

Senate Meeting
March 6th 2017

Call to Order: 7:01pm
Pledge: Senator Miller

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:02pm-
Any amendments to the order of the day? Senator Duncan move to amend seconded by Senator Garza. Vote to make this piece as an emergency piece. Sikazwe vote by voice, seconded by Senator Merritt. Any other amendments? Approval of the minutes seconded by Senator Duncan

President Andrew Homann 7:07pm-
Adopt the spot sign is ordered which will be given out friday and will be designated to their zone. We will start it again in the fall. We only have about four meetings left for this administration. Keep researching ideas for new resolutions and legislations and keep coming to us with them. Bobcats united will be April 3rd. We are teaming up with not on my campus. Scholarships applications have been going great. We have gotten 13 which is very good so keep spreading the word on that.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:09pm-
Moving onto guest speakers.

Dr. Beth 7:09pm-
I was a senator myself and it is fun to come back and see what has improved from the past. I wanted to tell you today about something that is coming on campus.. What is going to happen here in the future starts with our campus. All of our accreditation on this campus are just some of the things that I work with. One of the pieces that I have to do has to do with the quality of advancement. Has anyone come to the pace center? The pace center is our previously qualified center. Prior to that you would have gone to an advising center as opposed to having pace. We really like to talk to students.. One of the key purposes is that it has to improve student growth. We need input from students. What kinds of things are we a little bit short on? What courses should we have to get you all to get a better chance when going into the work field. When freshmen come in they will get lost in this big campus. The idea with the pace center is that it provides a place where an incoming student can have somewhere to ask questions and be able to visit easily. It doesn't have to do anything with advising or mentoring although it could. It's something that we would say "oh it would be great if we have this on our campus." Today you will have gotten a message from the provost. What we need you to do is click the link and drop in any suggestions that you have. Last time we had 60 something ideas and we only used about 4 or 5 ideas. But no matter what those 55 ideas is being brought to our attention. Someone was paying attention to those ideas and because of that some of those ideas ended up being brought up by certain departments anyways. You won't actually see this now and you will most likely be graduated because it will not happen until 2021. When you come from a better place your degree gets better so it does benefit you, even if you graduate. Someone else is going to read the benefits that you have. Does anyone have ideas or suggestions that you can think off the top of your head.

Senator Peterson 7:17pm-
I come from a unique standpoint and am a second bachelor's speaking student. My thought process is that it is very hard to find scholarship opportunities for people like me. I am very

untraditional and surely you can go to financial aid but students that can't really fit within the category struggle with finding financial aid and finding an extended arm.

Senator Cutter 7:18pm-

We are building the engineering building and there is a variety of companies that we work with and I would like Texas State to be viewed more into research and oil.

Dr.beth 7:19pm-

There's a lot of ideas there's research opportunities and lots of others so you can take that a lot of different ways. Please do think about this and let me know. We need your ideas. The people that know what students need is you.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:21pm-

Next guest speaker.

Colleen Cook 7:21pm-

We've had numerous emails come through and trying to get a little more news out there. I've been paired up with senator Sikazwe on this. I'm going to outline problems we've seen and what we would like to see. 1 using confetti for graduation ceremonies. Its loiter and it washes into storm drains so it goes straight to sessom creek or san marcos river. Wildlife can be attracted to this and they consume them. This kills the fish and can get lodged into their throats. Indigenous species live in this river and are endangered and others like turtles are also seen here. This is both toxic to humans and wildlife. 2. We have an inability to regulate this. There is only a handful of photographers around who do not know about this. So we have a lot of people that do not know that these things can happen. We have lack of knowing things like this. And the timing of it all is also a problem because there's no way to regulate 24/7. We are trying to come up with a concrete solution. Solutions 1 is reaching out to marketing campaign and they've reached out to me with their ideas. They are going to send a couple of photos that show how confetti affects the river and wildlife. The hash tag with it is #keepsanmarcosbeautiful. Using tabletop signs again the bookstore, dining halls, etc., so that people will see them. Show it on social media as well. Unfortunately people do not react to positive reinforcement so we are looking at negative reinforcement. So once we start getting the signs up they are going to start patrolling more and letting people know what's loitering and eventually issuing citations. We want to talk to the council to see if the misdemeanor can be applied to the students and photographer. The goals with partnering with you guys is that we have similarly the same goals. We create a sense of pride in our institution. We do not want our grandchildren to have a dirty polluted river that we cannot enjoy. Working with upd and student enforcement and doing first warning and \$50 fine for repeated incidences and a way to report the situation. We would really like to do this. The signs are the most important thing and marketing will be helping a lot with the media as well. We want to create a constant message that we do not do this on our campus. When my brother came here it was you drank your beer and let it sink down to the river and now that has significantly changed although it still happens it doesn't happen as often as it used to.

