The Student Government of Texas State University, including the Round Rock Campus, is the officially recognized organization where students are given a voice in university policy decisions. The Student Government consists of the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Senate and Graduate House. Included in the Senate is a seat for an Ex-officio Senator from Round Rock.

**New RRC Student Government Representative Requirements:**

- Only required to attend 1-2 Student Government meetings in San Marcos per semester
- Student Government will validate RRC Rep’s parking when they do come to San Marcos for meetings/events
- No longer required to be on a commission or committee (but still welcome)
- Reduced RRC “office” hours required

If you are interested in this leadership opportunity, you may apply here: [http://studentgovernment.dos.txstate.edu/about-us/rrc.html](http://studentgovernment.dos.txstate.edu/about-us/rrc.html), or contact Alyssa Kroeker, [ae1164@txstate.edu](mailto:ae1164@txstate.edu), if you have any questions.
The Spring Study Abroad Fair is January 28th! We are expecting over 30 study abroad representatives ready to speak to students and faculty between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the LBJ Student Center Ballroom. Be sure to bring your questions and your passion for travel! A number of students who attended last year’s Study Abroad fair have just departed for their exchange programs! We are very proud of our students who will be attending a semester in places around the world ranging all the way from England to Japan.

If you would like more information about studying abroad, please feel free to contact our office at 512-245-1967 or studyabroad@txstate.edu.

Several Spring 2015 exchange students attend their final pre-departure orientation. (Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Sierra Parsons-Psychology, Elizabeth Agho-International Studies, Makayla Velarde-Political Science, Brandy White-Family and Child Development, Sage Campbell-Biology, and Tori Heiman-Anthropology).

Bobcat Day—Round Rock Campus

Know someone who would benefit from continuing their education at the Round Rock Campus (RRC)? Have a friend or family member wanting to learn more about programs offered at the RRC? Encourage them, or better yet, accompany them to Bobcat Day—Round Rock on:

Saturday, March 7, 2015, Starting at 10:00 a.m.

Bobcat Day Round Rock Campus is the perfect opportunity to gather information on admissions and the application, degree requirements, financial aid, veterans affairs, student services and development opportunities. Meet expert program representatives, get questions answered and find solutions for educational goals! Get them to register TODAY at http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/bobcatday! For more information, call 512-716-4001.

Teacher Recruitment Program at Texas State’s Round Rock Campus

The Teacher Recruitment Program (TRP) at Texas State University’s Round Rock Campus has, over the last fifteen years, been providing an accelerated pathway for individuals, who hold baccalaureate degrees, to become teachers. The two-semester, accelerated, graduate-level teacher preparation program has been very successful in preparing teachers from a variety of fields. As a “hands on”, field-based program, many of our newly certified TRP teachers have found employment in Leander ISD, Round Rock ISD, Austin ISD, Hutto ISD, Taylor ISD and Pflugerville ISD, just to name a few. The majority of TRP participants go on to complete their Master’s degree in Education and many have advanced to leadership positions in surrounding school districts. Although TRP was designed for mid-career individuals, TRP also accepts recent graduates. The next TRP information session is scheduled on January 27, Avery Building, 453, 5:00 pm. For more information about the Teacher Recruitment Program, please review our webpage, http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html, or contact Pat Yeargain, py11@txstate.edu.
Attention Elementary and Secondary Education Graduate Students:

If you are planning to graduate in May 2015, with your Masters degree, you must pass a written comprehensive exam. The exam is free, but you must pre-register. Go to this link for exam registration information: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/comps.html. For information on how to apply for graduation, graduation application deadlines, etc. go to: http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/Current_Students/Graduation.html.

Teacher Recruitment Program

The Teacher Recruitment Program (TRP) is designed for mid-career adults who hold a baccalaureate degree and desire an accelerated program to attain teacher certification. The deadline for Fall 2015 is March 1. Information and applications are available online at: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html

Information Sessions for Prospective Post-Baccalaureate Students Seeking Teacher Certification

Information Sessions regarding the teacher preparation program are held throughout each semester. For more information go to: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html

Teacher Certification Exam Information

Texas law requires every person seeking educator certification to perform satisfactorily on comprehensive exams. The purpose of these exams is to ensure that each educator has the necessary content and professional knowledge to perform effectively in Texas public schools. For information about the policies, test dates/deadlines, practice tests and reviews, study guides, and registration for the exam go to http://education.txstate.edu/oep and click on the appropriate tab at the top of the page.

Office of Disability Services

Vision

We will STRIVE to become a model program SERVING students with disabilities in higher education.

Mission

We will ENSURE that students with disabilities have EQUAL ACCESS to all university programs and activities and provide students the opportunity to reach their FULL POTENTIAL.

Veterans Affairs

- ***VA Certification Process*** In an effort to reduce paper consumption, the Texas State VA Office is no longer accepting paper documents. Students must now use the new VA Certification Request Application. Please be prepared to upload all required documents directly into Texas State’s secure document management system at the end of your application. Be sure to submit an application for each semester in which you have registered along with your most recent COE. For more info. regarding what to submit, click here or contact Alyssa Kroeker, ae1164@txstate.edu.

- Hazelwood Exemption and Legacy: Paperwork is due by the 12th class day if using these benefits for the first time. Students must now use the new VA Certification Request Application. For more info. regarding what to submit, click here or contact Alyssa Kroeker, ae1164@txstate.edu.

- Disabled Veterans - Parking Permit fees are waived but you must provide documentation to Parking Services (Avery 250).

Student Business Services (SBS) & Financial Aid

Payment for Spring 2015 was due on January 15, 2015. The Emergency Loan Plan and Short Term Loan are available as of January 12, 2015.

Payment Plan Deadlines

- 1st installment was due upon enrollment
- 2nd installment is due Friday, March 6, by 5:00 p.m.
- 3rd installment is due Friday, April 3, by 5:00 p.m.

Financial Aid refunds will be processed on Mondays. Spring 2015 refunds will begin processing January 12, 2015. Please allow 24 to 72 hours for your funds to be available. For additional assistance, RRC students may contact Autumn Guel by calling 512-716-4007 or by email at abg35@txstate.edu or visit the Student Business Services website: http://www.sbs.txstate.edu.
The University will be closed on Mon Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Welcome Back Bobcats!
Please join us for Welcome Week
Jan. 20 - 23
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
2nd floor Atrium

Spring 2015 Late Schedule Changes
January 17—28
Ends January 28 at 3 p.m.

Student Organization Open House
Jan. 28,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.,
4th floor Atrium

Career Services Advisor on campus!
Jan. 29,
1 - 7 p.m.
Contact Alyssa Kroeker,
ae1164@txstate.edu, to schedule an appt.

Join us on Twitter:
http://twitter.com/TexasStateRRHEC

The next student newsletter publication date is February 2, 2015. In order to promote your student organization, all submissions (information, articles, photos, etc.) must be emailed to ae1164@txstate.edu (Subject: Student Newsletter) by noon on January 20, 2015.