



Student Government Senate
Texas State University

LBJ Student Center | Teaching Theater – 7:00 PM
Eighth Session
August 26th, 2019

Student Government Senate Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

A) Taken by Ashlee Lopez- Senate Clerk

IV. Orders of the Day

A) Orders E-I made into emergency pieces, and therefore will be voted on during this (8/26) session.

V. Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes adopted through a motion by Senator Desalvo

VI. Guest Speakers

VII. Public Forum

VIII. Vice President's Report

A) President Benbow addressed the proper legislative procedures used by Senate members and as well as how to appropriately utilize Robert's Rules.

IX. Cabinet Reports

A) Senator Tichy explained the role of Senate Pro Tempore, its responsibilities, and his expectations in fulfilling this role. He is looking to aid senators in creating effective legislation and thusly will be meeting with Student Government directors after the Senate Meeting. He is also looking to recruit members to fill the vacant senate seats, with particular focus on 'college' seats

B) Senator Wicker created an app for the Safety Task Force. She called on senators to prompt the app so that it can launch in the near future.

C) Senator Gonzales Student Advancement has established a taskforce for reviewing recommendations regarding improvements that can be made to the university. This is an opportunity for students to become active with Student Government without the full commitment of joining.

D) Senator Perrodin stated that Diversity and Inclusion is looking to reach out to a broad range of organizations this semester to offer an opportunity to express any concerns they may have and to offer a line of communication.

E) Senator Nieves spoke of his previous meeting with Kristin Black regarding student fees and their uses. They will be meeting again so that he may attain an in-depth breakdown of the allocation of student fees. Senator Nieves similarly met with Chief

of Staff Sotelo regarding the Student Government budget. Lastly, he contacted UPD regarding campus safety and possible methods to improve it, such as offering a self-defense class for students.

F) Senator Browning is working to get all interested Senators deputized so that they may help register people to vote.

G) Chief of Staff Sotelo explained that during the summer Student Government held cabinet meetings when they establish an agenda and worked on updating the Student Government website which now offers information about cabinet members.

H) Senator Wicker discussed the efforts of Bobcat Care and Move which registered 400 voters this past weekend. They also spoke with incoming freshmen about joining Freshman Council and received written interest from over 100 students.

X. President's Report

A) Over the summer the President Benbow, V.P. Tucker, and C.o.S. Sotelo finalized the executive agenda, it should be released soon.

B) President Benbow, V.P. Tucker, and C.o.S. Sotelo attended LeaderShape in May.

C) Over the summer Peer Mentoring Immigration and International Student training into their already existing program.

D) President Benbow, V.P. Tucker, and C.o.S. Sotelo attended 23 NSL presentations welcoming new students and educating about Student Government.

E) 4-6 food insecurity lockers were secured this summer, which will offer non-perishable items and will be accessible all days of the week. This initiative was made possible through the support of Bobcat Bounty and Chartwells.

F) A Textbook Lending Library is being established by Student Government which is expanded upon later in the meeting.

G) Five buildings throughout campus will be hosting the free menstrual health pilot program. This pilot program will cost about \$5,000 annually.

H) Parking services agreed to change the time in which Friday parking becomes open to all stickers, it was previously at 5pm but now will open every Friday at noon.

I) Student Government is looking for a Chief Justice and Director of Programming. Applications are currently being accepted. These positions are expected to be filled by Sept 9.

J) Diversity Week is being held this Oct 25-Nov 9, will be bringing in a wide range of acts and activities to celebrate and promote diversity and inclusivity. President Benbow further outlined the degree of support Student Government will be offering these acts.

K) The Student Government budget was rigorously reviewed this summer. It initially was short due to budgetary cuts. V.P. Thompson and President Benbow intended to remedy this shortage by electing to each take a 13% pay cut. This elective pay cut will



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no longer be necessary as the budget has been restored. So, a finalized account of the budget should be available shortly once the proper changes have been corrected.

XI. Old Business

A) None-- first session of the year.

