

UNT STAFF SENATE NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

December 7th

Faculty/Staff Holiday Party
University Union Ballroom, Rm 314
3 pm - 5 pm

December 13th

Staff Senate Meeting
PLEASE BRING A TOY
Union 332
3 pm - 4:30 pm
Committees may meet at 4:30 pm

December 24th - 30th

Winter Break - **University Closed**

December 27th

Heart of Dallas Bowl Game
UNT vs. Army
11 am

January 2nd

Winter Break - **University Closed**

Have a Suggestion?

Staff Senate welcomes your questions and ideas! Please visit staffsenate.unt.edu and complete the online form located under Ask Staff Senate!



Donation boxes for the annual UNT toy drive supported by UNT Staff Senate have been placed in various locations on campus and will be available until December 16th. If you are able, please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy or toys to the annual toy drive.

Thank you to all the Staff Senators who submitted questions about the new structure, bylaws and policy to support the work of the Staff Senate. Your commitment to making our Senate the best it can be is truly appreciated. Below are the responses we received from the PCSS:

1. Can we have a policy that allows a certain number of hours, maybe 4-8 per month that a staff member can devote to Staff Senate per month without reprimand from department heads, much like the staff fitness time allowance?

Response: *Policies shouldn't be that specific, nor that limiting. We could ask that the President give that direction to his Cabinet for passing down through their organizations as a best practice.*

2. What if there are no nominations from a division?

Response: *The President will highly encourage all Cabinet members to participate and gather representation for the units they oversee.*

3. Are we limited to work on only issues that our liaisons initiate?

Response: *Senators may learn of issues from persons other than their immediate constituents, which is expected. Remember, a Senator has an obligation to the university as a whole, even though they represent staff members within a division.*

4. What happens if a staff senate chair elect doesn't get re-elected for their second term? How will they honor their 3 year commitment?

Response: *The chair elect will maintain their spot on the senate for the year they are chair elect. They are replaced in the next election cycle (NOT ABLE TO RUN) because they are moving into a two year, non-voting term as chair and past chair. For those two years (chair elect and chair) they serve the Senate, not a specific division.*

5. Number of absences allowed?

Response: *Each senator is allowed 3 absences. Any more than three and they are subject to removal from the Senate.*