



ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SENATE AGENDA · 1ST MEETING

AUGUST 27TH 2012

- I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Swearing in of Elected Senators
- IV. Orders of the Day
- V. Nomination of Senate Clerk
 - a. Nominee, Myisha Bradham
 - i. Motion to confirm.
 1. Senator Snoe, moves.
 2. Senator Wortham, seconds.
 3. Motion carries.
 - ii. Nominee confirmed.
- VI. Nomination of Senate Parliamentarian
 - a. Nominee, Shelby Galvin
 - i. Motion to confirm.
 1. Senator Kiley Cook, moves.
 2. Senator Paige Cook (Senior), seconds.
 3. Motion carries.
 - ii. Nominee confirmed.
- VII. Motion to add roll call after the swearing in of elected senators.
 - a. Senator Henley, moves.
 - b. Senator Wortham, seconds.
- VIII. Guest Speakers
 - a. University President, Dr. Denise Trauth
 - i. Faculty and staff convocation last Wednesday.
 1. Raised over \$125 million
 2. Family campaign to raise money for scholarships.
 3. Money raised by faculty and staff raised for scholarships.
 - ii. Meadow Center for Water and Environment
 1. university will now have opportunity to staff with faculty who will bring new research and solutions to Texas State.
 - iii. Approaching 35,000 students.
 1. Grown by 45% over past decade.

2. 5th highest graduation rate in state.
- iv. Construction
 1. 26 construction projects in the pipelines.
 - a. Star park→ research park putting Texas State on the map.
 - b. RHA moves into new building.
 - c. Lampasas newly renovated.
 - d. Bobcat stadium to be complete in 2 weeks.
 - e. Construction to be complete by end of 2013.
 - f. New residence hall to be built in west campus area.
- v. 5 months away from beginning of legislative session.
 1. Looking in to strategy of approach.
 2. Will like get the same answer of “do more with less.”
 3. Budget has been cut by \$24 million within the past 2 years.
- vi. Athletics
 1. Moving to Sunbelt due to reconfiguration among division one conferences, which resulted in the dissipation of the WAC.
 - a. Benefits Texas State because we will be playing schools of similar size.
 - b. Moving football up to FBS conference is good not just for athletics, but also for the whole university.
 - c. Call for pride from students.
- vii. More than anything else, wants students to be academically successful.
- viii. Questions for Dr. Trauth
 1. Why the budget cut? — Senator Wortham
 - a. We were not the only ones.
 - b. Based on student credit hours.
 - c. Texas had a whole in its budget and many of the other places where Texas money already goes to could not be cut.
 2. Representation in the upcoming elections? — Senator Garza
 - a. Unknown until after legislative election.
 - b. San Marcos currently represented by Jason Isaac.
 - c. Round Rock, represented by Representative Gonzales.
 3. What should new students look forward to in order to encourage pride and traditions? —Blong
 - a. First annual pep rally.
 - b. Gold book.
 - c. Annual President’s reception for freshman.
 - d. In terms of both athletics and academics, Texas State has moved up.→ Asks upperclassmen to

encourage underclassmen to attend these events to create new traditions.

4. What programs are in the works to further academics? —
Senator Wortham

a. Strategic process that decides what programs will be added→ just about to be posted to the website.

i. Some programs to look forward to:

1. PH.D in Nutrition
2. Baccalaureate in Civil Engineering
3. Masters of Engineering
4. Masters of Nursing

a. Some are dependent on space.

5. How do you view ASG in relation to the students? —
Senator Acosta

a. Voice to what the students of Texas State are thinking.

IX. Public Forum

X. Executive Reports

a. Chief of Staff Cortez

i. Last year's Election Code is good to go.

ii. Remember that she is a resource.

b. Executive Assistant Hendrix

i. If you're missing a nameplate, please contact.

c. Special Assistant DeSalvo

i. Instead of fall banquet we will be having a pot luck social sometime in December, before finals.

ii. Composite dates in September. Look for an email.

iii. Legislative information and ideas welcome if any senator would like to participate.

iv. Here to serve in the capacity as a resource.

d. President's Report—Nathan McDaniel

i. Great to see everyone back from summer.

ii. Applications still available on website.

iii. Cubicles have been removed.

1. Space will be used as a student organization space.

2. Making recommendations for furniture to be placed in space for flexible student organization activity.

iv. Research Travel Fund.

