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

Bisisi & Robertson Administration

Senate Meeting – Wednesday, November 29th, 2023

1. **Welcome/Roll Call –** VP Robertson @ 5:32pm
2. Senator Ali moves to add F2023-R8- A Resolution Regarding a Transmission Meeting for Senators to the agenda
3. Senator Garcia seconds
4. **Approval of Minutes**

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

1. **Senate Committee Updates**

* **Legislative Affairs: Presented by Senator Dozier-** Looked over the Legislation that was referred last week; did not make edits; voted to move the legislation to the floor in today’s Senate meeting
* **Internal Senate Affairs: Presented by Senator Garcia-** Did not meet quorum
* **Campus Life & Environment: Presented by Senator Rudolph-** Talked about plans for next semester
* **Diversity & Inclusion: Presented by Senator Nwanko –** Did not meet quorum.

1. **Executive Reports**

* **Samera Haile, Director of Leadership & Development-** Held FYC meeting, planned FYC last meeting for the semester
* **Hannah Raby, Director of Advocacy-** Planned spring committee events and initiatives. Recapped with City of Denton following last meeting
* **Lani Ahmed, Director of Internal and Campus Outreach-** Created instagram story post for safety walk, finalizing t-shirt designs
* **Javontay Donaldson, Director of Communications- F**inalizing t-shirt designs and working on an end-of-semester recap video for SGA socials
* **Stephan Aroh, Director of Allocations-** Working on a presentation about updates to the Raupe Travel grant
* **Chief of Staff-** Working on the budget and working to order the pizza and Capri-suns for Senate’s end of semester meeting
* **Dorcas Bisisi, President:** Recapping semester’s achievements (President2President Dinner, To-Go-Plate Pilot Program , Mean Green Market). Plans for next semester (Looking for ways to better accommodate Muslim students on campus, and working with facilities to fix lighting issues on campus.)
* **Sarah Robertson, Vice President:** Reading over legislation and preparing for Senate

1. **Remarks from the Executive Director of Dining Service Peter Balabuch**
2. **Senator Dahlem motions to move the remarks from Mr. Baluch to after the Budget Report**
3. **Senator Garza seconds**
4. **Budget Report Presented by Chief of Staff**
   1. **No questions over budget.**
5. **New Business**

* **F2023-R6- Gateway Center- Murchinson PAC Path Lighting**
  + Presented by Senator Garcia
  + Legislation aimed at implementing better lighting on the pathway that connects the Gateway Center to the Murchinson Performing Arts Center
  + Senator Little moves to a period of questioning
  + Senator seconds
  + Senator Little: “Can you elaborate in greater detail where exactly you want these lights and what type of lights are you seeking to implement?”
  + Senator Garcia: “My goal would be to incorporate small lighting fixtures along the pathway.”
  + Senator Little: “Is this a safety concern or an aesthetic concern?”
  + Senator Garcia: “Safety concerns. There have been previous student incidents along that pathway.”
  + Follow-up questions from Senator Dozier and Senator Rudolph
  + Senator Dozier moves to a period of discussion
  + Senator Little seconds
  + Discussion points from Senator Dozier, Cole, and Dahlem in support of legislation
  + Senator Dozier moves to a period of voting
  + Senator Dahlem seconds

Senator Dahlem moves to recognize and hear from Dining Services

Senator Garcia seconds

1. **Remarks from the Executive Director of Dining Service Peter Balabuch**

* Discussion about the new proposed pilot To-Go initiative in UNT Dining Halls within the Unlimited Meal Plan
* Bruce identified as the dining hall that will have To-Go options for the spring ‘24 semester
* If an individual uses the takeout option, there will be a ‘lock-out’ constraint on the unlimited plan, meaning that students who possess this meal plan and choose to make use of the takeout option will not be able to dine again until the next dining period (I.e. if takeout is used at breakfast, student must wait until the lunch period).
* Dual transaction will be in effect with takeout option
* No takeout beverage container will be included.
* Questions from Senator Watkins, Zerr, Falana, Garza, Garcia, Duggireddy, Little, and Rudolph
* $2 Flex charge will apply with the takeout option or you may pay $2 out-of-pocket
* Aim to use “Clamshell” boxes to promote biodegradability

