Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Library Services
   a. Susan Smith, Scott Jackson & Jeffrey Guintivano

IV. Officer Reports
   a. President- Seth Ketron
   b. VPAF- Giselle Greenidge
   c. VPCM- Ricky Ferguson
   d. Parliamentarian- Christian Doyle

V. Old Business
   a. Update on Bill F2016-1
      i. President Ketron

VI. New Business
   a. Bill F2016-2
      i. Senator Islam
   b. Bill F2016-3
      i. Senators Mullins and Rhode
   c. Bill F2016-4
      i. Karla Villarreal
   d. Resolutions from SGA
      i. Adam Miller

VII. Open Floor

VIII. Adjourn
Bill F2016-2

WHEREAS the busses between the GAB and Discovery Park are often unable to carry all passengers who are waiting during rush times (9a-11a and 4p-6p M-F);

WHEREAS passengers who miss a bus due to lack of capacity are often delayed by 20-30 minutes and arrive late to class or meetings, if at all;

WHEREAS busses on Saturdays to and from Discovery Park are usually empty or far below capacity;

WHEREAS the University is moving toward a more bus-reliant model of transportation;

WHEREAS smaller busses could be used on Saturdays to meet demand, saving fuel, maintenance, and other costs;

WHEREAS the resources saved by using smaller busses on Saturdays could be used to accommodate rush time passenger needs M-F;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the University use smaller busses on Saturdays and use the saved resources from this change to better meet demand during M-F rush times.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Rezbaul Islam

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Graduate Student Council has approved this document and is referred to the office of the GSC President.

Parliamentarian

Presidential Action:
☐ Vetoed
☐ Approved

GSC President

Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School
WHEREAS The health and safe passage of the students and employees of the University of North Texas is of chief concern to the GSC and the University as a whole,

WHEREAS The traffic situation near Union Circle unnecessarily endangers the life and property of all those who use it on a daily basis,

WHEREAS These may be easily remedied by the adoption and swift repair of the following items,

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the following problems be immediately fixed by the University:

The following alterations are to be made on the South Side of Union Circle:

-- West Prairie is a one-way street when it becomes Union Circle, but drivers often turn right when exiting FS 37 Parking lot to the North. A substantial impediment -- whether an actual barrier or anchored cones -- must be placed so that drivers leaving the FS-37 parking lot from the north exit do not turn right, into oncoming traffic.

-- That the north exits of the A 37 and FS 37 parking lots have signs reading "NO RIGHT TURN"

The following alterations are to be made on the North Side of Union Circle:

-- A crosswalk box be drawn on the northwestern corner of the Union Circle drive, allowing safe pedestrian traffic from Union Circle parking lot to the RTVF Performing Arts Building, Sage Hall, and the University Union.

-- That the north exit from the Union Circle parking lot have a sign reading "NO LEFT TURN"

-- That the south exits of the A 50 and FS 50 parking lots have signs reading "NO RIGHT TURN"

-- That near the south exits of the A 50 and FS 50 parking lots, there be painted in each lane a visible one-directional arrow, indicating the one-way direction of traffic.

-- That three additional arrows be painted in the same lanes approximately fifty feet east, near the Welch St. Union Circle/Chestnut St. intersection, at the crosswalk.

The following alterations are to be made at the intersection of Welch St. and Union Circle/Chestnut Street, hereafter referred to as WUCCSI:

-- On the northwest corner of WUCCSI, there should be two north-facing signs at different angles, clear and visible, reading "DO NOT ENTER"

-- On the southwest corner of WUCCSI, there should be a north-facing sign approximately forty feet west from Welch, reading "WRONG WAY"

-- On the Union Circle exit into WUCCSI, there be dash lines to display proper and legal traffic flow from the Union Circle exit into Welch or Chestnut.
-- On the traffic pole on the east side of WUCCSI, there be a high sign which visibly displays the left turn, straight-ahead, and right turn arrows.

Section 2.

The GSC empowers a Traffic Committee to suggest further, post-facto alterations to the Union Circle complex, subject to the approval of the GSC President. If approved, these suggestions shall be treated as part of the body of this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senators Michael Mullins and Jason Rhode

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Parliamentarian

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GSC President

Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School
WHEREAS some students only come to the University on nights and weekends (as defined by University hours);

WHEREAS individuals must have a valid UNT parking permit in order to park 24/7;

WHEREAS parking on campus contributes to needs for maintenance and repair over time;

WHEREAS individuals seeking to park on nights and weekends are currently required to purchase a Remote permit for $125, although some individuals do not require daytime/business hour parking;

WHEREAS a lower-priced permit for night and weekend parking would be less expensive for students while contributing to funds for parking lot maintenance and related costs;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the University create a new parking permit specifically for night and weekend parking only; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this new permit is to be priced at $50 on an annual basis; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permit pricing for purchases for time periods shorter than one year are to be prorated in line with the University’s system of prorated pricing for other permits.

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Karla Villarreal

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GSC President

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Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School
Resolution Fall 2016-1

WHEREAS, in order for the State of Texas to stay nationally competitive in its pursuit of a future dominated by renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas has been a recognized leader in environmental research for more than 77 years and has an academic tradition of green and energy-efficient programs to conserve water and energy; and

WHEREAS, The University of North Texas was the first large public institution in Texas to sign the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment; and

WHEREAS, air pollution in the region consistently exceeds national air quality standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, emissions from the municipally owned quick-start natural gas generator will negatively impact the air quality of university students; and

WHEREAS, the currently established We Mean Green student environmental service fee, as outlined by Texas House Bill 3353, would be fully depleted by an annual university-wide purchase of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, there is no ratified Texas Legislature Bill that allows universities to charge their students a fee to purchase renewable energy credits or carbon offsets;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, a referendum be scheduled for the Fall 2016 Election to assess the Student Body’s interest in a Carbon Neutrality Fee.

“Do you authorize the University of North Texas to charge the Student Body a fee not to exceed $1/hour each semester for the purpose of fully neutralizing the University’s carbon footprint through the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits and/or verified carbon offsets?”

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Miller and the Carbon Neutrality Committee

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Parliamentarian

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GSC President

Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School
WHEREAS, the Transportation Fee is capped at $3.50/hour, regardless of US Dollar inflation and record University enrollment;

WHEREAS, according to this article in the North Texas Daily, Parking and Transportation will have paid an extra $20 million USD in interest since the construction of the Highland Street Parking Garage. This money should be spent on an improved parking and transportation system;

WHEREAS, both student and faculty parking is suffering from a realignment initiated in the summer of 2016 that included parking lot changes and increases to parking pass prices, both of which were possibly affected by funding changes resulting from the schism between Parking & Transportation and the University of North Texas Police Departments;

WHEREAS, a lack of funding is negatively impacting the development of the Parking & Transportation Department;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, a University of North Texas Transportation Fee increase be put to question before the student body in a Fall 2016 referendum.

“Would you enable the University of North Texas Transportation Department to increase the Transportation Fee from $3.50/hour to an amount not to exceed $4.50/hour.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Miller and the Transportation Fee Reassessment Committee

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Graduate Student Council has approved this document and is referred to the office of the GSC President.

Parliamentarian  Date

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GSC President  Date

Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School  Date