1. Account of money that deans and dept. heads can apply for on behalf of students in order to travel to conferences to present academic research and possibly be published as a result.

v. Creation of Legislative Commission

1. Chair is Elizabeth Stevens.

- 2. Committee will strategically plan out how to approach upcoming legislative elections.
- vi. Veteran's Space on Campus
 - 1. Rank 13th in the nation as Veteran Friendly
 - 2. Received the go ahead to look into was to give veteran's of Texas State their own space.
- vii. Tailgate
 - 1. Have your organizations sign up if they're looking for a spot.
 - 2. Tickets for Tech game are still available next Wednesday.
- viii. Initiative
 - 1. Maroon and Gold Fridays
 - a. Encourage students to wear maroon and gold in order to promote pride.
- ix. Executive agenda
 - 1. Putting finishing touches on.
 - 2. Will be on website by end of the month.
- x. University Committees
 - 1. Open to all students.
 - 2. Direct them to online tab.
- xi. Working on teaming up to encourage applicants to attend Texas State.
 - 1. Phone-a-thon to happen in the spring to give potential students the extra push.
 - 2. Day in the life video.
- xii. Freshman Council
 - 1. Encourage freshman to apply → application due September 10, 2012.
- e. Vice President's Report—Alison Sibley
 - i.** Proud of everyone for being here, and showing Dr. Trauth respect.
 - ii.** Non-elected senators will be confirmed September 10th.
 - iii.** Committee meetings will also begin September 10th.
 - 1. Locations will be announced in email to come.
 - iv.** Nomination of Senate Pro Tempore → senate must nominate two senators.
 - v.** ASG will continue to visit US1100 classes.
 - 1. Look forward to an email if you are willing to participate.
 - vi.** Report absences to Myisha Bradham.
 - 1.
 - vii.** Motion to strike items vii-ix under XIII, b.
 - 1. No objections.
 - 2. Motion carries.

XI. Legislative Reports

- a. Senator Snoe
 - i.** Link up time clock to announce when buses are arriving and departing.

- b. Senator Wortham
 - i. September 7th there will be an event to “Raise the Roof for Dylan Scott.”
 - ii. Would like to see the reserved rooms in the library opened up to everyone.
 - iii. Would like to raise REC fee in order to allow students not enrolled over the summer to still be able to go to the wreck.
- c. Senator Elliot
 - i. Will be attending firearm meeting to have Humans v. Zombies approved.
- d. Senator Acosta
 - i. Would like to apply a coating to Alkek steps to prevent slipping.
- e. Senator Ian Smith
 - i. Would like to continue recycling at tailgate.
- f. Senator Kiley Cook
 - i. More funds for international research.
 - ii. Would like to see life coaching available for students.

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

- a. Election of Senate Pro-Tempore
 - i. Vice President Sibley nominates Andrew Henley.
 - ii. Motion to nominate Senator Elliot.
 - 1. Senator Gleason, moves.
 - a. Senator Kiley Cook, seconds.
 - b. Motion carries.
 - iii. Motion to nominate Senator Gleason.
 - 1. Senator Elliot, moves.
 - 2. Senator Wortham, seconds.
 - iv. Vote taken up by private ballot.
 - 1. Senator Henley, wins.
- b. Nomination of Senate Committee Chairs
 - i. Nomination of University Enhancement Chair
 - 1. Vice President Sibley nominates Senator Edward Perez.
 - 2. Motion to confirm.
 - a. Senator Snoe, moves.
 - b. Sen. Pro Temp. Henley, seconds.
 - c. Taken up by voice vote.
 - d. Nomination confirmed.
 - ii. Nomination of Student Engagement Chair
 - 1. Vice President Sibley nominates Ian Smith.
 - 2. Motion to confirm.
 - a. Senator Wortham, moves.
 - b. Senator Kiley Cook, seconds.
 - c. Taken up by voice vote.
 - d. Nomination confirmed.
 - iii. Nomination of Academic Enrichment Chair

1. Vice President Sibley nominates Senator Taylor Dorn.
2. Motion to confirm.
 - a. Senator Gleason, moves.
 - b. Senator Wilson, seconds.
 - c. Taken up by voice vote.
 - d. Nomination confirmed.
- iv. Nomination of Parking and Transportation Chair
 1. Vice President Sibley nominates Senator Thomas Gleason.
 2. Motion to confirm.
 - a. Senator Elliot, moves.
 - b. Senator Kiley Cook, seconds.
 - c. Taken up by voice vote.
 - d. Nomination confirmed.
- v. Nomination of Student Services Chair
 1. Vice President Sibley nominates Senator Wortham.
 2. Motion to confirm.
 - a. Senator Perez, moves.
 - b. Senator Moerke, seconds.
 - c. Taken up by voice vote.
 - d. Nomination confirmed.
- vi. Nomination of University Policy and Procedures Chair
 1. Vice President Sibley nominates Senator Elliot.
 2. Motion to confirm.
 - a. Senator Rodriguez, moves.
 - b. Senator Snoe, seconds.
 - c. Taken up by voice vote.
 - d. Nomination confirmed.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn.
 - i. Senator Wortham, moves.
 - ii. Senator Snoe, seconds.
 - iii. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.