**New Business (cont...)**

**F2023-R7- A Resolution for Student Government Extra Credit Attendance**

* Presented by Senator Merchant
* Legislation aimed at getting professors to provide attendance at SGA senate meetings as an option for extra credit in their respective courses in order to increase student engagement with senate and SGA as a whole
* Senator Watkins moves to a period of questioning
* Senator Garcia seconds
* Senator Raibon: “Are you proposing we have a sign-in sheet at Senate meetings for these students?”
* Senator Merchant: “No, we should work towards creating another option of marking attendance such as presentation of ideas, etc...”
* Follow-up questions by Senator Raibon, King, Watkins, Alejandre, Little, and Dozier
* Reminder by VP Robertson: “This legislation is not forcing professors to give this as an extra-credit option. It is just a suggestion that this will exist as another means of giving out extra credit.
* Senator Dozier moves to a period of discussion
* Senator Alejandre seconds
* Follow-up comments in support of legislation by Senator Dozier, Garcia, and Rudolph
* Point-of-Information - Senator Garcia: “Since this is the last meeting, is all legislation technically in ‘Emergency Status?’
* Senator Rudolph: “No. We can vote on the legislation, however, if we create a motion to do so.”
* Senator Rudolph moves to insert “A Senator’s office hours be an option for extra-credit" into the Last “Let it Be Resolved” section of the legislation.
* Senator Southard seconds

**F2023-R8- A Resolution Regarding a Transition Meeting for Senators**

* Presented by Senator Garcia and Senator Merchant
* Legislation aimed at establishing transition meetings for new senators within one month of their appointment with the outgoing senators who have held the same seat.
* Senator Dozier moves to enter a period of questioning
* Senator Alejandre seconds
* Senator Dozier: “Is this a change to the Senate By-Laws?”
* Senator Merchant: “No. This is a change to the Senate Code of Conduct.”
* Point of Information – VP Robertson: “Those documents are not the same. There is a Senate Code of Conduct, Senate By-Laws, and a Senate Constitution.”
* Follow-up questions by Senator Garza, Senator Rudolph, Senator Zerr, and Chief-of-Staff
* Senator Dozier moves to a period of discussion
* Senator Zerr seconds
* Senator Dozier moves to amend the legislation to state “The SGA student senate..” and add “The SGA student senate hereby amends the student Senate code of conduct Article 2: Expectations to include the following verbiage to Section 8: Transition meetings” in the first “Let it be Resolved section.
* Senator Dahlem moves to postpone the resolution indefinitely
* Senator Dozier seconds

1. **Old Business**

* **F2023-R4-Method of Connecting Students to Research**
  + Senator Dahlem moves to a period of open discussion
  + Senator Dozier seconds
  + Senator Dozier moves to a period of roll-call voting
  + Senator Garcia seconds
* **F2023-R5- The Jaahnavi Kandula Resolution**
  + Senator Dahlem moves to move this piece of legislation out of committee and back onto the floor.
  + Senator Zerr seconds
  + Senator Dahlem moves to a period of discussion
  + Senator Dozier seconds
  + Senator Zerr: What amendments does the legislative affairs committee have after review?
  + Senator Dozier: Change the name to something that better reflects the purpose of the legislation and reduce the number of crosswalks listed.
  + Senator Dozier moves to strikethrough the third “Whereas”
  + Senator Dahlem seconds
  + Senator Dozier moves to strikethrough the title of the resolution
  + Senator Dahlem seconds
  + Senator Dozier moves to amend the legislation and change the title to “Pedestrian Crosswalk Resolution.”
  + Senator Garcia seconds
  + Senator Rudolph moves to strike through the now-third “Whereas” and remove “This type of tragedy” and replace it with “Any type of tragedy.”
  + Senator Dozier moves to strikethrough crosswalk #9 “Highland St. That connects Willis Library...”
  + Senator Rudolph seconds
  + Senator Rudolph moves to strikethrough crosswalk #5 (“S. Avenue C that connects between Music Practice North...”)
  + Senator Zerr seconds
  + Senator Little moves to strikethrough now crosswalks #6-10
  + Senator Falana seconds
  + Senator Dozier moves to a period of rollcall voting
  + Senator Dahlem seconds

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* Senator Dahlem moves to a period of rollcall voting
* Senator Rudolph seconds

1. **Announcements/Shoutouts**

* Senator Alejandre moves to an adjournment
* Senator Garza seconds
* Senate adjourned @ 7:36pm