



**UNT Staff Senate General Meeting
October 8, 2024, Agenda
Union 332 (Senate Chamber)**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. VOTE to Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes (9/10/24)**
- IV. Guest Speakers**
 - a. President Harrison Keller, UNT President
 - i. Background: 6 generation Texan, grew up in the panhandle. Both parents school teachers, undergrad at University of Notre Dame, first got to know UNT with reputation of music program- he was a pretty serious high school and college musician, commissioner higher ed in state of Texas. UNT is no place he would rather be- some for obvious stuff for growth in region, most dynamic economy but it is really the people – open to innovation, thinking outside of the box. We have a responsibility to think creatively about the role we need to play for our students, region, state.
 - ii. 3 Strategic Priorities
 1. Strategic Budgeting
 - a. More than 46,000 students, billion dollar a year university. Need to be much more strategic about using our resources.
 2. Research
 - a. 50 million dollars in the Texas Research fund over the next several years. Want to find where we can do the most impactful research for the state where we can lead; data science, data analytics, AI, learning sciences
 3. Student Success
 - a. 40% students eligible for Pell, more than 40% first generation college students
 - b. Want to make sure these students aren't the first to attend college but the first to graduate. Focus on raising the bar even further- need to make sure students have knowledge skills, credentials, experiences- momentum into their career.
 - c. Survey for open ended answers on student success sent out today to staff, students, faculty.
 - iii. Reconstituted the Cabinet
 1. Not just the VPs, added several other offices/views represented.
 - iv. New Student Advisory Counsel
 1. Student leaders from across campus for unfiltered feedback on student experiences
 2. Considering having a university wide opportunity for civil discourse.

- v. Questions
 - 1. None
- b. Blair Wilson, Human Resources
 - i. FY 2025 Planning- closes on 10/31 , a few labs coming up 10th, 17th, 24th to ask questions
 - ii. Last scheduled online training for supervisors on the 10th
 - iii. President Staff Lunch next Tuesday the 15th- will have a sandwich bar so will have to show id to get food.
 - iv. Questions
 - 1. Are there more trainings for employees, not just supervisors
 - a. Not at this time but will be adding some online
 - 2. Website lists representatives but not who they are representing – can they update this?
 - a. Will be put online once they hire the last person soon
- c. Megan Wheeler, President’s Office Liaison
 - i. No updates
 - ii. Changes to staff lunch because President Keller wanted staff to feel more appreciated, providing them lunch. There is capacity for the ballroom. No door prizes. Opening up a teams townhall to submit questions via cell phone and answered live.
- d. Alfred Dozier IV, SGA President
 - i. Jr Digital Print Journalism major , minor Political Science
 - ii. Your Bus is Your Say- trying to gather student opinions on bus services at UNT. Trying to create better system/services. Survey since Sept. 21, 1,600 responses, hoping to get to 3,000. Townhall tonight.
 - iii. Voter Initiatives
 - 1. Soar to the Polls- Oct 23rd, 29th- students that would like to early vote with a group can walk to gateway together
 - 2. Election day informational booths on election day- signs, stickers and merchandise
 - 3. Nov. 5th Election night watch party- collaborating with Poli Sci department, mini activities, food, prizes, give aways
 - 4. SGA can promote & collaborates with events , always open – can repost on Instagram story etc.

V. Constituency Concerns

- a. Call for New Constituency Concerns
 - i. Mantra Health no longer happening, why?- A review of Mantra services determined duplications of Counseling and Testing Services at UNT.
- b. Update on Last Meeting Concerns
 - i. ASL Course for Staff?
 - 1. Reached out, haven’t heard back yet.
 - ii. Frisco Parking

1. Sign shop is working on a new sign to go in that lot.
- iii. Frisco Food on Fridays
 1. Heat map of Friday classes sent over to dining, waiting on response.
9-2pm most students in Frisco on Fridays.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. Chair Report- Brittany Landau
 - i. Investiture Ceremony- Academic ceremony to install a new president. Wed, Nov. 13th in the Murchison building. Seats are limited. Will send options out to wider senate after executive committee responses to attend in person. Will also be happening virtually.
 - ii. New Employee Orientation- Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday a month- 1:30-2:30pm. We are now a part of this event.
- b. Chair-Elect Report-Alex Ames- n/a
- c. Secretary Report- Stephanie Myers- none
- d. Treasurer Report-Jeffrey Kam- none
- e. Communications Report- Alexis Clingan-none
- f. Parliamentarian Report-John Bellon-none
- g. Assessment Coordinator Report-Jack Long

VII. Standing Committee Chair Reports

- a. Communications and Public Relations-Sarah Romack
 - i. Staff Senate Newsletter and Meeting Highlights sent out monthly
- b. Membership and Assessment- Christian Bridge
 - i. Getting more feedback on Survey from executive committee and president's office. Work on the bylaws and change ordering there
- c. Staff Success- Lucy Mwanzia and Cheyenne Moore
 - i. Homecoming Week Events Oct 21-Oct 24
 1. Homecoming passport (in Staff Senate Newsletter)

VIII. University Committee Updates

- a. Call for University Committee Updates
 - i. President's Wellness Committee- on pause now, will not be doing wellness screenings. Will be doing health and lifestyle expo in the spring.
 - ii. Fine Arts Committee
 1. Homecoming week- Ashish artist conversation and gallery- Greater Denton arts council , Oct 23rd 6pm. Work will be up later in CVAD gallery.
 2. Nov 7- Lauren Groth, 7pm union ticketed event- author
 - iii. Strategic Budget Steering Committee
 1. Looking for another staff member to join. Meet 10am Mondays. Reach out to Jeffrey Kam if interested.
 - iv. Cabinet Meetings

1. Moved from weekly to biweekly. Focusing on contracts- committees created to evaluate what software we are using best etc.

IX. Old Business

- a. Staff Sack Lunch- Oct. 15th 2024 (11:30-1:00pm)

X. New Business

- a. Survey for Student Success
 - i. President put together committee- 2 emails went out for the Student Success Scan. Passed out physical QR codes in person for survey. Everyone please fill the survey out. October 11th last day for survey (Friday).

XI. Announcements

- a. Grad Block party – planning for the event to come back for May 2025.

XII. Adjournment – 2:55pm on 10/8/2024