

Senate Minutes
February 20, 2017

Call to Order: 7:04pm
Pledge: Senator Gonzalez

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:06pm-
Approval of the minutes Senator Duncan seconded by Senator Gonzalez

President Andrew Homann 7:07pm-
Our capital day is tomorrow so if you're going to that get in touch with Katie. Adopt the spot is now open and we will be ordering the signs soon. Another executive order that we will be issuing is the expansion of fixing our graduation seals on stoles. The seal should only be used on the stole and not for any other purposes. The order will be allowing us to put our student government seal on our stole for graduation. We want to do something that makes bobcats stand out since we are competing against UT and Baylor so if you have any ideas that will help us stand out let me know.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:10pm-
Moving onto guest speakers.

AGD 7:10pm-
We are the new panhellenic chapter on campus and we are currently recruiting to start our chapter on this campus and create a cool sisterhood on campus. We have 4 chapters in Texas. Also we would like to join a partnership and we are here to promote you all and please let me know how we could have a good connection. If you have something that the greek community could go to please let me know. We really want to be a campus partner with you all. I have contact cards and buttons and feel free to promote us on campus. If you know someone that would be interested or a good candidate for AGD please fill out the contact card. We have one on ones that are starting this Thursday and this is the official start of the recruitment process and on Saturday is bid day. It is a very short recruitment process and we will have our founding class on Saturday.

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:16pm-
I was just elected into my fourth term. The first time I went to the capitol was in 2007. I was working in the trucking industry and the states had changed our taxing structure and 10% of business saw a 5% increase in their tax liability as well as many others. I went to the capital in 2007 and we went around visiting with staff and legislature and we were talking about this trucking structure and not a lot changed. I went back in 2009 and again the same thing happened. The last day of 2009 my wife and I campaigned for representative. I ran for office because there were people that were making decisions for us. I take this opportunity to serve you seriously. I got out of school \$11,000 in debt and it took me 17 years to pay off a 4 year degree. The amount almost doubled in the amount of 8 years now for others. We have to pass one bill and we stay there until we get it done. Tomorrow is Texas State day in E1.320 and I will be in that room tomorrow. I need to hear what your priorities are. 89% of students said that they would attend Texas State university all over again if they had the chance to. There are 37 public universities in Texas and it holds 5th place for the number of graduates each year. Texas State needs to be rewarded for its success. Only a 4 billion dollar shortfall and reward those that are doing well. I want to fight for tuition revenue dollars and it's to build new buildings and when you look at other universities you are the one that needs the most expansion and that's coming from

placing in 5th. In the first time in the history of Texas that bill died and we brought it back to life to fight and protect our groundwater in Hays County. Currently measuring the groundwater we had and how much it rebuilds itself. Give exemptions to homeowners that have rainwater collections. Teachers have said that they spent 43 days to prepare their students for the STARR test. House bill 13.33 letting school do tests for themselves and put it in the hands of people of our trustees. Other issues that are important are CPS personnel being overtaxed and have to see over 22 children a day. We have people who are good people that are constantly inspected and their homes are intruded in to see if things like if their mayo is expired that would make them unfit to be a provider. These fathers mothers and children came to allow children to have access to cannabis oil to help their children. Patients with epilepsy, parkinson disease, and veterans, can be treated with the CBD. Parents risk losing their children and becoming a criminal because they go out of their ways to get this for their loved ones for medical reasons. One thing I want to expand is THC for compassionate use for ADHD or other disorders. Remember that the people that you elect is who you work for. I want to work on legislation that is going to be passed and I wanted to open it up for question and feedback.

Student 7:34pm-
H.B.159 referring to online voting registration

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:34pm-
We passed a pilot program that lived overseas that allowed them to be able to register and vote but obviously fraud is our biggest concern.

Student 7:35pm-
Well we can renew our driver's license online so how is this any different? I believe that california did this as well.

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:35pm-
I'll look into that

Senator Shivers 7:36pm-
Would you be open to legalizing medical marijuana for all medical issues or only certain ones.

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:37pm-
It doesn't cost any thousand dollars to do so, so yes.

Driftwood Resident 7:37pm-
I want to thank you as a driftwood resident and a rainwater collector. I love that you are able to take different political stances. Will you support joint resolution that has been brought by your house colleague to redistrict that Texas legislative along with advisors with procedures?

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:38pm-
In the past I have not approved of redistricting. Fortunately for me and our redistricting and my district when they divided it they were over 4 people. I have seen legislators that have done that.

Driftwood Resident 7:39pm-
There are some tortured districts and were the districts are drawn they are by no means neutral.

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:39pm-
I rather have one voice in the senate to be able to have a voice in the county.

Senator Cutter 7:40pm-

If you are an undocumented student that graduated from a public school where do you stand on the tuition spectrum? Where do you stand on students that graduated with me 1-12? Are they allowed in state tuition?

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:41pm-

Our country offers a large amount of numbers of immigrants into the U.S. more than other countries. If we do it legally then we could. If you are an illegal and came to Texas at the age of 5 then no it's hard to believe that you are a Texan. Awhile back it was a 15 year process to get a green card and it was infuriating me. I do suggest that we need to build a wall and not literally a wall but we need to watch it all, especially the sex trade and people who are enslaved. We have to find some ways to improve our immigration system

Senator 7:44pm-

Feedback on the marijuana bill I see it as a positive. However, how would we deal with drinking and driving? I know that there are people in this town that would proceed this as to be legal. I think about it and the realistics of it and how we could police this.

