

General Session Agenda

Mar 04, 2024 | [Zoom](#) | 7:10pm

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7:10 PM - Open (PARLIAMENTARIAN)

- Approval of Agenda for 03/04/2024.
- Approval of [Minutes for 02/19/2024](#)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gallery Report with Dr. Sabeen Sheikh, Dir. Of TC Next (15 min)

Been working with the Student Experience Committee. A new rebrand of the TC Student Employment center. Offer assistance to TC students and alumni who are at varying stages of their career. Help with employment opportunities and coaching during studies and after graduation. Help with connections and skills to the employment world.

Career Resources Portal - You can see job opportunities, events, announcements, coaching appointments, CV/resume help, etc.

Student Employment is on the HR website.

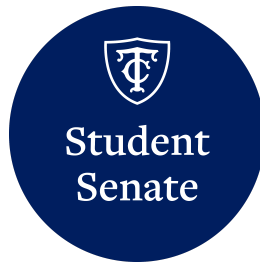
Drop Ins 2:00-4:00 on - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday = 10 minute sessions, no appointments needed.

Resources: career guide, handout resources, Quinnia (AI tool that tailors their feedback based on applicant tracking system of what the job posting is looking for), Interstride (data for HI-B sponsorships).

Career Fairs, Career Expos, Job/Internship Programs, Learn and Connect, Employer Info Sessions (April: Colloquium for Education employers).

Upcoming Events (in the slide)

QnA:



Mandy: “For Quincia, do we all have accounts”

No, everyone would have to create an account on their own. IT IS FREE FOR TC students.

Suravi: “Is Quincia only for a year”

No, as long as your TC id is active. If you are an alumni, you can still reach out to TC next.

Emma: “Can you talk about specific services for PhD applications”

TC Next can help you understand what doctoral path is best fit for you and your interests. If you are a doctoral students interested in research and faculty positions, we also have us resources for that,

Neha: “Do the employers at career fairs sponsor H1-B visas”

They don’t specifically tell us but the government does have an official website for employers who do offer work visas.

Neha: “Are students made aware of what companies offer work visas?”

No, the companies don’t tell us but interstride can give you data on sponsoring work visas and have done so in the past.

2. Legislation SR #2-242: 1st Reading — [Open Dissertations](#)

Introduced by Rachel.

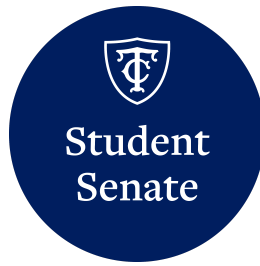
QnA

Austin: “On the point of inviting people, when you invite them: is it virtual or in-person”

It will be a Zoom link. It will be an unobtrusive and convenient way of having community members present and then have a private, closed questioning with the dissertation committee member.

Austin: “I make a recommendation to specify “Zoom” meeting in the resolution”

Meghana; “DO other schools offer zoom or also offer in-person”



It depends. Some mandate an open in-person dissertation, whereas others offer only zoom.

Jude: “I would vouch for and recommend an option or possibility of in-person”

Emma: “What is the reasoning for the no in-person option”.

There is no reasoning from the Office of Dissertation Department. But perhaps because it is an extension of GSAS policy, maybe it was just absorbed without reasoning. It just is what it is.

Emma: “Is there a reason why the legislation is only sticking to Zoom?”

The only reason to stick to Zoom was to at least get the ball rolling on having open dissertation and make it feasible to entertain the possibility of some kind of open dissertation. And hope for more options in the future.

Neha: “Is there a reason for specifying the open dissertation for 15 minutes?”

It is because the Office Of Doctoral Dissertation recommends 15 minutes for the presentation. And We want the legislation to be as feasibly accepted as possible so recommending too many changes may hinder the resolution from being implemented.

Also closed questioning will always be confidential to protect students and committee members and promote an open discussion, without pressure from other people present.

TABLED TO GSS for 3/11

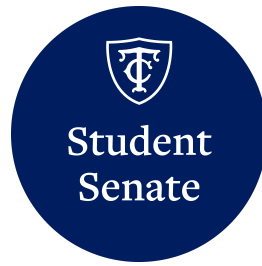
OLD BUSINESS:

1. Legislation SR #2-241: 2nd Reading — [Advising](#)
Introduced by Austin

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Batool:

If students do not know their advisor after a couple of years, then that's on the institution. At least the first meeting should be mandated and introduce the student to the



Emma: “Capitalize “student senate” on 3c. Also are statistics from the survey shared with the student senate?”

Yes, because advising data is never shared with anyone. So the student senate having this survey results can inform us of the advising situation better and recommend more resolutions.

