

SGA/GSC Intercollegiate Athletics and Student Service Fee Referendum REVOTE
Spring 2018
Results

Do you authorize the University of North Texas to change the allocation of fees for the Student Body by increasing the Intercollegiate Athletics Fee by \$6.25 per credit hour, in conjunction with decreasing the Student Service Fee by \$2.00 per credit hour?

Total Vote Count: (2,366; 7% of total student population)

Yes: 1307 (55.24%)

No: 1059 (44.76%)

I hereby certify the results to be accurate as of Thursday, February 15, 2018.



Emily Vasquez, Election Board Commissioner



Thomas Hughes, Election Board Member



Josh Reynolds, Election Board Member



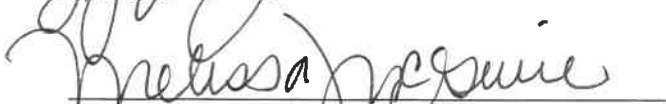
Ally Zarate, Election Board Member



Daniel Landry III, Election Board Member



Lynzie Jones, GSC President



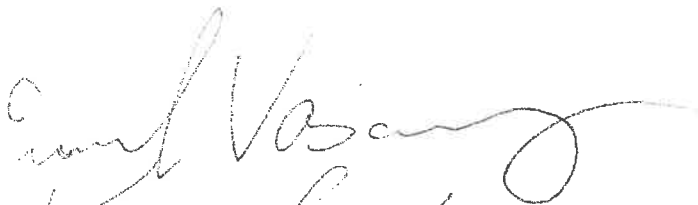
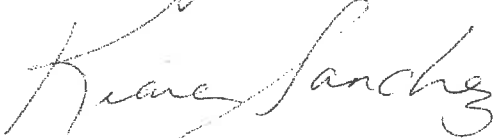
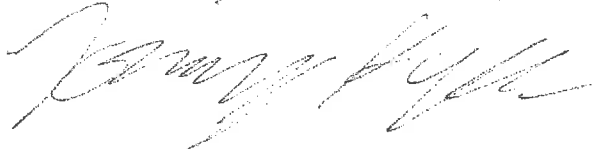


Melissa McGuire, Election Board Advisor

On Wednesday, December 6, 2017, Kelly Dicken submitted formal complaint to the Election Board regarding the fall 2017 Intercollegiate Athletics and Student Service Fee Referendum. A copy of the complaint is attached to this outcome. The Election Board Hearing took place on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 9:30 p.m.

Outcome:

The use of the SGA logo on non-SGA flyers could have been misconstrued by students as SGA's endorsement of the referendum. This removed their impartiality and could have had substantial impact on student votes, whether positive or negative. As such, it is difficult to determine how wide spread of an impact these flyers could have had (300 printed flyers were distributed physically, plus an unknown digital circulation), resulting in the Election Board's decision to not certify the election results and call for a revote to take place spring 2018, once the election calendar can be approved by the senate.

Signed,

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McGuire, Melissa

From: Dicken, Kelly
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Vasquez, Emily
Cc: McGuire, Melissa
Subject: Student Referendum Graphic Complaint
Attachments: Capture.JPG; IMG_1659.JPG

Dear Election Commissioner,

I would like to report an Election Code violation in regards to the current student referendum. As the Communications Director for SGA I am tasked with creating graphics for the organization. The graphics that SGA produced during the election process can be found at <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/org/student-government-association/elections>.

There have been graphics distributed around campus that appear to be the ones SGA produced, with additional information overlaid. The graphics not produced by SGA have been labeled with the email myUNTed@gmail.com. People have seen the graphics posted at the Business and Leadership Building, Wooten hall, Twitter, and some GroupMe conversations. Our goal is to encourage people to register to vote, no matter how they choose to vote, and these graphics violate multiple SGA By Laws, University Polices, and Union Guideline.

