- No Report

b. College of Education

- Senators met with Dean Bomer:
 - Discussed the ideas of reaching out to the career center to do more events with college of education students
 - Talked about the potential of setting up a town hall to get as many college of education students together to talk about life as a future educator.



- Dean Bomer would also like to see a student interest group target Kinesiology majors because they don't feel like they're in the college of education!
 - Will be contacting the career center before next week's meeting to discuss what they offer for the college overall
- 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
 - No Report

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment: 7:13pm