

Minutes
November 21 2016

Call to Order: 7:05pm
Pledge of Allegiance: Senator Mason

Senator Sikazwe motion to amend the SR and add my name under the list of sponsors.
Seconded by Senator Gonzalez

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:09pm-
Approval of minutes? Motioned by Senator Gonzalez, seconded by Senator Schrade

President Andrew Homann 7:09pm-
December 3rd's football game got moved and will now be at 6:30pm. Freshmen tailgate will be moved back as well because of this. You should all have gotten a message from Dr. Smith and if you are interested in doing the application please let us know. Continue telling others about round table. Student Government elections are coming up. I have the list of senators whose terms are expiring; Connor, Shull, Andrew Gonzalez, Anthony, Alberto Aguilera, Drews, Merritt, Huetteman, Roberts, Pavlicek and a few others. So you will have to run for re-election in the upcoming spring. Adopt the spot is still trying to get pushed out and will be established as soon as possible.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:12pm-
Moving onto guest speakers

Mr. Nicholas Sterling 7:12pm-
VP of Veterans alliance at Texas State. Our goal is pretty much our retention rate on this campus. Adjustment for veterans is a very tough and a lot of these veterans give up their educational goals because of it. I want to help these veterans reach their goals and not give up on them. A lot of what we do is off campus activities such as taking them fishing, hiking, etc., I try to inspire them to keep their lives on track. I know it is very difficult for them to stick out for their goals because they have a lot of drive or purpose so we try to give them that goal oriented mindset. We've been doing some panels with the freshmen and we want to let them know that they have very strong leadership skills. If there is any questions about what we do with the veteran community please let us know.

Senator Schrade 7:16pm-
What is your contact info?

Mr. Nicholas Sterling 7:16pm-
You can find our contact information on the veterans guiding veterans program on the texas state webpage. You can also find any of my contact information on that page and I help a lot of them even that goes as far back as financial aid, grants, etc., There are 30-40 veteran faculty members that are here to help as well. Email is: ns1186@txstate.edu

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:18pm-
Moving onto next guest speaker

Dyhanara Rios 7:18pm-

Apart of service leadership. Our mission here is to contribute to our communities and bring awareness to our waterways this includes the San Marcos river. What we exemplify. It is based here in San Marcos and we connect with the San Marcos river foundation and other people in our community that cares for our cause. Water quality monitoring is anyone who wants to take care of our Texas waters. They can go through training and we use a kit that we do on a monthly basis that tests the waters. We are working on educational outreach and letting people know that there are things such as this for water research majors and environmental majors as well. The Texas State stream team are the eyes to watch making sure everyone is not littering and making sure we are treating our river very good. A lot of people don't know what spring lake is or the meadows which is always looking for researchers. Splash talk is a podcast which is an objective to get to know our community and get together with other people by promoting and talking to people to protect our environment. Streamteamtxst.org is our website. Student foundation has been a great thing on our campus. We serve as ambassadors for the university and there are now applications for it. Student foundation is under the Dean of Students Office and the application is online as well. Questions? None.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:26pm-

Next item, VP report. Tonight there is a basketball that starts at 7pm but I want to emphasize that the directors are really wanting our support at these games. There is a football game this Saturday at 3pm and for the December 3rd game they will be giving away free hot chocolate and cookies. I believe that they are giving a raffle away for people who can go, for free tuition and it is something that is being highly advertised so be sure to spread the word. Emphasis that the end of the year winter banquet will be Monday December 5th and refer to it as winter banquet not anything else. Item 9 public forum. None. move onto cabinet reports.

Senator Duncan 7:30pm-

Roundtable is next Monday on the 28th. We decided to increase membership and give out Torchy's gift cards to the senator that brings the most friends. Make sure to dress nice and represent student government. Winter banquet we will have a white elephant exchange, (no more than \$5) tacky sweater attire, a photo booth, and the opportunity to pie the cabinets. We will also vote on superlatives, best dressed, class clown, who's the party pro, most likely to brighten your day, and most likely to adjourn. We will also be needing help with escorts and just walk them to their table. Also it is addressed that if you see a semi empty table lets disperse and talk to everyone. We want everyone to feel welcomed and show them our gratitude for coming. Winter banquet will be a potluck, form/google doc is being sent out for that. End of report.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:34pm-

No other cabinet reports? None. Now moving onto old business. S.R. 2016-2017 .09

Senator Sikazwe 7:34pm-

Environmental service committee is where students and graduate students are able to apply for and it offers students a way to start some collaboration with environmental professionals. One concern that came out was what happens if all the money is not used? It cannot be used on anything other than an environmental service project. We are going to use these fees establishing a new position that offers someone a paid position that can supervise all projects and make sure that all the money is being allocated efficiently. Another step forward is we are now collaborating with the senator of UT. Their current student fee is \$5 and we are trying to increase ours by \$1. So it's not something we are just trying to get money out of. We are trying to conserve all these services and outlets that make Texas State, Texas State. Questions? None.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:40pm-

Move to adopt the piece. Motioned by Senator Galo, seconded by Senator Schrade. Moving on to call to question? Motioned by Senator Schrade, seconded by Senator Gonzalez. Move on to voting by roll call. Move to do the voting by voice motioned by Senator Schrade, seconded by Senator Gonzalez. The I's have it this piece passes.

Senator Gonzalez 7:40pm

Ammend that the rules already have been read, seconded by Senator Escalante.

Senator 7:42pm-

Making the election process more modern and in time instead of the constant back and forth predicaments that we had this previous election.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:43pm-

Move to adopt? Motioned by Senator Gonzalez, seconded by Senator Schrade. Move on to call to question? Motioned by Senator schrade, seconded by Senator Gonzalez. Vote by roll call. This piece passes.

Senator 7:46pm-

To serve as liaison for an outreach program for diversity among our campus. Our student body is from different religions, races, identities, gender, age,. Student Government values democracy that inclusively listens to our diverse students on this campus. Two senators will be voted to represent as liaison for this. Liaison will present a monthly report, monthly to Student Government.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:49pm-

Will the lead sponsor of S.R. 2016-2017.11 course by resolution please come to the stand.

Senator 7:49pm-

The Mental Health Statement of course by resolution. Student Government will represent all students here on Texas State campus. 50% of students with mental health issues never access mental health services. Counseling provides help for all students with mental health issues. To put a Mental health statement on course syllabi and take away the stigma of seeking out student mental health help. Texas State provides cause free for students that have personal issues that present issues with their well being and student school progress.

<https://counseling@txstate.edu> may be accessed at any point in the semester. Counseling is also available at the 18774660660 Texas State hotline crisis. Learn more at the counseling center. Student Government recommends that all academic departments put a mental health statement on their course syllabi and for the mental health statement of the syllabi to be implemented in spring 2017 if this piece passes.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:56pm-

Moving onto S.R. 2016-2017 to add lighting to the public library.

Senator 7:56pm-

Lighting up alkek to represent student spirit that will serve as a focal point for pride and establishment. Texas State increases to enhance symbolic resolutions and establish these lights to recognize athletics, commencements,etc., Seeking funding through marketing measures, and support from Student Government.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:58pm

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:58pm, seconded by Senator Gonzalez