

Senate Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2017

Call to Order-7:02pm  
Pledge of Allegiance- Senator Gonzalez

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:03pm-  
Moving onto amendments of the day.

Senator Gonzalez 7:03pm-  
Vote to suspend rules seconded by Senator Mare.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:04pm-  
Approval of minutes seconded by Senator Gonzalez

President Andrew Homann 7:04pm-  
Thank you for coming out to our roundtable event this year. Our next event will be bobcats united with not on my campus next monday. We will have our own panel and roll over into the senate meeting. Including the mental health statement on the syllabi. Dr. wants to emphasize on that and recommend that all teachers put that on their syllabus. We want to change lighting up alkek to lighting up the star on Strahan. This is more practical reach for us and we also want a wall street journal subscription. This would be more ideal versus lighting up alkek because of the expenses. Our directors will have more information on that in some of the last minute things.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:06pm-  
No guest speakers. Vice president report. Not everyone was in attendance at the round table event today. If you didn't send in an excuse I will be following up with you. I hope that you will go to the banquet and let us know if you cannot go so that we can adjust food requests. Finally seniors I sent out an email to you all and you should be responding to me. There is a grad house social april 2nd from 4:3 -6:30pm. Senators are welcome to attend and can offer to help out. If you are into event planning and food planning/catering please reach out to her as well.  
Moving on to public forum. None. Move onto item 10 cabinet reports

Senator Shull 7:09pm-  
Sikazwe and I's piece about the campus loitering will be implemented next week. Please call or email both him and I if you have any questions or concerns. We were just at roundtable and we were talking about a piece about making the updates for student information mandatory.

Senator Sikazwe 7:10pm-  
As soon as the students come here they will automatically be enrolled into the texas state alerts but we feel that these apps are very unutilized. So I know a lot of you have received emails about updating your information and we will now make it mandatory to do this first before registering for classes. We thought that people will be held back from this piece passing because you would potentially be held back from registering for classes. But we feel that this is really important and it is for safety reasons. This is so you can opt out of these warnings from UPD that are vital to our safety. If none of your information is changed then you would just need to click the button that says 'nothing has changed'. We realized that a lot of the things that are not utilized can potentially be taken away because of the money putting into it and we do not want that because we tried so hard to establish that. We would love all feedback.

Senator Peterson 7:14pm-

Does the university give out or sell out our information when we give it to them?

Senator Sikazwe 7:14pm-

No we made sure 100% that they do not solicit it to anyone and it is strictly for safety services. Everyone has their phone in their hand constantly so we figured that by text message is the best way to implicate these alerts

Senator Escalante 7:15pm-

Do we know the statistics of people that are signed up?

Sikazwe 7:16pm-

No but we do know that only 5% of our students are signed up for bobcat guardian which is extremely low.

Senator Peterson 7:16pm-

Is it expressively stated that our information is not going to be given out?

Senator Sikazwe 7:16pm-

I'm not completely sure but I can double check.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:17pm-

Sidenote that next week is the last week to introduce new legislation. No other reports. No old business so moving onto new business. S.R. 2016-17.19

Senator 7:17pm-

To implement a translation feature on the texas state web page to be opted to turn into spanish and that the texas state be known for its diverse student body. To further enhance academic resources and services on this campus. Be it that there is a translation option via google to incorporate our webpage to spanish and have the ability for more languages in the future.

Vice President Samantha Martinez 7:20pm-

Motion to adjourn seconded by Senator Escalante.

Adjournment:

7:20pm