



UNT SGA 54th Student Senate Spring 2020 Session
Ogbu & Ayers Administration
02/19/2020

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Officer Reports

a. Student Allocations Director – Raupe Director

- i. We have around 5-6k of money left. I will try to talk to the director to get more funding
- ii. We also are still taking applications

b. Student Allocations Director – Eagle's Nest

- i. Fatim ran the committee meeting last week, two applications were considered and one was approved
- ii. This week, we approved of all three applications today
- iii. Applications are picking up speed this point of the semester
- iv. We still have 15k left

c. Communications Director

- i. We had spring headshots this week. We will be continuing these Tuesday and Friday at 5pm since it has been rainy last week.
- ii. I made a graphic for each senator with each of your office hours
- iii. The website is updated
- iv. At 7PM tonight, there will be an update what the communication team is up to.
- v. We will be starting SGA spotlight up again
- vi. Union fee goes from \$167 to \$168 per student per semester to improve on maintenance



- vii. Raise revenue of Union by \$68k a year
- viii. Union budget: 12 mil
- d. Outreach Director
 - i. She met with the transportation advisory committee to set up a townhall. There will be giveaways there.
 - ii. She emailed all senators of tabling hours
- e. Strategic Planning Director
 - i. Week of action, finalized UNT on the Square meeting
 - ii. Talked to artists
 - 1. Coffee shop wants to donate coffee and Rec center wants to help out as well
 - iii. We plan on incorporating a compatibility test in order to suggest the hall that best matches each students needs
- f. Chief of Staff
 - i. We have snacks in the office
 - ii. Also, there will be member lunchins every month, starting March 4th. Please RSVP
 - iii. The email is sga.cos@unt.edu
- g. President
 - i. There will be a multicultural center town hall March 2nd at 2PM
 - ii. Email at sgapresident@unt.edu
- h. Vice President
 - i. I interviewed one appointee and another one is coming up next week
 - ii. We have 19 out of 45 senates seats full
 - iii. I am reaching out to other student orgs to see if anyone is interested in participating in senate



IV. Old Business

a. Meeting Minutes Approval – February 12, 2020

i. Approved

b. S2020 R1 – Grief Absence Policy Resolution

i. No new changes

ii. Discussion

1. Alyissa (A): Does this legislation apply to out of state students as well
2. Marisela (M) : Yep, as long as students apply for a grief excused absence
3. Alyissa: I have personal experience with an applicable situation, and it took four months of traveling back and forth with home to deal with a death in my family
4. Daniel: Most grief related absences are not excused in blended families because they do not share the same last name.
5. Marisella: I will be considering a fix in the future, but I would be fine with different types of verification
6. Daniel: On the further resolved, can we add an amendment so that this policy applies regardless of surname or regardless of name in funeral programs

i. Amended further resolved so that it says

ii. ... regardless of surname or student name in program



7. Alyssa: I would like to make an amendment this Further resolved: that it applies to students grieving regardless of relationship
 - a. some relationships are personal, like if they were foster parents
 - b. Deana: The resolution does contain that wording “loved one” to address this point
 - c. Daniel: We could still add an amendment to emphasize this point. We should add another line
8. Amendment Approved by unanimous consent
9. Victory:I do not agree with how we have to show prove of death before this policy applies. It might be hard on the students. How does this policy work currently
10. Alyssa: I needed to provide verification that my family member was dying in advance. A family member could send in proof, but it felt unfair
11. Ryene: Can we let students bring up evidence both before and after the grieving period. There are issues with committing with one method or the other.
12. Daniel: What if a family member dies suddenly. It seems unfair to provide proof before the death
13. Devon: Professors still have the right to remove students from class after a certain number of students
 - a.
14. Alison: The Deans of Students already contacts the professors so that the student themselves to not have to dig up the proof. Professors may be skeptical to a fault.



15. Brightyn: Could we make an amendment to the resolution concerning illness
 - a. Deana: That should be considered for another bill to keep this one focused

Resolution is approved by roll call

V. New Business

a. Senator Appointments

i. Grant Johnson – College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

1. Sophomore Political Science Major
2. I want to become a senator because I appreciate the passion in the student government and the detail in the voting. I attended the state of the student union and I wanted to help fix the mental health crisis going on on campus.
3. Questioning:
4. Grant: Communication is the biggest problem going on in senate. There needs to be more communication between senate and the rest of the student body since most people do not know what we do.
5. I want to tell my fellow classmates, that I am here to represent you. That you are not isolated and that I am a person who can help you.
6. Concerning an equalible campus: I want an open discussion on raising the minimum wage. It is important to keep having town halls that emphasize the amazing diversity of the UNT communities.



7. He is not in leadership positions of UNT student orgs.
8. I will continue to talk to my constituents in order to get the word out about SGA. With repetition, people will become familiar with our organization
9. Discussion
10. He should get more involved in student organizations to help him be more equipped to become a senator
11. He has been in contact with SGA since the senator position opened up. He is very invested in the cause
12. Alison: He should help out in a committee
13. We should not lower our standards in order to fill vacancies

ii. Taylor Jordan – College of Business

1. I am a freshman non traditional major in finance.
2. This freshman class is the largest class UNT ever had and it is growing year by year. This increase will have a severe impact on parking, which I will try to fix
3. Lighting on Campus: UNT does not feel safe at night because of it, especially near Frat Row
 - a. I personally identify with this issue, because of my sister
4. I need more time in the college of business to understand the problems facing my constituents
5. Assets: I am a strong team player, as shown in my past experience working at Home Depot.
6. I am involved in UNT Trees, an upstart student org. Hopefully, I will join a fraternity.



7. Discussion:
8. He is trying to deal with issues that are too broad for him. It does not apply to his specific major.
9. It is hard though to understand the scope of senate
10. Senator is approved

VI. Committee Breakout Session

- a. Skipped

VII. Legislative Breakout Session [Time Permitting]

- a. Skipped

VIII. Breakout Session: Senate Outreach

- a. We need to make an announcement each class about how to get involved in senate and where to start
- b. We need to text student leaders in upper level courses about how SGA can be an outlet for them.
- c. Reese has been keeping in touch with potential senator candidates about what he does right now.
- d. Marisela wants to fix the reputation of SGA so it seems more inclusive. We need to be a more tight knit community, especially by hosting informal events and utilizing social media
- e. Keaton: We need to utilize the cards that Noah gave us for free advertising for our organization.
- f. Michael: We need to cross over and participate in other organizations on campus so that people become more familiar with SGA.
- g. Alyissa: I will make an announcement before class to let everyone know when I will be tabling.



- h. Devon: I want to set up a townhall all about opportunities in senate
- i. Note: Minimum Wage Town Hall did take place, it was not cancelled
- j. Note: The SGA has not been able to accomplish much in the last decade. That leads to an image problem.
- k. Senate did pass many resolutions last semester, but they died as soon as they left the senate. We have not been able track the action steps in order to enforce these resolutions.

IX. College Reports

- a. College of Music
 - i. Empty
- b. College of Business
- c. College of Education
- d. College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- e. College of Science
- f. College of Health and Public Service
 - i. Empty
- g. College of Visual Arts and Design
- h. College of Engineering
- i. College of Merchandising Hospitality and Tourism
 - i. Empty
- j. New College
- k. Frisco Campus
- l. Honors College
- m. Texas Academy of Mathematics and Sciences

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment