



UNT SGA 53<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Fall 2019 Session  
Ogbu & Shah Administration  
10/16/2019

**I. Call to Order—5:35**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Guest Speaker**

a. Student Health and Wellness Center

- i. Jennifer: I know we implemented the new insurance policy, i.e accepting more insurances, could you explain that?
  1. Prior to school year, we only could file to school sponsored plan, but we wanted students to be able to file to other insurances. Student's responded to a survey and used information to gauge what we could provide to students. Students and parents wanted us to accept more insurances. Health and Wellness Center now accepts 5 most popular insurances.
- ii. Daniel: Have we considered how this will affect low income students? And how it might further marginalize that population?
  1. We have to charge students with and without insurance the same amount, but we have a same day discount which brings down same day cost to \$20 for those without insurance.
- iii. Daniel: Who did this really benefit?
  1. We systematically dropped the prices for everything else, but we have to cover costs. Not making more than A 5% profit. Wanted to make sure that students doing office visits weren't charged too much. Discounting on top already of low prices. Implemented financial hardship program: Center goes through process of offering extra financial discounts at the center's discretion. Not allowed to write off any debt, but work with students to pay it off, not send them to collections.



- iv. Daniel: That's only beneficial to those that take the extra exam. How does the financial hardship program benefit marginalized groups if we can't have it in writing?
  - 1. Working with different organizations on campus. Triage nurse sees people in a walk-in basis for free. They evaluate their needs and if they think they should see a doctor she will recommend that. The best way we can let people know is when they call in.
- v. Devon: in previous years, were there any profit for off campus services?
  - 1. No. We kind of went into debt through not making a profit on services.
- vi. Devon: Medical service fee (66.85). How does the student fee help that?
  - 1. We do not get any state funding. Medical services fee pays for building and staff. There are ways students can waive out of the fee for certain reasons.
- vii. Devon: What does the \$20 fund?
  - 1. Covers time and expertise that it has been given to you. Want to keep costs as low as possible but are at breaking point. Options are to increase fee, but don't want that. Raise prices but thinking of students with financial issues. Division felt like filing with insurance was the in between.
- viii. Devon: You mentioned the survey, explain?
  - 1. Second week of October sent to student body. Had 1400 students participate.
- ix. Loke: Can we publicize the programs and discounts?
  - 1. We (Health and Wellness Center) can't say anything, but you can.



- x. Chris: Is there any financial benefit in going to UNT rather than own provider?
  - 1. Benefit is that its close and that were flexible (walk in or schedule). Full-service doctor's office. They can see you for all types of things. Referral services, if we cannot provide something. Performance arts medicine clinic sees performing arts students. Full-service pharmacy, x ray, and lab.
- xi. Daniel: Who did this help? We keep this idea of healthcare for all, but would you be willing to waive fees for a time period to see physicians?
  - 1. Yes, we would be interested in doing low/no cost. Get together to talk about that. I see what you're saying about putting it on poor kids and were trying to make it more accessible. Working on condom vending machines, flu shots, etc. Free dietician programming: how students can eat nutritious food without breaking the bank.
- xii. Daniel: Do you think by sacrificing one thing for something trendy?
  - 1. No, if someone needs to be seen, were going to see them. Numbers for condom club, speak on how those programs are beneficial. Working on how they can bring more programs. I don't think that's a luxury item, I think that's a necessity.
- xiii. Angie: What is the time range for flu shots in union, also how much would a leg or arm x ray cost?
  - 1. Monday 11-1/ 10-2, around \$20, but depends on the amount of views.
- xiv. Angie: Would you ever, consider having a secondary questionnaire asking about financial assistance? That would start conversation and spread the financial services.
  - 1. Yes absolutely.