Senator Miller 7:31pm-

This is really great and I like what you are doing but is the class demeanor a little too much?

Colleen Cook 7:31pm-

We would follow the Texas State laws. So first you would get the warning and then the fine. I believe that getting education and outreach is important. I don't think that they think about the product that they are leaving. They don't think about what happens next and that is not a

malicious thing. It's just that more education and media outreach needs to be stated. The class misdemeanor is more of a if you're obviously doing it maliciously.

Senator Peterson 7:33pm-

Have you guys thought about doing a quad day with a program with the green team or whatever they are called and set up a meeting with them?

Colleen Cook 7:33pm-

Heat the environmental team. We would like to do some sort of pledge and dress up and being loud in the quad saying that did you know throwing confetti can hurt me?

Senator Sikazwe 7:35pm-

The whole point of the legislation is not to fine students or give students a misdemeanor its to create an influence in terms of loitering. The consensus of loitering is just that it's okay to do it because there are no consequences because of it. If you want to contact me Katie or Colleen you are more than welcome to.

Colleen Cook 7:36pm-

If you have any other questions regarding this you can talk to me or my boss .

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:36pm-

Moving onto 8 vice president's report. Round table march 7th from 5pm-6pm. Last senate meeting will be the same Monday night April 10th in JCK. I have sent out a google doc please fill that out so that I can get all the food. Moving onto public forum.

Adrian Cooper 7:37pm-

I am a Biology major here at Texas State and this resolution is great especially for a student majoring in this degree. Legislation like this would be more better. It cannot have come at a better time and can and will lead a way to better jobs and leading into the right direction

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:38pm-

Item 10 cabinet reports.

Senator Shull 7:39pm-

San marcos city council need a student representative from Texas State and we had a heck of a time trying to get that arranged. I wanted you to know that is available again and you do not have to go to every city council meeting just as many as possible. So just to talk about what is going with the city council

Senator duncan 7:40pm-

Current senator or anyone?

Senator Shull 7:41pm-

I can only appoint a senator so it does have to be a senator. As far as the piece to what Senator Sikazwe was talking about. This fine is just something that we need to imply. It blew me away that it wasn't already enforced on our campus. If you have any questions please email me

Senator Plowey 7:41pm-

Update with the rise of the star scholarship we are now closing it down and have given away all the grants. The scholarships will be closing down friday and the monday after spring break will end on friday.

Senator Mckie 7:42pm-

Freshman council we will have an extended meeting and adding a few miles. I met with the associate dean and about making the freshman council.. We will be writing a piece and I will be writing a piece as well so feel free to reach out to me.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:43pm-

Moving onto old business. Will the Senator of S.R. 2016-2017.17 please come to the front

Senator Sikazwe 7:43pm-

Like to consider this piece as already read, seconded by Senator Gonzalez

Senator Duncan 7:44pm-

I reached out to everyone via email because I think this is the type of legislation that would add onto what we would like to see. This impactful legislation does for the students as a whole. This legislation calls for a renewed sense of a stronger relationship with these energy companies. This could be opportunities for engineering poli sci majors and plenty of others. 431 million dollars in assets I think that we as a student senate have the opportunity to say hey this is something that we can support. This is something that we can take more measures on. We are actually offering legislation concrete legislation that will be an investment and I hope that I have each and everyone of you support. Questions? None.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:46pm-

Motion to adopt seconded Senator Gonzalez. Debate and discussion. None. Move onto entertain to call to question seconded by Senator Gonzalez. Vote by roll call. This piece passes.

