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UNT students plan sit-in on Board of Regents meeting November 14

University of North Texas Student Government Association calls on UNT System to meet proposed demands in light of recent events.

Denton, Texas – Following the resignation of the Assistant General Counsel, Caitlin Sewell, the Student Government Association (SGA) of the University of North Texas, in conjunction with the UNT Black Student Union and UNT's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called for five demands to improve the black student experience and to create a more inclusive campus for all.

We are once again calling for action – action from the UNT student body. On Thursday, November 14, day one of the UNT Board of Regents meeting, students from across the North Texas campus will organize a sit-in in light of the most recent episode of racially antagonistic and racially biased incidents on the UNT Denton campus. We are calling on students to wear black and assemble in the Org Space, Union 340, at 1:00 PM. We will then proceed to walk to Union 333 to sit-in on the meeting at 1:15 PM.

On Friday, November 15, SGA President, Yolian Ogbu, and other student leaders within the Black Student Coalition will present to the Board of Regents. The comments will outline the Strategic Plan for Improving the Black Student Experience and how the plan intertwines with agenda item #22 in regards to approving the increase in Student Services Fees.

We believe these demands, when enacted, will help to achieve a truly welcoming climate at UNT where diversity is embraced and supported; and all students can succeed, be valued, and work as a community. Racial tensions are being exposed and addressed at many colleges and universities across the United States, and unfortunately, UNT has not been immune to these issues that are plaguing other institutions of higher education.

We want to send the message loud and clear: students are watching. The future of this University depends on the actions taken by the Board of Regents and the entirety of the leadership of the UNT system.

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The Student Government Association is the official voice of the undergraduate student body at the University of North Texas. As an organization, we are committed to creating platforms to make each student's opinions and concerns heard on an administrative and institutional level. For more information please visit sga.unt.edu.