- xv. Student Speaker: There needs to be a level of transparency. Hazelwood act, benefits veteran families, but not immigrant or low-income families.
  - 1. Unable to be completely transparent about prices due to legal issues, but we can discuss same day discount. We would love to be transparent, but we really can't.
- xvi. Devon: We talked about this earlier, was there the comment that we discounted services? Was on campus lab testing included?
  - 1. The price is what the price is for lab testing, but an example of lowered prices is the strep test. Test used to be \$25, strep tests starts at \$15 now.
- xvii. Devon: Would you say, on average, off campus testing will remain the same price?
  - a. Lab core has said they decrease price if center pays first, then bills students. This allows students to pay in intervals rather than all at once.
- xviii. Keaton: Is the triage nurse not allowed to be written down as well?
  - 1. Yes. They can be evaluated without cost with a nurse, we try to advertise it as much as we can and pushing it more with flu and season.
- xix. Intern: How did change affect international students' insurance?
  - 1. We have some/very little negotiation ability and review it every year to keep prices as low as possible. Dropped fee for international students.
- xx. Subhecha: What is the annual fee for international students' insurance?
  - 1. \$2700 per year. \$1100/ long semester. Prices impact only this year, prices may change. Students can also insure their dependents. We continue to fight for lower prices.
  - 2. Contact info: [Heather.rich@unt.edu](mailto:Heather.rich@unt.edu)



a. Assistant director of health care administration

3. [shwcinsurance@unt.edu](mailto:shwcinsurance@unt.edu) (general questions)

#### IV. Officer Reports

##### a. Student Allocations – Raupe

i. Last week funded 3 groups. Running into deadline soon (November 6).

##### b. Student Allocations – Eagle's Nest

i. Funded \$5000 last week. Also running into deadline (November 6)

ii. Daniel: eagles nest only funds up to \$2500?

1. Yolian: I'm not 100% sure, so check the website

##### c. Outreach

i. Working on events, and booking rooms

1. SGA Mean green give back: October 29 3-5 (bring old UNT t shirts to be entered into a giveaway)

2. Students services fee town hall: November 12 5:30-7

##### d. Communications

i. Launched 2 new campaigns. Highlighting different resources on campus. Designed office hour graphic. Draft up shirts for members and giveaways. Still setting alternative date for headshots. Putting in order for business cards. Updating website (meeting minutes and legislation). Working for media plan for the State of the Student Body and working on "your voice".

ii. Devon: are the member profiles complete?

1. Yes except for 5-6.

##### e. Governmental Affairs

i. Election presentation, 4 scheduled. Reaching out to Greek life about presentations. Working on tabling for November elections.

##### f. Strategic Planning Director

i. Working on renter's survey research. Came up with release day: November 18-30. If you could disperse it with constituents.



Researching different types of apartments. Waiting to hear back from student legal services.

- ii.** Devon: any updates on minimum wage?
  - 1.** Working on legislation with Yolian.
- iii.** Devon: Have there been any additional conversations?
  - 1.** Still waiting on data from the president. Board of regents is working on budget right now.

**g.** Chief of Staff

- i.** 1 on 1 with staff. Created calendar for rest of the semester. Oct 24 4:30-6:30 union 339 external committee social. Reconciling budget and ensuring exec is sticking to budget. Met with Senator Asia. If you have any initiatives for sponsorships contact them or exec.
- ii.** Devon: Have you completed reconciling budget?
  - 1.** You have to do it every month

**h.** President

- i.** Common is coming next Wednesday. Fill out form if you are interested. State of the student body, then networking event, great opportunity to talk to constituents. Student services fee townhall, opportunity for students to talk to exec about student services fee. Union tree lighting: SGA has always funded getting the lights up, but we would like to give interns opportunity to also participate on November 21. Wanting to start conversation on better reflecting majority minority. Resources for dreamers on campus and how we can start that (dreamers resource center, dreamer scholarship fund, competency training). Developing long term plan for benefits package vs raising wage. Idea of Student body meetings once a month.
- ii.** Keaton: what time is Common coming; does it interfere with this meeting?
  - 1.** Yes. It's at 7.



- iii. Intern: Where can we find the link?**
  - 1. On social media, can drop link in the slack.**
- iv. Devon: Student body meetings sound like a townhall, will that be funded through townhall budget?**
  - 1. Allison: Still in the works, right now it's just an idea. I don't see us having food but will have updates next week.**

**i. Vice President**

- i. Juggling applications and helping to get those appointed. Been doing interviews and choosing best ones to present to Senate. Sending out mass email to colleges specifically. Not rushing to choose candidates, wants quality senators. Let her know if you need to miss a senate meeting the Sunday before. If you would like to go to Common, send picture or screenshot and she will decide by Sunday. If we cannot meet quorum, then meeting will get canceled.**
- ii. Keaton: if we were nominated by voting through constituents, why do you get a voice now?**
  - 1. There's a lot of people competing for smaller positions. If we decline people, then we have others.**
- iii. Daniel: Might be unfair, would you be willing to have everyone submit days where everyone has to have applications due and we can present them ahead of the senate.**
  - 1. Yes. If you have any suggestions or concerns email me and we can fix details of appointment**
- iv. Devon: If we want to change how Senators are appointed, would it just be a simple change or would we have to change the bylaws?**
  - 1. No, it would be a simple change.**
- v. Enzo: How will you notify us if we do not have a meeting?**
  - 1. I will send an email Monday.**