Joshua:” I want more context around the “degree audit tool” for doctoral students (3b). “A lot of new students do not know what the degree audit is. It is a tool that outlines what classes you need to graduate, so many students who do not know of it may only depend on word of mouth. So officiating students knowing it could be beneficial.

Li (and Jebraune in the chat):” Perhaps this is another issue but the degree audit is non-function.”

POI from Denise: a new software for degree audit will be introduced soon! “Degree Works”

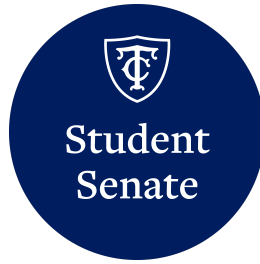
Also, that is why the resolution says “degree audit tool” because there may be multiple iterations for it.

Emma: “I do not know if 3c is fully representative of the current situation. There are ways for the Senate to access data on advising. Forcing the institution to share data with the Student Senate could cause wariness. SO maybe reword it?”

Yes, this is forceful but it speaks to a frustration of how difficult and laborious actually accessing the data is.

Neha: “I think it (3c) is a good point to make and I would recommend putting it earlier in the resolution. But one reason why data is hard to access and vague is for protecting student confidentiality and coordinating information for a student body as large as this. Maybe making it as a reference rather than a requirement could be more beneficial”.

POI from Maeghan “What options are voting for”
(Time extended by 5 minutes)



Do we keep option 3c that mandates data be provided to the Student Senate?

Discuss in Committees

Aye 11:, Nay:9

We KEEP 3c

Pascale: “One thing - instead of “prerequisites are met”, we specify “TC requirements are met”, and remove “undergraduates” from resolution as TC is a graduate-only student”

This can be a friendly edit after the voting as the essence of legislation is not changed.

Committee Vote. - ALL YAY

Individual Vote

Aye, Nay

Unanimous Aye

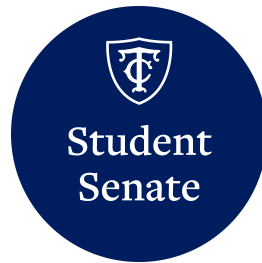
RESOLUTION PASSES THROUGH SENATE.

2. Reminder, next Senate Meeting is on March 11th

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Committee Updates

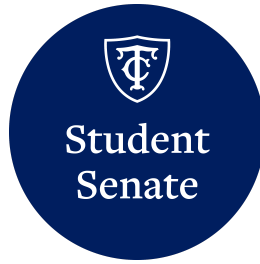
- Academic Affairs (3 mins)
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- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (3 mins)
 - Updates on BTG Event: 4/10
 - International Student Fee (Jay + Molly)
- Student Experience (3 mins)
 - Department outreach about potentially mentorship match program
 - OASID Opportunity to Test New App
 - Angel and Riccardo attended first Career Advisory board meeting



- Working on potentially putting together workshops for students on Quincia and Interstride
- Disability advocacy work update
- Grounds and Resources (3 mins)
 - No update - working on Resolution for Sanitary Products
- University Policy & Rules (3 mins)
 - Student Org survey was finalized
 - Annual survey EOY
 - Data shared with Student Senate BOY of next school year
 - Open Dissertation for Review
 - Student Worker Benefits
 - Waiting to hear back
- Social Chair updates (3 min)
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Executive Board Announcements and Updates

- President: (3 mins)
 - The board (President and Provost) received the resolutions that were recently passed. They are working on different projects, including a new website so by Fall, we can have doctoral profiles for all doc students at TC.
 - They look forward to reading the advising and the open dissertation resolutions.
 - Summer / Winter Courses — Interest? Gauge Interest from larger TC body at Senate events and other TC gatherings.
- Vice President: (3 mins)
 - Elections Timeline (Mar 11 - intent to run for eboard position released, Apr 1 - intent to run due date, Apr 8 - actual election date)
 - Speak with current EBoard members if interested in their position
 - Open EBoard Meeting — End of March
- Parliamentarian: (3 mins)
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- Treasurer: (3 mins)



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- Communications: (3 mins)
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- University Senator: (3 mins)
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Other Announcements

- Senator can provide individual updates, or this can be opened for Q & A

Student member Ibssa Abdo: 6 schools have been voting right not to divest from Israel interests.

Emma: University Senator is the best person to speak to about this,

Ibssa Abdo: If you are interested in this, please speak with me.

Jude: Riccardo made a survey for the “mentor-mentee match” program. Can I share this with the student senate? We would love to hear from you!

CLOSE

8:35 PM - Adjournment (PARLIAMENTARIAN)