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:45pm-

The driving issue is a good thing and should be. It's not legalizing its decriminalizing it. You have to understand that as a representative I do not want to rule out any primaries. I do not support legalising marijuana I want to decriminalize it. I want to eliminate driving under the influence when it come to this as well.

Ben 7:46pm-

One thing that we can all agree on, is that tuition rate is raising at a fast pace and like you said it was hard trying to pay them back. Most of us are worried about tuition rather than those controversial issues like gender neutral bathrooms and abortions.

Mr. Jason Isaac 7:47pm-

That is right we need to focus on jobs when you get out of here. I was thinking in the college of chambers that we need to change the news and focus on more important issues. Thank you for all of your time.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:48pm-

Moving onto our next item. I wanted to remind you all that next monday I will be having the parli pro workshop. New senators are required to go and if you need help please come. I will be sending out an email of the exact location later on this week. Home basketball game is this saturday and next monday. End of report. Moving onto public forum. None. Moving onto item 10 cabinet reports.

Senator Shull 7:50pm-

Tomorrow is capital day and Senator Andrew Gonzalez is driving everyone. We haven't decided where we are meeting but it will definitely be on campus. I ask that the people who are traveling with us please stay a couple of minutes after.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:51pm-

Any other cabinet members?

Connor 7:51pm-

I sat at the not on my campus meeting earlier today. They are beginning their quad days next week on the 27th -2nd raising awareness. If you are interested in helping out please reach out to her. I will post the calendar out to you guys. The final installment of bob cats united and not on my campus has been and done and it's about raising awareness. It will probably take place april 4th or 6th. It is going to be a pretty big deal.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:53pm-

Any other cabinet members? None. Moving onto old business.

Senator duncan 7:53pm-

Declare this piece as already read seconded by Senator Escalante

Senator Molina 7:54pm-

To clear up any misconceptions regarding campus carry. With that being said there have been over 50 campuses that have opened up and have the number of reports have not raised. 138 violating students in a 2 year span. Support freedom and protection. Questions?

Senator Reagan 7:55pm-

S.B.11 has been enacted and Texas State which already allows campus carry. So does this ban them from the free zones?

Senator Molina 7:55pm-

Pretty much trying to cover the loopholes.

Senator Reagan 7:56pm-

Will this bill allow guns in sporting events?

Senator Molina 7:56pm-

No this is in regards to the rules of NCAA

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:57pm-

Motion to move to adopt, seconded by Senator Gonzalez. Moving onto debate and discussions.

Senator Shivers 7:57pm-

As a survivor of sexual assault I feel that this is a great resolution and I really like this.

Senator Sikazwe 7:58pm-

It is truly unfortunate to hear that happened to you. Will this legislation allow for campus carry on child related areas on campus or?

Senator Molina 7:58pm-

Yes the legislation would allow carry on the child development centers of the campus and it is important to have this there as well.

Senator Reagan 7:59pm-

I believe that you cannot have it on the 4th and 5th floor or the child care center. I believe that it is a very necessary legislation and I believe it is put in place to protect.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:00pm-

I move to call to question. Vote by roll call. 27 I's, this piece passes.

Senator Schrade 8:02pm-

I'd like to consider this piece as already read, seconded by Senator Gonzalez

Senator Escalante 8:02pm-

This bill is to extend wifi and currently implemented right now and was actually started throughout the christmas break. I believe that student government should stand with this to install the wifi in all of the halls. Questions? None.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:03pm-

Vote to move to adopt, seconded by Senator Sharde. Move to debate and discussion. None.

Senator Escalante 8:03pm-

Vote to move onto discussions and debate, seconded by Senator Sharde. Move to vote by voice, seconded by Senator Duncan. This piece passes.

Senator Duncan 8:04pm-

I'd like to consider this piece as read, seconded by Senator Escalante

Senator Sikazwe 8:05pm-

Incorporate bobcat guardian that has the option to set a timer. For example you study in the library for 3 hours say you are studying and it goes off someone will be notified immediately and call you. You can also put your medical information in there such as diabetes so if an emergency occurs then you can be better taken care of. A vote for this legislation is a vote for student safety. Questions? None.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:07pm-

Move onto debate and discussion.

Senator Schrade 8:07pm-

Move to call to question, seconded by Senator Gonzalez. None

Senator Duncan

Call to vote by voice, seconded by Senator Merritt.

This piece passes.

Senator Statton 8:08pm-

Protecting the first amendment whereas student government is the voice of the student body. Recent events on college campuses is not compromised by freedom of speech. Protecting the human rights and freedom of speech can be done without reprimand or assembly against. Student government will addresses that these students rights are protected.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:11pm-

Lead sponsor for S.R. 18 please come to the front.

Senator 8:11pm-

Loiter offenders and face up to a \$50 fine. Texas state seeks to provide an environment that will drive students towards this campus. As students use confetti for graduation and pictures this trash is not picked up and washed into our river which then affects our river. If this is not addressed it will be harmful to the 12 endangered species in our river and fresh waters. Signs be placed in the quad and around the UAC stating "keep texas state beautiful. No loitering. You will be assigned a \$50 fine if caught in the act of it." If they are found loitering they are required to produce a record of their texas state id or employee id or texas state issued id to keep on record. The fine must be paid by the end of the semester and all the funds will be allocated to environmental service department.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 8:14pm-
Motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator Loosmore

Adjournment: 8:14pm