**V. Old Business**



a. October 9th Meeting Minutes Approval

i. Approved

**VI. New Business**

a. Nominees

i. College of Business Senator Nominee - Melissa Rwehumbiza

1. Sophomore Business Analytics: mentor and secretary in orgs. Highlight resources and speak about complaints. Wanting students to feel welcome within RCOB.
2. Daniel: what perspective can you bring to COB?
  - a. Having connections from last summer. Lots of concerns with students that she is willing to work on.
3. Jessica: What have you heard and how do you plan to fix those issues?
  - a. Gaining access to advising services. Letting others know about things within RCOB.
  - b. Appointed

ii. Supreme Court Nominee - Michael Kabtimer

1. Wants to apply and interpret as fairly as possible
2. Devon: did you review constitution and bylaws?
  - a. Yes I did, but it's been a month.
  - i. Appointed

b. R2 - Gender Inclusive Language Syllabi Resolution

i. Move to table R-3

1. Approved

c. R3 - Eminent Domain Survey Proposal

i. Move to put R-3 on emergency status

1. Denied

ii. Move to table R-3

1. Approved

**VII. College Reports**





- a. Move to put college reports on slack
  - i. approved
- b. College of Music
- c. College of Engineering
  - i. Enzo: UNT College of Engineering Senators reporting in. We have been diligently working on making Discovery Park great again. By doing so, we have collected the efforts of many student organizations to promote a car wash. This will directly fund cosmetic renovations towards Discovery Park in the transition from the current “prison atmosphere,” which students have referred Discovery Park as, to the world class architecture shared throughout main campus. To solve the plaguing traffic problem at Discovery Park, we have devoted our efforts in optimizing automotive congestion by applying machine learning algorithms to the traffic control systems.
- d. College of Health and Public Service
- e. Texas Academy of Math and Science
  - i. Reese: Corresponded with my dean’s secretary, so closer to getting a meeting set up. Conducted office hours at TAMS again this week, and my constituents and I decided I’d make a TAMS Senator Facebook group where I summarize senate meetings announcements that pertain to them so that they stay informed on campus updates and can get ideas for the scope of initiatives that are introduced in senate, so that’s what I Plan on doing.
- f. College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
  - i. Marisela: Our meeting with Dean Brown is on October 30th to discuss class related issues and set up a potential town hall. Marisela and Daniel are tabling in Wooten Hall on Wednesday the 23rd at 11 am. CLASS Senators will also be tabling on the 21st in the union
- g. College of Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism
- h. College of Education
  - i. Victory: COE STAR Celebration went well; assistant dean emailed me back and said that Dean Bomer should be reaching out to me within the next week answering my questions. If not, I will send another follow up email. End report.
  - ii.
- i. College of Science
  - i. Chris: We got a set time for the meeting with the dean on October 22nd. We will discuss bringing more job fairs that are specific to the college during that time
  - ii.



j. College of Visual Arts and Design

k. G. Brint College of Business

i. Joshua: We have set up our next meeting with the dean and established that we will be having monthly meetings instead of a meeting once a semester so we can be in better contact with our college administrative staff. Secondly, as everyone at the meeting knows, we have also appointed a new senator for the college. We have made a group chat so that we can all meet and get her caught up on what our vision this semester is and what we have set in motion. Lastly, we are working with the dean get our own table in the BLB in order to have our office hours in the atrium there instead of the Union to be closer to constituents and make it easier to get connected.

l. The Honors College

i. Angie: Still trying to get a meeting with Dr. de Olivera, however, another email was ignored, so Reese and I are organizing efforts. I met with the new advisor and she's wonderful and I am meeting again with her in a few weeks to discuss contract terms for the Spring semester.

ii.

### **VIII. Announcements**

a. Isaiah: Red caujan café to donate to animal shelter-- Monday of homecoming

### **IX. Adjournment – 7:50**