



UNT SGA 53th Student Senate Fall 2019 Session
Ogbu & Shah Administration
11/06/2019

I. Call to Order – 5:39

II. Roll Call

III. Speaker

a. Graduate Student Council President Tiffany Miller

i. Contact Information: GSC-Pres@unt.edu

1. Office: Union 337 (same office as SGA)

IV. Officer Reports

a. Student Allocations – Raupe

i. The Raupe application closes tonight. I've allocated everyone their funds so now I am just waiting for them to attend their conference so I can review their receipts. That is what I will be doing for the rest of the semester.

b. Student Allocations – Eagle's Nest

i. Four organizations received funding for their events. Allocated \$20,976.12 out of \$30,000 for the semester. Applications close tonight at 11:59.

c. Outreach

i. I met with 2 of the interns that will be shadowing me for the semester. Yesterday, one of the outreach admin staff members and one of the interns shadowing me tabled for student concerns and we got around 20-30 concerns. The Student Services Fees Town



Hall is Tuesday, November 12th from 5:30-7 in ESSC 255. The General Student Body Meeting will be November 14th from 6-8 in Union 314 A. SGA All Committee Meeting will take place November 18th from 4-5 (Place TBD). I have created the agenda for both the Student Services Fees Town Hall and General Student Body Meeting. We will be inviting departments to participate in the Student Services Fees Town Hall.

ii.

d. **Communications**

- i. Orders for T shirts and tote bags. Graphics and social media (coffee with President every Friday; SGA Spotlight every Monday, FYI Friday every Friday, ETC...). Updating website, finalizing SGA updates page. State of the Student Body video coming up. Further updating website. General Student Body meeting, 6-8PM. THECB informational session, ESSC 255 5-6PM.

e. **Governmental Affairs**

- i. Proposed civic engagement director position to President. Didn't see civic engagement as a priority to the University. Met with city of Denton about how Public Affairs Office can engage with students. Election day events went well. Looking to see more creative events that center around political discussion. First intern shadowing session. Working with UPC on Rock the Vote event in the spring semester.



f. Strategic Planning Director

- i. Spoke with Chief of Staff about budget and logistics for tree lighting. Met with Alexandria of OCSS about taking consistent concerns to landlords and ask how problems are being taken care of. Work to brainstorm with interns about incentives for students who fill out student living survey. Meeting with Moe and Marko Garcia to discuss sexual assault on campus.

g. Chief of Staff

- i. Planning for the State of the Student Body taking place at the beginning of next semester. Planned for January 29, 2020 6-7PM. Planning for end of the semester social for all SGA members. One on ones with staff. The past few years SGA has paid for lighting the trees lining the Library mall at the end of the fall semester, we are running into some issues using the same company that has been used in the past and are looking at other options. Helping with Eagles Nest Events.

h. President

- i. When hate comes to campus: Nov 7th 6-8PM in the Lyceum. Tree lighting on November 21. Attended city of Denton meeting with deana to discuss engagement ideas. Met with members of the Black Alumni network during homecoming along with BSU president. Had idea about working on creating a cultural competency course for all freshman, working with Dr. With to move forward.



Brainstorming campaigns to combat rape culture on campus.

Minimum wage data received from President and working to see how to move forward. Meeting with Daniel Suda from Alumni association to discuss a project idea relating to multicultural center expansion. Meeting with Shani Moore from equity and diversity next week to discuss climate survey data. Met and worked with Senator Jazmin on dreamer's legislation.

i. Vice President

- i. Communicating with potential appointees. Sorting through Senator SMART goals. Having 1 on 1s with executive board. Consistent communication with new GSC President. Helping out with materials for today's agenda.

V. Old Business

- a. October 30th Meeting Minutes Approval
 - i. Approved

VI. New Business

- a. Senator Appointments
 - i. Peter Su - College of Education
 1. Member of FSA, OL, Emerald Eagle.
 2. Loke: Where there any issues/ concerns in the College of Education? And plans?



a. Talked to Cathleen, and how we can bring resources for queer and minority students for the college of Education

3. Angie: What is something you want to accomplish within your first few weeks as senator?

a. Wants to bring the awareness of queer and minority students into the College of Education.

