**UNT SGA 221st Student Senate Fall 2023**

Bisisi & Robertson Administration

Senate Meeting – Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

**Call to Order** – Speaker Sarah Robertson – 5:30pm

1. **Welcome/Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes**

* Senator Dahlem moves to approve the minutes as read
* Senator Kisivulli seconds

1. **Senate Committee Updates**

* **Legislative Affairs: Presented by Senator Dozier –** Met quorum and discussed legislation
* **Internal Senate Affairs: Presented by Senator Garcia –** Discussing new legislation and plans for the spring.
* **Campus Life & Environment: Presented by Senator Rudolph –** Discussed legislation plans and returning for next semester
* **Diversity & Inclusion: Presented by Senator Redding –** Proposing plans for the session after Thanksgiving break and legislation

1. **Executive Reports**

* **Samera Haile, Director of Leadership and Development: Led** FYC cookie and decorating event, fine tuning details for development day in spring, spring details for future FYC meetings
* **Hannah Raby, Director of Advocacy:** Attended and worked President2President dinner, planning spring semester events and initiatives for committee
* **Javontay Donaldson, Director of Communications: Took and edited pictures for President2President dinner, took pictures at Season of Lights, working on SGA tshirt designs**
* **Stephan Aroh, Director of Allocations:** Held resource meeting, closed Raupe Travel grant application for the fall
* **Chief of Staff:** Filled out, sent, and picked up name tags for FYC, Exec, and Senate, ordering request items from Exec
* **Dorcas Bisisi, President**: Facilities are working on emergency phone repairs, in talks with upper administration to create and establish a prayer room in the Union for Muslim students
* **Sarah Robertson, Vice President:** Attended President2President dinner, spoke at the Season of Lights event, Prepped for Senate, and read for Legislation
* **Preparing for safety walk**

1. **New Business**
   1. **Senator Appointment**

**\*Senator Dahlem moves to move the Senate Appointment to after the reading of R3 legislation**

**\*Senator Patterson Seconds.**

1. **Reading Day**

**VII. F2023-R3- Method of Connecting Students to Research**

* Presented by Senator Rudolph
* Summary of Legislation: Create a survey that matches interested College of Science students with open research opportunities to mitigate the tradition of having to “know the right people.”
* Senator Alejandre moves to a period of questioning
* Senator Green seconds
* Senator Alejandre “If this legislation were to get passed, how will we spread awareness of it to the larger student body.”
* Senator Rudolph “Vice President of Research and Innovation, Brenda Barrios, fully supports this idea and has pledged to provide any resource necessary to gain traction for this legislation.”
* Senator Dozier “Other Colleges have an internship requirement. Do the College of Science students have a research requirement.?”
* Senator Rudolph “No, but many College of Science students are seeking admission into higher education institutions such as medical school, dental school, graduate school, etc.. Where research is a silent but understood requirement.”

1. **Senator Appointment**

* **Pelumi Adenuga – Running for Senator At-Large position**
* Proposes ideas for increasing inclusivity, campus safety, and ‘WeMeanGreen’ initiatives.
* Intends to join Campus Life & Environment Committee
* Senator Panda moves to a **period of questioning**
* Senator Alejandre seconds
* Senator Dozier: “What legislation ideas do you have so far?”
* Pelumi Adenuga: “Not yet. I believe that working with other individuals in the committee will allow me to grow in this regard.”
* Senator Dozier moves to a period of **closed discussion**
* Senator Garcia seconds
* Senator Garcia moves to a period of roll-call voting
* Senator Little seconds
* **Pelumi Adenuga is appointed as a Senator at Large**

**IX. F2023-R4- The Jaahnavi Kandula Resolution**

* Presented by Senator Zerr
* Legislation proposed to install Flashing Pedestrian Crosswalk signs to prevent a fatal tragedy like that of Jaahnavi Kandula at Northeastern Seattle University.
* Senator Little moves to a period of questioning
* Senator Dozier seconds
* Point of Order – Senator Rudolph: “This is a period of questioning, not discussion or commentary.” (2x)
* Point of Order – Senator Rudolph: “Keep the side questions to a minimum.”
* Point of Information – Senator Dahlem: “This incident did not occur at UNT, nor in Texas. This incident occurred in Seattle at a separate institution. Just to clear up any confusion.”
* Point of Information – Senator Dahlem: “Legislation acts more as a suggestion; to bring awareness to issues we find prevalent.”
* Point of Information – Senator Randall: “Can we make amendments to the legislation during the reading period?”
* Krista Coffey, SGA Advisor: “No.”
* **Senator Dozier moves to refer the legislation to the Legislative Affairs Committee**
* Senator Green seconds

**Vice president Sarah Robertson left the session at 6:24pm**

**Speaker Pro Tempore Dahlem has taken over as speaker of the session**

**Seargent-at-Arms Rudolph has taken over Speaker Pro Tempore duties.**

**X. F2023-R5- A Resolution to Improve Union Circle and S. Welch St. Crossing**

* **Presented by Senator Zerr**
* Resolution for Fall 2023 to install countdown pedestrian signals on all four traffic pole lights at the intersection of S. Welch St. And Union Cir./W. Prairie St.
* Senator Garcia moves to a period of questioning
* Senator Alejandre seconds
* Senator Garcia: “Have you made this walk previously?”
* Senator Zerr: “Yes, I make this walk every day.”
* Senator Dozier moves to approve the resolution as read.
* Senator Falana seconds

**.XI Announcements/Shoutouts**

* Shoutout FYC
* Shoutout Senator Zerr for presenting two pieces of legislation
* Shoutout to Senator Rudolph for her awesome legislation
* Shoutout to our newest Senator-Elect, Senator Adenuga
* Krista Coffey: “Apply for the UNT System Board of Regents and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by December 4th.

**.XII Adjournment**

* Senator Alejandre moves to adjournment
* Senator Rudolph seconds
* Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm