



Student Government Senate  
Texas State University

LBJ Student Center | Teaching Theater – 7:00 PM  
Eighth Session  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**Student Government Senate Agenda**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

A) Taken by Senate Clerk-Ashlee Lopez

**IV. Orders of the Day**

A) XI B) Student Labor Relations act tabled till next week

B) XII E) Implement an Independent Police Advisory Tabled

**V. Approval of Minutes**

A) Approved

**VI. Guest Speakers**

**VII. Public Forum**

**VIII. Vice President's Report**

A) Constitution day was very successful for Student Government which registered a lot of voters. VP Thompson wanted to extend his gratitude to all that came by say hello.

B) Additionally he has received an update on free menstrual hygiene, the products are on their way so by the start of next week they should be rolling out into 15 designated bathrooms across 6 building on campus.

C) Next, this years first monthly River Cleanup will be held this Sunday from at 12:30pm to 2pm. Student Government members will be meeting by the Lions Club beforehand.

D) Finally, tomorrow is voter registration day. Student Government has teamed up with MoveTX to help register voters, Senator Wicker's report further expands upon this.

**IX. Cabinet Reports**

A) Wicker: Tomorrow is national voter registration day. Per the request of MoveTx, Student Government will be setting up a table to registering people to vote. Additionally, over the past weekend (Sept. 21 & 22) students were evacuated from an apartment complex near campus, we are waiting for more information regarding the emergency status of these students and to gain a full understanding of their situation and needs so that we may be considering way to aid them in any ways possible. Finally, next week the Safety Task Force will



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be officially launching. There is still time to apply and room on the task force, so please use these final days to get involved if you are interested.

B) Senator Gonzales: Student Government has switched its streaming to Periscope (Twitter live) from FB. Additionally, The Commission for Marketing and Outreach has begun working on a Student Government journal to create accessible ways for Bobcats to keep up current with all that is happening with Student Government.

C) Senator Nieves: The Finance Commission was been able to review all Star Grant submissions turned by Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, so they should be receiving notifications regarding their response. The applications are open but their responses are done periodically so they may take a week or two to allow pending applications to be reviewed and responded to.

D) Senator Tichy: He is using this opportunity to address some issues of concern and to air grievances publicly. There has been a pressing issue concerning retention of Student Government members. There are flaws in the design and execution of our Student Government which has lead to an unhealthy environment harbored from within. This has ultimately discouraged the involvement of students currently outside the organization. A major points that he wanted to address was that there should be no arguments regarding the acknowledgement of the privilege necessary required to participate in Student Government. An example of such privilege is the commitment of time alone, which routinely requires members to be active in meetings from 5pm till often well beyond 10pm, which infringes upon a student's right and ability to utilize university transportation, for which they pay to be transported to and from a university organization. When a you have privileged group legislating on behalf of students, you run the risk of misrepresenting the Student body. Secondly, Senator Tichy addressed dismissive manner in which TXST's administration has commonly responded towards legislation passed by Student Government, highlighting their half-hearted lack of follow through to pieces of legislation passed by the Student Government. In conclusion, he is calling upon the Dean of Students office for a special election to help fill the empty seats in a democratically manner rather than though appointments.

E) Senator Brown: She what to extend her gratitude for her opportunity to serve her fellow student, but due to the environment harbored within Student Government and the executive branch, she is no longer able to fulfill her obligations as a director or senator. Therefore she has elected to resign immediately.

#### X. President's Report

A) This is an organization for all student to represent all students. There should not be coalitions formed, there should not be actions occurring within the body behind closed doors. In response to ideas like those expressed in the Free Labor Act, the labor done by members of



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Student Government does not constitute free labor, it is an elective service done for the students. In regards to Cabinet Meeting, these are confidential because they allow the cabinet to express their concerns freely and openly about sensitive matters regarding Student Government as a whole, not to avoid transparency. Much of the work that has been done by members of Student Government is done because it represents the ideals of a single particular senator, not because it looks to represent the will of the student body, such as the No Free Labor Act which includes language comparing the unpaid service hours of the Student Government cabinet to that of slave labor. We have the responsibility to work together to represent the students. Student Government members should be driven by their desire to enact change in ways that create positive change and represent the students. In all, President Benbow wants every member to be successful.

**B)** In regards to Senator Tichy’s call for a special election, President Benbow clarified that only the president has the power to call for one. He had already done so earlier that day, and will be working on a schedule to do so.

**C)** He is encouraging the members of Student Government to think about the ideals that brought them to represent the students and to work together to make the lives of students better in any way that we can.

## **XI. Old Business**

**A)** S.B. Standing Rules Update Act- Passed

1. Amended to change Article II 4 (G) changing the language from “They must... remove” to “they must... have the power to remove...” giving the parliamentarian an option to decide whether or not to use their power. Voted by Voice Passed
2. Amended to change Article III 18 (G) all ex officious may author legislation if sponsored by 2 senator; Article V 2 (B) changing the requirements for Simple Resolutions from a minimum of 4 sponsors to 3 sponsor. Voted by Voice-Passed
3. Amended Article II 4 (B) to change to remove “have the power to:” and move it to the beginning of Article II 4 (G). Voted by Voice- Passed
4. Amended Article III 18 (f) to change line the power to exempt an ex officious member from a Commission from the Senate Pro-Tempore to the Chairperson. Voted by Voice- Passed

**B)** S.B. Student Labor Relations and Representation Act-Tabled till 9/30

1. Tabled till next senate meeting

**C)** S.B. No Free Labor Act- Tabled

1. Tabled to be reviewed by a committee upon its establishment. Voted by Voice-Passed



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D) S.R. The Affordable Homework Resolution-Passed

**XII. New Business**

A) S.B. Nomination Review Clarification Act- Passed

1. Made Emergency on 9/16

2. Amended Article III 1 to add coherency and consistency of this provision with Article IV and to amend Article V 6 (E) and (F) placing the ultimate decision on nominees in the hands of the senate as to limit the potential for an abuse of power by the committee. Voted by Voice- Passed

B) S.S.R. Confirmation of Kelly Torpey as Director of Programming-Passed

1. Made an Emergency Piece

2. Rules suspended to allow senate questioning of the nominee

C) S.S.R. Confirmation of Andrew Florence as Director of Freshman Leadership- Tabled

1. Made an Emergency Piece

2. Rules suspended to allow senate questioning of the nominee

3. Piece tabled till 9/30

D) S.R. A Resolution Calling for the Support of a Permanent Space for Bobcat Bounty in the LBJ Student Center

1. First Reading

E) S.R. A Resolution Calling on Texas State University to Implement an Independent Police Advisory Council-Tabled

F) Has not been received a First Reading. Will be considered new business on 9/30

G) S.R. A Resolution Calling on Texas State University Police Department to Release all UPD Incident Data since 2016

1. First Reading

**XIII. Adjournment**

A) Adjournment at 10:16