Senator Gonzalez 7:49pm-

Like to consider this piece as read seconded by Senator Escalante

Senator Duncan 7:49pm-

Reaffirm the university's understanding of the first amendment and this is something that I would hate any other organization to go through and we hope to get this passed. So I'm going to amend the piece and if someone to second it. The fire code a slight ambiguity. Originally this was a simple resolution but there needs to be correction of any policy that may stifle our freedom of speech. It was introduced and pulled as a simple resolution. What this does reaffirms student government to go to defend the first amendment.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:52pm-

Move to adopt seconded by Senator Gonzalez. Move onto debate and discussion.

Senator Duncan 7:52pm -

To strike 22 seconded by Senator Staton.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:53pm-

Discuss the amendment? None. Vote by roll call.

Senator Gonzalez 7:53pm-

Call to vote by voice seconded by Senator Gonzalez.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:53pm-
This amendment passes. Now moving onto debate and discussion.

Senator Peterson 7:53pm-
Thank you to Colton and the others. I had a professor that told me to shut up. It was not recorded and I was not able to bring it to the dean. I find it unacceptable and I feel great that as students that our first amendment rights are protected and you will say what you need to say on campus and no one will stifle that.

Senator Zamora 7:55pm-
First question I have is what was the administration for the reasoning on why we couldn't bring anyone on campus.

Senator Duncan 7:56pm-
Basically what she is referring to is the response of the administration that we had. We were told by the student involvement we were not allowed to pass out flyers because of the bolding of some of the letter were too small. So there was restraint there. Then there was career services saying that we could not hold the event. Since the logo wasn't big enough and since it was a career fair we were told not to pass it out or in the free speech zone. The administration is not the problem. Dr. Smith and myself and administration pulled me into the office and they were appalled about what happened. So we got great support from them. Should anyone do this again I would hope that student government has a policy on it and it is a reminder that it is necessary to do so.

Senator Merritt 8:00pm-
Recommending to strike out where it talks about expulsion.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:00pm-
Debate and discuss this amendment?

Senator Duncan 8:01pm-
I disagree with striking that. It is not giving student government power to kick someone out it is just saying that if it should happen again that it should be addressed and it is a resolution that we do not want someone like this apart of our faculty or administration.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:01pm-
Duncan move to call to question and seconded by Senator shall. Vote by roll call. This piece does not pass. Now go back to debate and discussion. None. Now vote.

Senator Gonzalez 8:02pm-
Move to vote by voice seconded by Senator Duncan.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:02pm-
I's have it 21 -0 this piece passes. Moving onto the 3rd item. Will the senator of S.R. 2016-2017.19 please come forward for your office speech.

Senator Escalante 8:03pm -

On student university news for students to be notified of any news. That student government supports faculty senate and supports student body government president to the wall street journal.

Senator Duncan 8:07pm-

Faculty senate called for a new york times I believe that is a good time to call for the wall street journal as well that it shows the most truthful news. The wall street time shows the news. I think it is a goal of providing a newsworthy and opportunity for the students. Questions? None.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:08pm-

Move to Adopt this piece

Senator Duncan 8:08pm-

Move to amend legislation.

Senator 8:09pm-

On line 21 issue a statement of support in their efforts of obtaining

Senator Sikazwe 8:09pm-

Move call to question seconded Senator Gonzalez.

Senator Duncan 8:10pm-

Carry out voice seconded by Senator Gonzalez.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:11pm-

This amendment passes. Move back to debate and discussion. None.

Senator Duncan 8:11pm-

Vote to move to call to previous amendment, seconded by Senator Gonzalez.

Vice President Samantha Martinez

Vote by roll call seconded by Senator Sikazwe This piece passes.

Senator Escalante 8:11pm-

An act amending title I and Introductory texts of the student government code. Also to be titled An act amending title III, chapter 100 of the Student Government Code.

Senator Duncan 8:24pm-

Thank you

Vice President Samantha Martinez

Motion to adjourn meeting seconded by Senator Miller

Adjournment -8:24pm