

September 12, 2016

Time: 7:07pm Call to Order

President Andrew Homann 7:08pm-

First I want to go ahead and say thank you to all the Senators who came to Bobcats United. Introduces Dr. Trauth to the podium.

Dr. Trauth 7:09pm-

Congratulations to being a part of Student Government! Anyone who has been directed to me just know that I immediately direct them towards Student Government. We have accomplished many things including enhancing the safety of the University. It is important to us that we accomplish these things because we are a Residential University. It is also important to keep this campus safe and we have spent over three million dollars enhancing the security of this campus to do just that. We have added 150 new light posts and upped the level of lighting on those posts. There are now more police officers on campus and we have even increased the safety on the alert system that you can now sign up for on the app. Know that this app has many different features!

New campus carry law went into effect August 1st and it now permits students to carry on campus in most of our buildings. There are new signings around campus about the "new campus carry act" and we will be revising at the end of the year once we get feedback from how our first year went with it enacted.

Construction is definitely causing problems no doubt about that, but the outcome will definitely be worth it. Bobcat trail is also opened and is now our second quad. This new trail goes to the goal of having more green space while still giving students the mobility to move around campus. We have a balance of pervious cover and impervious cover to reach this goal. The new dining hall is now finished and it has a lot of new features. If you have not already seen it you must, it is truly a success. Star park which is our research park, is a place where the start of companies do research but also a place where faculty and staff can also engage at. There are also a lot of renovations going on in our big facilities. One of these facilities is Alkek, some of these renovations deal with the power sources, the power sources behind the elevator, learning commons, freeing up space, and freeing up the gallery space on the last floor. There are two phases to the renovation of LBJ; the first phase is all infrastructure, the second phase is adding more meeting spaces.

Step up for state, this is the first time that Texas State University will be doing a day of giving and also doing 1,899 minutes which is an online fundraiser with projects that are all student oriented.

Always make sure you are putting your best foot forward when representing Student Government meaning reinforcing the traditions of Texas State. By this I mean walking the stage in a timely manner, having good grades, and engaging in the University. One of the ways to be engaged is to attend the athletic events; soccer, volleyball, and football. These three sports are going on right now so please go out and support these teams. Another thing I want to add is to help keep the campus looking beautiful. When incoming students view our campus the first

thing they say is how beautiful it is and litter detracts from that beauty! In order to to keep this campus beautiful don't litter and please look after your fellow students as well. Questions?

Senator Escalante 7:23pm-

First off I want to commend on the lighting and hearing out the need for these improvements and implicating them.

Dr. Trauth 7:24pm-

No further question or comments, concluded speech.

Dr. Haas 7:25pm-

September 20th is "meet the professor night" for honors college. It gives students the ability to see the classes we have to offer and explore the opportunities within the college. September 27th, we have national registration day and an event with the democratic and republican conventions (Flyers were passed out). There are currently 100 research projects going on right now! Although the initiatives for these projects are housed to the honors college any student can participate in the undergraduate research project.

Moving on to "Surf Grants." We are trying to expand and diversify. We are using the website to give students the opportunity to apply to this grant application. We are going to streamline application and make it more flexible to where its available to everyone. There is also a chance to do community service research projects. We are opening up the number of venues and it's going to be a requirement that you come and present your project to the community. It can be presented in any way and we are all here to help you with that project.

Now for the "Research fellowship." All undergraduates are eligible and will be giving a review period at the end of October and February. If you want to do it during the summer you will apply in the spring. Sophomores and juniors who are doing research for their thesis, this is a great way to get started for your thesis requirement and complete it. Seniors are encouraged to apply, but remember that you must complete it before graduation. Freshman can apply of course, but priority will be given to upperclassmen. The application will be online very soon. It will involve a proposal 3/4th page, project timeline, brief budget narrative, recommendations from a faculty research sponsor (they will help you develop your project and see through it), and resume. The deadline for this is October 24th for fall and February 13th for spring review. This form will be finalized as soon as we know the exact platform for everything. Honors college is definitely a great thing to be apart of and there's coffee! Flyers were handed out.

Senator Sikazwe 7:36pm-

I am apart of the honors college so if you have any questions you can definitely ask me.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:37pm-

Moving on to item number 8. It is international housekeeping week so if you see any janitors please make sure to smile and say thank you. Item public forum, anyone who would like to address to the senate or be added to the senate. NONE.

Snidder 7:39pm-

There is a meeting at the house at ASBN 450B. If you would like to come please let me know just in case you get lost and I can direct you. Also thank you all for including us in the retreat, we enjoyed it very much. Marketing and programs, if there are any upcoming events that ya'll would like promoted I have a meeting every friday so I can definitely mention it during it.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:40pm:

Gives the floor to Shull.

Senator Shull 7:40pm-

I am going to the deputy registrar this week on wednesday at 3:00pm at the government center in San Marcos. On the 15th we will be having convention day and we do need more people to cover shifts and volunteer. If you are interested in that please shoot me an email or come talk to me. End of report.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:43pm -

Gives the floor to Gonzalez.

Senator Gonzalez 7:43pm-

I want to thank leadership for the retreat this past weekend, it was fantastic. Legislative updates- adopt a section on campus and work on up keeping that destination, and establishing what is formally known as bobcat trail in commons to more meetings. End of report.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:44pm-

Gives the floor to Plowey.

Senator Plowey 7:44pm-

The Star Branch application is september 19th. Also considered opening 2 positions for students to represent their research in conference.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:44pm-

Give the floor to Duncan.

Senator Duncan 7:45pm-

Student government will have a seal, we want to get this ball rolling and get that logo put out. If you are in the group message I am sorry for blowing it up. I want to go ahead and remind you to keep your social media clean and retweet anything that I ask you to as well.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:46pm-

Gives the floor to Spates

Senator Spates 7:46pm-

First introduced the freshmen council. There are a lot of plans for the freshman council and we just had a barbeque.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:47pm-

Now moving on to item old business. If there is anyone who has not been confirmed please come up. 3 were confirmed. Item 35 and 36, both items passed.

Senator 7:57pm-

Addressing parking appeals- this essentially puts the parking appeals process back in the hands of the students. So students will reside on how that appeal will work. Any questions? No questions.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:59pm-

Opens the floor to debate and discussion. No questions. This peace passes.

Senator Plowey 8:00pm-

Budget for the year- allocated more money to our programs in marketing. Any questions? No questions.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:01pm-

Opens the floor for debate and discussion. None, voice roll call. This peace passes.

Senator 8:02pm-

Retreat was a lot of fun and I want to thank the executive board for the town hall and taking the initiative on that. Essentially what this safety piece acts as, is a safety tool that really promotes safety and we want to encourage people to look out for each other and use it. Any questions?

Senator 8:03pm-

How will this be different from the bobcat guardian app? It was launched a couple of weeks ago, has safety timers, etc.,

Senator 8:04pm-

This piece actually will be under the Texas State app which will be more convenient instead of downloading another app. I know that most Texas State students already have the Texas State app and since this is a new launch to the app we ask that you please support it.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:06pm-

debate and discussion? None. Vote by voice, this piece passes. New business.

Lead Sponsor 8:06pm-

A resolution which will establish the safety of students when it comes to drinking. Executive chair will develop a mission statement and vision to ensure the safety of others. Director finance will monitor the finances of the program which will serve as the financial advisor and monitor the fundraising of the program. Director of risk management will work with the Texas State student

health center and various groups to create revise. Meeting times will be chosen by the executive chair. Carpools will be composed of validated university funding.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:10pm-
meeting adjourned.