

**UNT Staff Senate General Meeting**  
**August 13, 2024, Minutes**  
**Wooten Hall 116**

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **VOTE to Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes (07/9/2024)** Approved.
- IV. **Guest Speakers**
  - A. Dr. Deb Rohwer, Vice President Planning and Strategy
    - A. Planning and Strategy- SACCS accreditation, strategic plan. We are at the end of strategic plan, November listening tours with new president and new strategic plan will roll out next year (extension of strategic plan). DAIR team-insights platform, Navigate- student by student view of what is going on and presidential initiatives. Nest Builders program- choose 1000 students that could benefit from some hand holding- fill out fafsa, go to advising. If students do these things, they get money in their financial aid package for the following year, \$1000.
    - B. Mantra Health- Senate be ambassadors for this program, navigate has some resources- self coaching etc. Faculty & Staff use this as a service to see how to help students in a mental health crisis. EAP program- HR benefits website, 6 sessions per crisis resource for faculty & staff for mental health.
    - C. Succeed at UNT: Houses student resources: <https://www.unt.edu/success/index.html>
    - D. System strategic plan with the chancellor- all campuses working on this. Engaging with Equifax, allows to see 10 yrs worth of data on students and progress in careers, how much they are making in their careers. People who stay in and graduate make 2x as much than those that drop out.
    - E. Scrappy attached to backpacks- help students have resource for learning center.
    - F. This fall Blue Cross Blue Shield assessment for wellness, so we can scale up to have a campus who are supportive of faculty & staff on wellness.
    - G. Navigate & Insights- use to learn more about students
    - H. Accreditation team in QEP, quality enhancement program- target something important to us- math and English readiness is the focus. Look at Sage as a hub of student success.
  - B. Dr. Adam Fein, Vice President Digital Strategy & Innovation
    - A. No division of digital strategy and innovation until 18-19 , so we can be intentional with digital innovation. About 50 people in the unit. Administrative services unit- 5 departments
      1. DSI Clear- largest team, 30 people in clear, instructional designers, production team, accessibility, faculty development team- certificate of excellence teaching online
      2. Enterprise- corporate partnerships, professional learning- Cowboys, Toyota, Amazon, Cinemark, JP Morgan Chase, American Airlines, DFW airport, PGA, Coursera
      3. Digital Growth team- marketing for colleges online programs . 12.5% students at UNT are fully online, 6,000 or so fully online, 40-50 online programs, entire UNT core is 100% online.
      - 4.

Learning Research group- 4/5 big research projects a year with faculty, is the tech helping people learn better. 5. New Ventures- looking 3 to 5 yrs out, generative AI, ChatGPT, microcredentials- UNT not a single product industry (degrees).

- B. Coursera for UNT- online.unt.edu ; faculty/staff/students can take courses for free.
  - C. UNT Career Academy- Industry certificates free to students/faculty/staff ; UNT plus one – UNT degree plus google cert, UNT plus IBM, etc. Anyone with an @unt can access.
  - D. Generative AI- provost and VP of research road mapped 5-7 recommendations for what we will do as a campus in this area. Chaired by Dean of Engineering. Working internal and externally on chatbot that works with our students, augment advisors.
  - E. Talon to Talon- isolation is number one hardship studying online, pilot tested virtual student union, students loved it. 2/3 of students take at least one online class. Rolls out to half of campus next week.
- B. Blair Wilson, Human Resources - tabling at new employee orientation
  - B. Megan Wheeler, President's Office Liaison - not in attendance.

## V. **Constituency Concerns**

- A. Call for New Constituent Concerns
  - A. Will there be focus on internal professional development at UNT in terms of interviewing for internal UNT positions? Could be a possible lunch and learn. Managers should be aware if staff are interviewing internally or externally- how can we have those conversations here. We will check with HR on resources.
  - B. Procurement- purchase card purchases cannot be made for contractual purchases starting 9/1. Any IT related anything, has to go to requisition. This information coming from contracts.
  - C. UNT Vehicles/Contract Vehicles on campus- rules and regulations regarding this? Notice of more vehicles on sidewalks etc. There is a training for UNT Vehicles- will follow up on what these guidelines are for. See more of this during the summer. Be sure to report vehicles, call to facilities/transportation services.
  - D. Toastmasters- if want to be a better public speaker, will be shared in Senate Teams space.
- B. Update on Last Meeting Concerns
  - A. Parking- permits still available, old permit expires Friday 8/16. Parking implementing pop-up drop off spots in A spots. Should be installed this week. Spots are for loading/unloading. Downloaded on an app, park mobile for those that are paid.
  - B. Moving and Hauling- this dept being utilized in other ways. If you need things moved or surplus, have to drop off on your own.

## VI. **Officer Reports**

- A. Chair Report – Brittany Landau- everyone should have gotten email on updated cybersecurity by Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, renews every year. Meeting tomorrow with Megan Wheeler, president's office, to talk through how meeting should go for president meeting on Aug 21<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Chair-Elect Report – Alex Ames – Tabling for Staff Senate for new employee orientation today- went well.
- C. Secretary Report – Stephanie Myers – none
- D. Treasurer Report – Jeffery Kam - none

- E. Communications Report – Alexis Clingan - none
- F. Parliamentarian Report – John Bellon - none
- G. Assessment Coordinator Report –Jack Long - out
- H. Past-Chair Report – Quortina Phipps - out

**VII. Standing Committee Chair Reports**

- A. Communications and Public Relations – Sarah Romack - none
- B. Membership and Assessment – Christian Bridge - out
- C. Staff Success – Lucy Mwanzia and Cheyenne Moore – none

**VIII. University Committee Updates**

- A. Call for University Committee Updates
  - A. Faculty/Staff- haven't met yet
  - B. Distinguished Lecture Series- 1<sup>st</sup> flight event with Steve Burns went well- faculty/staff were not allowed tickets- 1<sup>st</sup> event is typically just students, \$5 for staff/faculty rest of year
  - C. Faculty Athletic Council- 2 meetings a semester, meeting in September
- B. University Committee Appointments
  - A. Fine Arts Series: Cheyenne Moore
  - B. Faculty/Staff Joint: Mary Paradoski,
  - C. Faculty Athletic: Herman McKeiver
  - D. Union Board of Directors (1 yr): Dana Mays
  - E. Wellbeing Advisory Board (1 yr): Rachel Rachel, Suzanne Dickenson
  - F. Student Government Association Liaison: Jenna Schuster

**IX. Old Business**

- A. Calendar Planning
  - I. Event Proposal Form
    - I. Staff Senate Program and Budget Proposal Form – centralized place where we can document what we are doing. Will help with better budget projections, no conflicts etc. Used to be consistent and gather enough info to make informed decisions. Program title, description, parts of Staff Senate mission align, date of program, time, location, number of people, how to market, schedule/timing, budget, swag items needed.
- B. Upcoming Meeting with Present Keller

**X. New Business**

- A. Division Pop Up Sign Up
  - A. Purchased vouchers from dining services, scrappy ice cream and Clark bakery. Will pass out at September meeting and have spreadsheet to sign up for your division pop-ups. Going out to 2700 staff. Meet with your division, can ask for help from exec committee if needed.
- B. August Mailer to All FTE staff

A. PDS will send out to staff.

C. Swag Reveal

A. Distribution Process

A. Put something in UNT Today newsletter, use for tabling events, etc.

B. Exec Committee will figure out process

XI. **Announcements**

XII. **Adjournment** 3:37pm