

# University of North Texas at Dallas Student Government Association

## General Assembly Minutes

10/16/2018 2:30PM

**Executive Board Present:** Unique Stewart, Fernando Lomeli, Naide Hernandez, Abigail Duarte

**Senators Present:** Christina Zuniga, Monty Grant, LaTerrance Carter (excused), Tw'Quan Harris, Tyeshia Wilson (excused), Karyzma Torres, Katelyn Gutierrez (excused), Eunice Cruz Reyes, Brayan Ramos, Jesus Coronado (unexcused), Oluwatosin Olubode, Mia Ruiz, Anaximandra Gonzalez, Jasmine Ogburn, Juwon Grant (excused), Jonathan Gomez, Jason Figueroa

**Advisor:** Jennifer Skinner

**Guests Present:** Yamlak Lemma, Karla Ortega, Angel Ward, Taylor Warren, Isabel Lopez, Antonio Rojas, Katherine Cadena, D'Qinaylon Rose

### Call to Order

*The meeting was formally called to order at 2:30PM*

### Roll Call

Unique Stewart	Christina Zuniga	Eunice Cruz Reyes	Anaximandra Gonzalez
Fernando Lomeli	Monty Grant	Brayan Ramos	Jasmine Ogburn
Abigail Duarte	Tw'Quan Harris	Oluwatosin Olubode	Jonathan Gomez
Naide Hernandez	Karyzma Torres	Mia Ruiz	Jason Figueroa

*Minutes were approved at 2:34PM*

### Speaker's Podium

#### I. ECI- Cafe: Spoke about updates ECI is making on campus and in the Cafe.

##### Programs:

- ECI food and Security Program-** which is a program made for students that do not have a meal plan on campus. They (students) could receive a card and be able to swipe for food once a day for each week. [Students can sign up with **Erica Little** who works at **Student Affairs**]
- Loyalty Program:** With the purchase of a coffee cup at JavaTastic Cafe you get a card (deal) to where if you buy four coffee cups you get a Venti for FREE. Open to suggestions
- NEW Vegan and Vegetarian and Diabetic menu**

- They are working on making Social Media Accounts to advertise the menu and different events at the Cafe.
- Skaryokie (karaoke) event which is on October 30, 2018 from 7-9PM at Wisdom Hall**
- October 20 Deli station will open on weekends
- Open to Suggestions!**

## Officer Reports

### ❖ President

#### I. Senator Reports

- Reminder senator reports must be submitted bi-weekly and must be consistent.

#### II. Resolutions spreadsheet COMING SOON

- The president will be adding a resolution/status spreadsheet through the SGA page through the University website.
- The spreadsheet will contain issues and suggestions that need to be addressed to the designated department/administration

#### III. Open Senator's Position Announcement: Veterans

- Reach out to students regarding the vacant position

### ❖ Vice-President

### ❖ Finance

#### I. Weekly Budget Update Remaining: \$19,195

### ❖ Programming

#### I. Committee Meeting on October 18, 2018 in the SGA Office

#### II. Tutu's and Ties Tabling for two hours per week

#### III. Events:

- Homecoming Kick Off** on October 22, 2018 from 6-8 PM in Founders Hall 138
- Town Hall Meeting** on October 23, 2018 from 3-5 PM in Founders Hall 138
- Tutu's and Ties Run** on October 24, 2018 from 4-6 PM by the flag poles
- Trail Blazers got Talent** on October 25, 2018 from 6-8 PM in Founders Hall 138
- Sugar Skulls** on October 31, 2018 from 6-9PM in the Founders Hall Atrium
- Boo-Bash** on October 31, 2018 from 6-9 PM in Founders Hall 138

### ❖ Public Relations

#### I. Suggestion Box

- SGA has created a suggestion box in which students can write down their questions thoughts and concerns. The box will be at most of the SGA events.

#### II. Senator Tabling to Reach More Students

#### III. Submitting Posters in a timely manner

### ❖ Parliamentarian

### ❖ Secretary

## Senator Reports

### ❖ Senator Ramos

#### I. Advertising SGA events with Disability Service

- Under Title II, state and local governments must accommodate and give people with disabilities **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** through programs, services, and activities.
- SGA must have **effective communication** for people with disabilities.

#### II. Public Accommodations

- Title III prohibits discrimination on the bases of disabilities in the activities of public accommodation such as schools.
- SGA needs to add handicap buttons to the remaining restrooms on campus.

#### III. Senators

- The senator contract violates the constitution
- Senator for disabilities services

#### IV. Executive Board

- Must be held accountable for the mistakes.

#### V. University Issues

- Students are not informed about programs.
- Staff is not educated and informed, when being placed in departments.

### ❖ Senator Harris

#### I. Showcasing Events

- It is important for students to Meet their SGA representatives.
- Showcasing an event called **MEET YOUR SGA**
- SGA should build a fan base and introduce themselves to students.

#### II. Reaching out to Transfer Students

### ❖ Senator Torres

#### I. Students do not know what they are being charged for

- “Students are being charged fees and they don’t know what the fees are for. Is there a way that we can have a description of the fees when students are checking their total breakdown.”

#### II. Expand events throughout the day for graduate students

#### III. Invest more in generators

- The power has been going out very frequently and our generators aren’t strong enough to provide full power which causes classes to be canceled, etc.

#### IV. Host more entertaining events and broadcast the changes SGA is bringing about.

### ❖ Senator Figueroa

**I. UNT Dallas Activities and Organization's website**

- Organizations on the directory do not promote their meeting dates, there is only information through one email. Students feel discouraged to join organizations from lack of information.

**II. UNT Dallas Residence Life website**

- Lack of events posted on the website, these concerns will be brought to RHA.

❖ **Senator Ogburn**

**I. Toy Drive**

- Toy drive is set to begin next week through NOV 30, 2018. Along with a gift wrapping event to follow.
- SGA should help promote the toy drive, because they need help promoting the event.

❖ **Senator Monty Grant**

**I. Financial Audit**

- "Where is the money going?" especially the athletic director's salary.

**II. "Meet your SGA" proposal**

- Making an inclusive space on campus!

❖ **Senator Gonzalez**

**I. APCA:**

- That SGA assist the university in advocating for mental health.

❖ **Senator Juwon Grant**

**I. Expanding office hours for night students.**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Motions:**

**I. Financial Audit**

- Senator Monty Grant made a motion for a financial audit to see where the money is going and where finances are going, and have the CFO to come to the meeting to answer any questions.
- All senators were in favor no nay or abstain.

**II. Dismantle the student contract**

- Senator Brayan Ramos made a motion to void the senator contract, because it violates the Constitution. In the constitution it states that senators are to attend ten events and in the contract senators are required to do eighteen events.
- Yay: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 6**

**III. Public Accommodations**

- Senator Brayan Ramos made a motion that SGA needs to add handicap buttons to the remaining restrooms on campus.
- Yay: 15 all were in favor**

## **Open Speaker's Podium**

### **I. Chris Marshall**

- SGA make it a mandatory to have a cultural sensitivity training
- Voter registration
- Financial report
- Would like to see a destress center
- SGA should represent the university by coming out:
  - Mountain View College
  - Justin A. Cimble
  - Cedar Valley

## **Advisor's Comments**

## **Adjournment**