

TITLE IX - STATUTES

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SUBTITLE I - MISCELLANEOUS

CHAPTER 12 -BOBCAT FREEDOM AUTHORIZATION ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATION

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III(10) (a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V. §107.1(2)(a).

§2 **PURPOSE.** The Senate seeks to enact this two-part program to inform students about their Constitutional rights as outlined in the Bill of Rights. Specifically, this campaign will highlight the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendment rights in the U.S. Constitution and the campus rules relating to them. Measures taken to inform students will be Part One of the program, with fliers posted in all student resident halls, dining halls, and in the LBJ Student Center. Part Two will consist of a forum to take place once every log semester where students can come ask questions about campus rules and their rights and where faculty and Student Government can directly inform students and address and concerns and question. These reoccurring forums as mentioned in Part Two of the program are to take place once a semester and to be titled "Bobcat Freedom Forums," and Part One of the program, the informative fliers, will be titled the "Bobcat Freedom Campaign" and the campaign will focus on informing students about all their rights but namely their First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution rights and the campus rules relating to them. Both "Bobcat Freedom Forums" and the "Bobcat Freedom Campaign" will ensure Student Government has informed students of their Constitutional Rights.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION FOR PILOT PROGRAM

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of a new program titled "Bobcat Freedom," consisting of two parts: Bobcat Freedom Forums and the Bobcat Freedom Campaign.

- a) The agenda of each Bobcat Freedom Forum event can be established at the discretion of the President or through passage of a Simple Resolution.
- b) The President, in consultation with the Director of Student Services, will set the date for each forum each semester.
- c) The Student Services Commission shall plan, oversee, and execute the Bobcat Freedom Forums each semester.
- d) The Programs Commission and Marketing Commission, in consultation with the Governmental Affairs Commission, shall plan, oversee, and execute the Bobcat Freedom Campaign.

CHAPTER 100 -CATEGORIZATION OF STATUTES

ARTICLE I. CATEGORIZATION OF STATUTES INTO SUBTITLES

- §1 **ORGANIZATION.** The statutes listed in this title shall be organized by subtitle or chapter and will be named according to the name given to it as a bill or by the Supreme Court Chief Justice. The Supreme Court Chief Justice may organize these chapters and subtitles without Senate authorization until such time as this provision is repealed.

CHAPTER 101 -THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION CLARIFICATION ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III(10)(a),(f),(d) of the Student Government Constitution.
- §2 **GENERAL.** The President and Vice President shall be compensated for time and service provided to the student body. This pay will comply with all federal, state, and local laws. The Senate shall set additional compensation beyond what is required by statute.
- §3 **HOURLY RATE.** The hourly wage rate shall increase without a vote of the Senate in the event of mandated local, state, or federal pay raises. Such an increase will not go into effect until the next fiscal year.
- §4 **OTHER COMPENSATION.** The President shall propose in his annual budget which of the qualified persons are to be paid. The President shall include in the budget proposal at what pay level and rate each proposed wage is to be set. Any qualified person receiving pay can have a maximum wage not to exceed that of the Vice President's.
- §5 **REFUSAL OF COMPENSATION.** Though provision for these wages must be made, the persons who are authorized to receive wages may refuse compensation if they so choose.

ARTICLE II. STATUTORY PAY

- §1 **STATUTORY COMPENSATION.** The following positions shall be paid in accordance to this statute and the rate or pay schedule may not be altered.
- §2 **PRESIDENTIAL PAY.** The President is entitled to receive an hourly wage of \$10.70 per hour for a maximum of fifty (50) hours per pay period from September 1 to May 31 and a

wage of \$10.70 per hour for a maximum of thirty (30) hours per pay period from June 1 to August 31.

§3 **VICE PRESIDENTIAL PAY.** The Vice President is entitled to receive an hourly wage of \$9.70 per hour for a maximum of forty (40) hours per pay period from September 1 to May 31 and a wage of \$9.70 per hour for a maximum of twenty (20) hours per pay period from June 1 to August 31.

§4 **CHIEF OF STAFF PAY.** The Chief of Staff is entitled to receive up to an hourly wage of \$7.25 per hour for a maximum of thirty (30) hours per pay period from September 1 to May 31 and a wage of \$7.25 per hour for a maximum of fifteen (15) hours per pay period from June 1 to August 31.

- (a) The Chief of Staff will be paid for office hours attended and working up to the hour maximum per pay period.
- (b) The Chief of Staff will log his office hours with the Student Government Advisor via a clock in clock out system.
- (c) The President will authenticate the Chief of Staff's office hour attendance before payment is authorized each pay period.

§5 **OTHER QUALIFIED PERSONS.** Other qualified persons as defined in this Code may also be paid if the Senate authorizes as such in the budget.

§6 **CABINET PAY.** At the President's discretion, members of the Cabinet may be paid so long as they are not already receiving compensation in any way from Student Government funds. The compensation rates shall be uniform for all paid Cabinet members.