4. Victory: Do you have ideas of what resources you can bring into the COE?

a. Bring guest speakers on how it is to be queer and in the education realm.

i. Appointed

ii. Michael Luecke - College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

1. Want to better accessibility within the CLASS related buildings. Want to find a way to help students with textbook related issues. Continue discussion about mental health and mental health education. Work with Counseling and testing services to fix issues.

2. Alexis: What would you like to accomplish in your first weeks of senate?

a. Finding classes that have mandatory textbooks that are not in the library.



3. Chris: Would you be interested in bringing textbook into tutoring lab?

a. First priority is getting them in the library.

4. Student speaker: How are you going to let students know that they do have senators?

a. Active on social media, reaching out and letting people know that office hours exist.

5. Angie: Do you have concrete ideas about mental health?

a. Working close with Hunter, UNT Student, about mental health initiatives, setting up workshops and helping students help themselves.

i. Appointed

iii. Tara Williams - College of Science

1. VP of MAPS, Able to hear concerns about advisors that are being given false direction. Wants to make sure minorities are represented within college. Concern over the number of seats available in sections. Wants to make sure seats are available for students. More signs within the science buildings, no signage for direction within the buildings.

2. Melissa: Can you elaborate on an issue that you personally have vocalized and how you can go about them?

a. Advising issues, addressed advising issues with pre-med advisor, who left. Knows that she has to see



advisors with a game plan, which it shouldn't be like that.

3. Daniel: What could you do about giving advisors clear instructions?

a. With talking to pre-health advisors, first step is making it aware and then talking to Dean about it and making sure advisors are adequately equipped.

4. Intern: What can we do to make sure to make sure students aren't told the wrong thing regarding advisors?

a. Need to make sure that we are informing the advisors and that senators are also informed to help constituents. Encourage students to go to pre-health advisors.

5. Angie: do you think the issue is the advisors, the information that the advisors are getting?

a. Not entirely sure, but I don't think it's the advisors themselves. Maybe it is the information they're given.

i. Appointed

iv. Alyssa Sand - College of Engineering

b. R5 - Harm Reduction Responses to Drug Policy Violations

i. Angie: Who would provide the rehabilitation services?



1. **Tristan Seikel: That is the status quote, no matter the violation you will have to meet with SURE. Eagle's nest, SURE, provide rehabilitation services within UNT.**
 - ii. **Asia: Can you further explain the second "let it be resolved"?**
 1. **Tristan: Prior to 2017, if caught with anything with alcohol you'd meet with DOS to figure out punishment. Now the rule is if you are found with 2 oz of weed or alcohol it's a warning. Why not including other drugs? Punishment is based around the stigma around drugs. Wanting to get rid of that.**
 - iii. **Angie: Just to be sure, instead of having individualized drugs, you want overall forgiveness or warnings for the first time?**
 1. **Tristan: Want the type of substance to be not included in UNT punishment. UNT should not further punish when government is further punishing. Type of drug should be a factor in the type of rehabilitation we give them.**
- c. **R3 - Eminent Domain Survey Proposal**
- i. **Daniel: Ad Hoc committee would send the information to the students correct?**
 1. **Angie: Yes, they would create the questions and then present the data.**
 - ii. **Daniel: are there laws to prevent nothing being done with the land that NYSH sits on?**



1. Angie: This isn't about us about objectively denying eminent domain. It's just to get a survey to see where UNT stands.
- iii. Devon: Have there been discussions about partner development?
 1. Angie: Yes, in communication with Hunter, NYSH owner who has sound clip of administration talking about possible off campus student housing with projected rent of upward \$1200 rent.
 2. Asia: once they do take it into court, how will they be supported by the government?
 - a. Angie: UT has had an issue with this, and they fought this, close to success until they lost public support. Government will support University not businesses. This would be a neutral bill, neither supporting the university or NYSH.
 3. Devon: is the survey's purpose to be effective?
 - a. Angie: Ideally, meant to show our community the information that is collected. Data is then for public use.
 4. Keaton: Have you been in contact with anyone on city council?
 - a. Angie: Yes. They will not get involved until they see desire from the community to get involved.



