September 27, 2011

TO: Bill Nance
FROM: Joanne H. Smith
SUBJECT: 2010-2011 ASG Legislation

The Associated Student Government under President, Melanie Ferrari, and Vice-President, Colter Ray passed legislation that I feel pertain to your area. The process for responding to passed legislation is to forward the legislation to you for your review and response, if applicable. The Dean of Students Office, serving the capacity of advisor to ASG, keeps a flowchart of the legislation passed during the year and responses to the legislation.

I have listed below the legislation pertaining to your area. Please review the legislation and respond back to me so that I can forward the responses to the Associated Student Government. Copies of the legislation passed are attached to this memorandum.

ASG Legislation:

1. S.R.S. 2010-2011/18 “Ring Savings Program”

Thank you for taking time to review these documents. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Attachment
October 6, 2011

To: Dr. Joanne Smith
From: Bill Nance
Subj.: S.R.S. 2010-2011/18 “Ring Savings Program”

We have reviewed this ASG legislation. While Balfour indeed has this program at other universities and is prepared to implement such a program at Texas State, as is the University Bookstore, we have too many unresolved issues with the new Banner Student Information System at this time to introduce a new billing and accounting element in it.

We agree that this will be a good program for the students as well as the University. However, we would like to take the 2011-2012 year to work out the “bugs” in the new system. We had issues this fall with installment plans, the allocation of financial aid to the various charges, the recalculation of bills net of refunds, drops and adds, and credit card payments.

If we can solve these problems by the fall of 2012, we will be pleased to work on the implementation of the ring savings program in the following academic year. There are several questions that will have to be answered before we can implement it, though. For example, will Student Business Services be forced to undertake collection efforts when students miss an installment? What will be our refund policy if a student graduates without fulfilling the financial requirements for a ring? Those are just a couple of questions that come to mind on first reading of this legislation.

Thank you for forwarding this legislation. I am pleased that students are taking a strong interest in the still relatively new official Texas State ring.