

Senate Minutes
January 30, 2017

Call to Order: 7:00pm
Pledge: Senator Shrade

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:01pm-
Roll call, approval of the minutes.

President Andrew Homann 7:03pm-
Executive Order for Adopt-A-Spot. Possibly looking into getting refills for all of the chart stations. University updates, campus police is trying to get involved with students. The University is in the process of hiring a director of transportation. Board of regents meeting is coming up soon. Another bobcats united event will be hosted pretty soon so start brainstorming some ideas for that. End of report.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:08pm-
Guest speakers.

Mr. Flores 7:08pm-
Really excited to have the opportunity to work with our students and work to make our university better. I am the assistant vice president for university advancement. We are the fundraising arm for the university and I am the guy who circulates content about the university. Every year we continue to grow including this past fall. We started our 19th record breaking enrollment. We are growing by at least a thousand per year and our graduate students went up by 6%. This was founded as a teaching college but the college of education used to be a single unit and now there's a lot more to it. We are more diverse, more than 50% of our student body is made up of ethnic minority. We opened our third residence complex in the last four years. In 2018 our round rock campus will be finished with its new building. We have 5 clients right now to do its work and right now we are in the development process of getting a new building and help retain the clients that we have. If we can't grow we can't retain and expand. Meeting spaces are at a real premium here and we have an expansion plan on the board. We need a new event center and graduation ceremonies. The commencement exercises have become so big that we have moved it from seven commencement to 8 this spring. We are growing in phenomenal ways in the people and students. The state has been as gracious with us as it can be. We have money that's already set aside for our new building and site plans. We have big plans to become a big research university. The amount of money that we had in expenditures we hit 15 million that we raised. Research is what gets the university on that big scale. The more research opportunities we have, the more extraordinary students and faculty we attract. We have an extraordinary impact on the company and have gained an enormous economic impact and is growing tremendously. We are pleased that you are spreading that word. Any questions? No questions.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:19pm-
Moving onto vice president report. Reminder about the leadership institute conference coming up and we have a few people signed up for that. If you're still interested please contact me. I know we had some room reservation problems with commissions so I made copies for everyone to get at the end of meeting. I put a calendar out on Tracs and we have 2 upcoming basketball games. As far as knowing that you are going to miss, please refer to your absence form it's in the google docs. Please keep up with that. End of Report. Next item. Public Forum. None. Cabinet reports.

Senator Schnider 7:22pm-

We are having our second house meeting this friday at ASBN 452A. If you are interested in attending please let me know. We had our meeting with the lunch with the dean's last week and we will be discussing all those things this meeting. Also if you need any advertisements please let me know. Last year I advertised the strutters 5k so just let me know. End of report.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:24pm-

Any more cabinet reports?

Senator Shull 7:24pm-

We have an event coming up on Tuesday february 21st. We are involved in the TCC for colleges in student government all over Texas. All of us are going to get together and I have 8 spots available we would travel to the capital. We will talk about issues involving students and a couple of guest speakers and there is also free lunch. Let me know if you would be interested. End of report.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:26pm-

Any other directors? None. Move onto old business. The author of 206-2017 . 12 come forward.

Senator Escalante 7:27pm-

Essentially confirms the 3 new senators that we will be adding onto the senate this year.

Senator Zamora 7:27pm-

How were these senators were selected and when were the elections posted?

Senator Escalante 7:28pm-

Elections are coming up soon.

Senator Zamora 7:28pm-

Were the applications open and available on the student government website?

Senator Escalante 7:28pm-

Yes it was posted on the facebook page.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:29pm-

Now moving onto debate and discussion. None. Moving on to voting. Move to vote by voice Senator Duncan, seconded by Senator Sikazwe. This piece passes. If you are getting confirmed please come to the front.

New senators 7:30 pm-

swore oath.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:31pm-

Moving onto our next piece. Consider this piece as already read by Senator Shull, seconded by Senator Shrade.

Senator Duncan. 7:31pm-

Strutters that are senators went to perform at the inauguration and it was amazing that we had that recognition on that national level. There were only 2 colleges that were able to do that so

that is a huge honor and such a great accomplishment. Any questions regarding this resolution?
None.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:33pm-

Move to adopt this piece? Seconded by Senator Shrade. Motion to call to vote by voice by Senator Sikazwe, seconded by Senator Duncan. This piece passes. Moving onto new business. Lead sponsor of this piece please come to the front.

Senator Sherman 7:35pm-

A simple resolution that it has come a statewide trend for colleges to allow all speakers and views and ban safe spaces. That the university ban safe spaces and send out a letter regarding this policy.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:36pm-

Motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Senator Duncan.

Adjournment: 7:36pm