In the SGA By Laws it states that:

C. "Candidates and Referendum Parties shall abide by all University policy, which supersedes Election Board mandates and Election Code regulations." 06.003 Student Standards Of Academic Integrity, which he has violated by putting false information about the Student Referendum which in return could influence student voting results and the design of the graphic makes it seem like SGA is producing the attached files. My original graphic has been misconstrued to appear as those SGA is encouraging people to vote one way.

The graphics attached have been fabricated because they have "falsifying or inventing any information, data, or research outside of a defined academic exercise."

The have also been plagiarized, "means use of another's thoughts or words without proper attribution in any academic exercise, regardless of the student's intent," as the graphics and wording used was not created by the person distributing the information. The creation of additional graphics could also been seen as sabotage, as they were produced with the intent of discrediting SGA's work.

https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/06.003_StudentStandardsOfAcademicIntegrity_8_2017.pdf

F. "Candidates and Referendum Parties shall assume responsibility for the accuracy and truthfulness of their statements and campaign materials." By using the graphic that SGA created, the person who violated the graphic is changing and misinforming students voting for the Student Referendum, specifically in IMG_1659. The information on this graphic is false and discredits SGA as an organization.

I."All posters and signs must be placed in accordance with University policy..." The University policy states in Signs, Posters and Advertisements Policy number: 11.003 that there are designated areas that students are not allowed to put signs out on the tables without reserving a table, by being apart of a student organization. The violated posters were seen out on tables at both the Business Leadership Building and the Union. https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/11.003_SignsPostersAndAdvertisements_2003.pdf

Also he is violating the Union's House Guideline - Section 7.8 - Information/Vendor Tables by soliciting information in a non-free speech zone. <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/university-union/guides/house-guidelines#7>

<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/08-003> The graphics produced are my intellectual property and were created for the sole intent of being used by SGA.

Best,

Kelly Dicken

Communications Director

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Student Referendum

Election Guide

Do you authorize UNT to change the allocation of fees for the Student Body by increasing the Collegiate Athletics Fee by \$6.25 per credit hour, in conjunction with decreasing the Student Service Fee by \$2.00 per credit hour, to result in a net increase of \$4.25 per credit hour?

NO

This referendum will gauge the interest of both undergraduate and graduate students in the proposed reallocation of fees.



VOTE



Voting will take place **Monday, December 4th to Wednesday, December 6th** via **OrgSync**.

You Need To Know

Student Referendum

Election Guide

I am sorry to inform you that
Wren Baker, Elizabeth With, & the SGA/GSC want to:

INCREASE Intercollegiate Athletics

the Student Service Fee by \$2.00 per credit hour, to result
a net increase of \$1.25 per credit hour?

\$7.5 million a semester

REDUCE Student Services

This referendum is to gauge the interest of both
undergraduate and graduate students on the proposed
reallocation of fees.

\$1 million a semester

all at a cost to you & future students

Campaign by:
myUNTed@gmail.com



!!GO VOTE NOW!!

Against Social Injustice

unt.orgsync.com

My memberships - UNT Voting Booth

December 6, 2017

On, December 6, 2017 at 5:44 p.m., the Election Board received a formal complaint regarding the fall 2017 SGA/GSC Intercollegiate Athletics and Student Service Fee Referendum. This complaint was received prior to the certification of the election. After review of this complaint, the election board voted unanimously to postpone the hearing until the spring 2018 semester given the following procedures and policies.

Article X, Subsection B of the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution:

"This Constitution shall be subject to the laws of the United States of America, the State of Texas, the policies of the University of North Texas, and maintenance of the utmost good faith to the Students of the University of North Texas."

UNT Policy 06.031 Pre-Finals Days, Reading Day, and Final Examinations:

"During prefinals days, no new curricular content will be disseminated, student organizations do not meet, and no extracurricular activities will be required."

This hearing and the certification of election results will be conducted the first week of classes in the spring 2018 semester (week of January 16th). The involved parties will be notified of the complaint immediately so that a date can be set.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emily Vasquez", written in black ink.

Emily Vasquez
Election Board Commissioner