XII. New Business

A) S.R. Free Speech and Expression Protection Resolution

B) S.B. Textbook Lending and Affordability Act

C) S.R. The Living Wage Act

D) S.B. Budget Authorization Act of 2019

E) S.S.R. Confirming (Ms. Tyreonta Norman) to the position of Senator (At-Large or college)

A) Senator DeSalvo suspended rules to allow the nominee to answer a few questions about themselves.

1) Senator DeSalvo: One initiative you would like to work on?

Ms. Norman: Improving meal plans and the high costs associated.

2) Senator DeSalvo: What is the most important thing Student Government can do to serve students?

Ms. Norman: Being more engaged and transparent with a wider diversity of students.

3) Senator Nieves: What are your opinions on the challenges faced by student government and what ways do you believe could resolve them?

Ms. Norman stated that she was concerned with the issues that occurred last year regarding TPUSA but would need time to think of ways to resolve the matters.

B) Senator Tichy moved to adopt

C) Amended by Voice to say "At-Large"

D) Passed

F) S.S.R. Confirming (Mr. Matthew Gonzales) to the position of Senator (At-Large)

A) Senator DeSalvo suspended rules to allow the nominee to answer a few questions about themselves.

1) Senator DeSalvo: One initiative you would like to work on?

Senator Gonzales: Focus the retention and management of students in the HSI Stem Sure research program for students of lower income/minority students, it offers grants that facilitated their undergraduate research.



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2) Senator DeSalvo: What is the most important thing Student Government can do to serve students?

Senator Gonzales: We can improve our listening. Rather than vilifying those we do not agree with, listen and engage with them, learn from them, and help them.

3) Senator Nieves: What are your opinions on the challenges faced by student government and what ways do you believe could resolve them?

Senator Gonzales: Becoming more vocal in our dissent from the administration and to become less compliant, and more in line with the students who give us our power as a SG.

B) Passed

G) S.S.R. Confirming (Mr. Preston Nieves) to the position of Senator (At-Large)

A) Senator DeSalvo suspended rules to allow the nominee to answer a few questions about themselves.

1) Senator DeSalvo: One initiative you would like to work on?

Senator Nieves: Campus safety and the general feeling of unsafety by students (such as the aforementioned self-defense class)

2) Senator DeSalvo: What is the most important thing Student Government can do to serve students?

Senator Nieves: Build consensus and combat the division among students on campus.

B) Passed

H) S.S.R. Confirming (Mr. Brett Bailey) to the position of Senator (At-Large or college)

A) Senator DeSalvo suspended rules to allow the nominee to answer a few questions about themselves.

1) Senator DeSalvo: One initiative you would like to work on?

Mr. Bailey: Improving parking, specifically for the Perimeter (Purple) Pass

2) Senator DeSalvo: What is the most important thing Student Government can do to serve students?

Mr. Bailey: Transparency, showing the students that we not only exist, but are here for them.

3) Senator Nieves: What are your opinions on the challenges faced by student government and what ways do you believe could resolve them?

Mr. Bailey: Being comfortable with one another and working together

4) What student groups are you affiliated with?

Mr. Bailey: Young Republicans

5) Are you associated with TPUSA?



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Mr. Bailey: No. May have been loosely associated when first arriving on campus last year and attended a meeting or two.

B) Amended by Voice to say “At Large”

C) Passed

I) S.S.R. Confirming (Mr. Ry Struck) to the position of Senator (At-Large or college)

A) Senator DeSalvo suspended rules to allow the nominee to answer a few questions about themselves.

1) Senator DeSalvo: One initiative you would like to work on?

Mr. Struck: Working accommodations to maximize commuter students time and resources, particularly during finals week.

2) Senator DeSalvo: What is the most important thing Student Government can do to serve students?

Mr. Struck: Reach out more and take our power and responsibilities seriously.

3) Senator Nieves: What are your opinions on the challenges faced by student government and what ways do you believe could resolve them?

Mr. Struck: Working on creating a more cooperative environment within SG so that voices that are less heard are given voice

B) Amended by Voice to say “At Large”

C) Passed

D) All new members sworn in by V.P. Thompson

XIII. Adjournment