5. Noah: Why doesn't the bill say "UNT Student Government Association" vs current "sentate"?
 - a. Angie: Intent is to be as concise as possible. The legislation is written by and approved by senate, so wanted to be clear. Used same language as previous legislation.
6. Noah: Is there a plan for how this will be distributed?
 - i. Angie: Up to Ad Hoc committee.
7. Subhecha: you said the final offer was already offered?
 - a. Angie: Yes, as of yesterday they have received the final offer.
8. Devon: Would the Ad Hoc committee be in charge of distributing and writing the survey?
 - a. Angie: Yes
9. Yolian: how would you distinguish between the petition and the survey?
 - a. Angie: They are completely different. The survey is just based about what the student body knows, only distributed to the student body. The Petition can be reached by anyone.
10. Yolian: Considering that SGA serves the students, would you like to put in potentially the direction of the resolution how would it effect students?



a. Angie: Trying to keep it neutral as possible so administration doesn't deny it. Planning to put information relating to students in the survey.

11. Daniel: How is what we're trying to do more effective than the petition?

a. Angie: Because 27000 signatures are anyone who can get access. This would only be for the student body and how they react to this. Shows and speaks for the students.

12. Speaker: How are you gonna make this more appealing to students?

a. Angie: Survey will be sent after public forum. Ad Hoc committee will be in charge of advertising and outreach.

13. Asia: Could there be incentives for taking the survey?

a. Angie: Yes, Hunter is already talking about offering discounts for those that attend the public forum and participate in survey.

14. Melissa: Have you considered, something we can share to constituents?

a. Angie: Something that's up to the Ad Hoc committee, but QR codes and anything we can do to spread the word about the survey.



d. R4 - DACA/Undocumented Resource Center

i. Angie: would you be willing to move that to a webpage?

1. Jazmin G: Yes, but I know this is something students need.

ii. Victory: would you consider at first having a GA to then collect data on how many people they help.

1. Jazmin: No data is in the bill due to wanting to keep numbers of DACA private. Will take having a GA into consideration.

iii. Melissa: Where would the center be?

1. Jazmin: Multicultural Center expressed that there is an office available ready to go for the resource center. They just need funding for someone to fill that position

iv. Angie: would you consider reaching out to immigration attorneys?

1. Yes. Passing this resolution shows administration that student body wants this to happen.

v. Speaker: Did you collect any data from students that will benefit from this?

1. VP for Eagle dreamers and are fully supportive of the legislation. Numbers of DACA students aren't there out of safety concerns for students.

VII. College Reports

a. College of Music

b. College of Education



- i. Victory: New senator appointed. Meeting with the Dean on Tuesday November 12. Implementing Student hours.**
- c. College of Health and Public Service**
 - i. Keaton: Appointment with Dean. Attempting to continue resolution and implementing it next semester. Looking into childcare on campus.**
- d. Texas Academy of Math and Science**
 - i. Reese: 2 ideas for legislation. Trying to fix outreach for TAMS and getting more financial aide information out there.**
- e. College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**
 - i. Marisela: Continuing outreach with constituents about tabling. In the process of talking in larger classes.**
- f. College of Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism**
- g. College of Science**
 - i. Alexis: working on how they can tackle advisors. Tabling.**
- h. College of Visual Arts and Design**
 - i. Asia: Space issue with Art closet. Meeting with GSC member and Dean next week.**
- i. G. Brint College of Business**
 - i. Melissa: tabled last week. Working on meeting to go over concerns. Trying to figure out how to distribute master key. Discussing water fountains and bathrooms. How to outreach within the college.**
- j. The Honors College**



- i. Angie: New associate dean. Going to try to meet with associate dean. Tabling and presenting in larger classes.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Jessica: Waffles for Wishes November 20 6-10 PM.
- b. Daniel: When hate comes to campus from 6-8 tomorrow. Fall Ball November 12 at 10Pm gateway center.
- c. Noah: Business cards, if you need more email him.
- d. JT: Org fair Monday at 7pm
- e. Jazmin: KDChi Philanthropy Week continues.
- f. Hanlyn: Hillary is a boss.
- g. Allison: Improv Club tonight 9:30-10:30

IX. Adjournment – 7:41