



**Student Government Senate  
Texas State University**

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**LBJ Student Center | Teaching Theater – 7:00 PM  
First Session  
Second Meeting – August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Student Government Senate Agenda**

- I. Call to Order** – Start: 7:00pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Orders of the Day**
  - A) No objections to the orders of the Day
- V. Approve Minutes**
  - A) Motion passes
- VI. Guest Speaker**
  - A) **University President Dr. Denise Trauth**

Began speaking at 7:05pm.

-NASA grant to Texas State University is the largest grant in school history (15 million dollars). TSU is one of the largest producers of teachers. Trauth's University Convocation speech had a main theme that focused on the high quality of the freshman class to having a 400 million dollar metric for the University and everything in between. High priorities for this legislative season are buildings here in San Marcos and also a new building in Round Rock for the Nursing School. The hope is that the legislature will fund these priorities this legislative year. Renovation of the Comal building and dedication of the Comal building to celebrate its history here in San Marcos. Freshman that start out in the dorms have a much higher success rate in school than those that don't. Jones Dining Hall will also be updated and should be finished in August of 2016.

-Athletics: TSU is in the Sun Belt for this year for the second straight year. All six of the home games will be on ESPN and students are needed to come out and support the student athletes. NCAA produces academic progress report of the athletic programs of all schools on a thousand point scale. All sixteen of the teams at TSU exceeded the 930 requirement.

-Leadership: Must talk to fellow students about being here at Texas State and must stress the importance of getting a degree. Keep the goal of graduation in front of you. Help reinforce tradition and spirit. Don't bring divisions, bring unity and do not litter. Keep TSU beautiful!

-Questions to President Trauth:

1. Senator Eric Johnson- States that there are major traffic issues on the University streets.

A: The City of San Marcos and TSU are working together in trying to get construction finished. Advice given to students is to do what you can as a student to make things easier.

2. Senator Carlson- Q: With all of these expansions with the buildings and beyond, how will this affect acceptance at Texas State?

A: Half of the freshman must come from the top quarter of their high school class. The goal is to make it 55% so that we will always be above 50%. More scholarships will help to attract high achieving students.

Q: Senator Carlson- Would the number of expansion halt or would it always keep going up?

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A: We want to increase the size of the Master's program and slow the growth of the Undergraduate population.

3. Senator Miller- Q: Are there any plans of helping the Greek community to improve academics and get rid of the negative perception that the Greek community has?

A: Consultants and studies have been done in the past two years to help the Greek system.

4. Q: What programs is the University using to help the retention rate get above 80%?

A: The retention rate isn't accurate because it doesn't take into account people that have transferred to another school and are still in school elsewhere. The true retention rate is near 80%, which is really good. There are a hundred programs that are in place in trying to support students in order to keep them in school. Student Affairs also has programs that are there to help students who struggle at the beginning of their college career.

5. Are there any plans to prevent trash at tailgates or to give more money and recycling programs during tailgating to help prevent trash?

A: The true problem is on the edge of campus where you see a ton of litter, where the school meets the neighborhoods.

End of Trauth's Speech: 7:34pm

**VII. Public Forum**

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

**A) Confirmation of Selected Senators**

1. **Swearing in of Selected Senators-** Motion passes

**B) Confirmation of Senate Committee Chairs-** Voice Vote Confirms

1. **Academic Affairs-** Taylor Zavala

2. **Health and Safety-** Kaci Grimes

3. **Pride and Tradition-** Nicholas Pappas

4. **Student Services-**Anthony Galo

**C) Confirmation of Directors**

1. **Freshman Leadership-**Dominique Grey

2. **Marketing and Public Relations-** Karlton Wilson

3. **Rules and Standards-** Hunter Schuler

4. **Government Affairs-** Kara Solis

5. **Swearing in of Directors**

**D) Confirmation of Chief Justice-** Cody DeSalvo

1. **Swearing in of Chief Justice**

**E) Confirmation of Associated Justices-** Voice Vote Confirms Tony McKinney, Channing Wan, Sarah Tennet, and James Riley Morrison

1. **Swearing in of Associated**

**F) S.S.R. 2014-2015.1 "A Resolution Dividing the Senate into Two Classes of Staggering Terms"-** Lead Sponsor Dominique Grey



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G) S.S.R. 2014-2015.2 “A Simple Resolution Appointing Student Government Representatives to University Committees”- Lead sponsor Lauren Stotler; Opinion that this legislation is already read, taken by Voice Vote.

- X. Cabinet Reports
- XI. Committee Chair Reports
- XII. University Committee Reports
- XIII. Adjournment- 8:21pm