May 3, 2024

Dear Thornton Community,

The 2023-2024 Thornton Student Council has had a very successful year! I am proud of the work we accomplished and the strides we took in continuing to build a foundation for the organization.

Over the summer the TSC Officers began working on revising and updating the TSC constitution that the council unanimously ratified on August 27, 2023. The revisions we made included: (1) updating requirements and guidelines for being a TSC representative, officer, and advisor; (2) creating an attendance policy to hold members accountable; (3) establishing committees, with open and closed membership; and (4) clarifying language and organization throughout the document.

Since one of TSC’s missions is to represent student perspectives and experiences, one of our biggest projects this year was developing the TSOM Student Feedback Form. While all full-council TSC meetings were open to any TSOM student, we felt strongly about creating multiple spaces where students could ask questions and share their concerns and ideas. This year, we received over 30 submissions and have successfully taken the steps to initiate facilitating dialogue between faculty, staff, and administration to ensure that student feedback gets directed to the appropriate department. We hope that the feedback form continues to develop and that meetings between representatives and their departments become a regular part of TSC’s agenda.

Many conversations focused on the desire to bring the TSOM community together and help facilitate opportunities for collaboration, both within and across Thornton departments. Although we did not have the chance to see this project through, TSC has taken the beginning steps in trying to create a digital hub that would serve as a place to promote student recitals and events, and create various paths for students to pursue collaboration. I also encourage the 2024-2024 council to continue to work towards obtaining Registered Student Organization (RSO) recognition, as the RSO status opens up new avenues for ways TSC can support the TSOM student body.
To everyone who has been involved in TSC this year, it has been an absolute pleasure serving as the Chair of the 2023-2024 Thornton Student Council. Thank you to all the representatives for volunteering your time this school year, for bringing engaging and meaningful dialogue to our meetings, and for working together to act upon the founding missions of the organization. Big shoutout to Yesenia Nava for being an incredible, attentive, and encouraging TSC advisor, and to the outstanding team of TSC Officers I had the privilege of working with this year.

- Lynne Snyder, Vice Chair
- Eric Tinkerhess, Officer of Records
- William Chiang, Treasurer
- Rosie Ding, Officer of Public Affairs
- Elaine Kong, At-Large Graduate Representative
- Margo Neuberger, At-Large Undergraduate Representative

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to learn, grow, and collaborate with you! To the 2024-2025 Thornton Student Council, I wish you the best of luck and thank you for your commitment to seeing the organization continue to grow.

All the best,

Amy Millesen
2023-2024 TSC Chair