- (a) The Cabinet officer will be paid for office hours attended or programs worked and up to the hour maximum per pay period.
- (b) The Cabinet officer will log their office hours with the Student Government Advisor via a clock in clock out system.
- (c) The President will authenticate the Cabinet officer's reported hours before payment is authorized each pay period.

CHAPTER 102 -THE SCHOLARLY TRAVEL AND RESEARCH (S.T.A.R.) GRANT ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

CHAPTER 103 -SCHOLARSHIPS ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to III(10)(j) of the Student Government Constitution.
- §2 **PURPOSE.** This Title shall establish for annual disbursement by the Student Government scholarships, which are the Student Government scholarship and the University Bookstore/Student Government scholarship and shall outline the criteria for applicants, along with the procedures for selecting which applicants shall receive the award.
- §3 **EXECUTION.** The Finance Commission shall review and select which applicants will receive the scholarship award pursuant to its powers in S.G.C. V. §105.2 of the Student Government Code.
- (a) The Student Government advisors will serve as ex-officio members when the Finance Commission is reviewing applications.
 - (b) This chapter may not be amended six (6) weeks prior to the opening of the application or during the application receipt and deliberation process.
- §4 **RESTRICTIONS FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT.** Members of Student Government, who meet the established criteria, shall be eligible for either scholarship but any members of the Finance Commission who apply will not be allowed to review the applicants' information or make any decisions on the applicants' award status.
- §5 **PRESIDENTIAL POWERS.** The President may, if funds awarded by the Finance Commission are returned or otherwise not claimed or applied, award said funds to other qualified applicants from the original pool of applications.
- §6 **COMMISSION DISCRETION.** The Finance Commission is empowered to make decisions in the event this title does not address issues that arise during the scholarship process, with approval of the President.
- §7 **TIMELINE.** The following timeline shall establish the proper processing of the applications:
- (a) The applications for both scholarships shall be made public no later than February 1st and shall accept applications until the first Friday of March, of each year.
 - (b) The Dean of Students Office will verify scholarship eligibility.

- (c) The Finance Commission shall meet as often as necessary to select the final award recipients.
- (d) The Finance Commission shall provide the Dean of Students Office with a list of awarded applicants and denied applicants no later than April 25.

§8 **APPLICATION.** The scholarship application should require the following information:

- (a) Name, Student ID, local address, email address.
- (b) Current employer information.
- (c) Classification.
- (d) Current Texas State GPA.
- (e) If the applicant has completed two full semesters at Texas State University
- (f) Major and Minor.
- (g) Organization affiliation.
 - (1) Details to membership status including active or inactive, member, and leadership positions held.
- (h) Projected graduation date.
- (i) If the applicant is a member of Student Government.
- (j) If the applicant is receiving financial aid grants or scholarships.

ARTICLE II. STUDENT GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

§1 **UNDERGRADUATE CRITERIA.** The criteria for undergraduate students applying for the Student Government Scholarship shall be:

- (a) Is classified as a sophomore, junior, or senior.
- (b) Is considered a full time student by Texas State University according to their degree program.
- (c) Have a minimum 2.5 Texas State GPA.
- (d) Have attended Texas State University for two long semesters prior to applying for the scholarship.
- (e) Not receive any need-based grants. Loans, scholarships, and work study are forms of financial aid that applicants may be receiving.
- (f) Submit a resume.
- (g) Be a member in social or academic organization.

- §2 **GRADUATE CRITERIA.** The criteria for graduate students applying for the Student Government scholarship shall be:
- (a) Must be enrolled as a full time graduate student as defined by Texas State University or graduate degree program.
 - (b) Have a minimum 3.0 Texas State GPA.
 - (c) Submit a resume.
 - (d) Preference shall be given to those graduate students who are members of academic or social organizations, but failure to have such membership shall not automatically disqualify an applicant.
 - (e) Not receive any need-based grants. Loans, scholarships and work study are forms of financial aid that applicants may be receiving.

§3 **ESSAY REQUIREMENT.** Completion of an essay shall be required for all applicants, the essay question shall be: “What value has Texas State added to your life? Please explain by referring to your academic, professional and extracurricular activities.” The essay should be no longer than four hundred (400) words.

§4 **DISCRETIONARY POWERS.** The Finance Commission is authorized to award no less than \$500 and no more than \$2000 per scholarship recipient, depending on availability of funds.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE/STUDENT GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

- §1 **UNDERGRADUATE CRITERIA.** The criteria for undergraduate students applying for the University Bookstore/Student Government Scholarship shall be:
- (a) Have a minimum 2.5 Texas State GPA.
 - (b) Have been enrolled as a full time student at Texas State for two (2) long semesters before applying.
 - (c) Correspondence and extension course hours are not used to calculate total hours.

- §2 **GRADUATE CRITERIA.** The criteria for graduate students applying for the University Bookstore/Student Government Scholarship shall be:
- (a) Have a minimum 3.0 Texas State GPA.
 - (b) Have been enrolled as a full time student at Texas State for two (2) long semesters before applying.

- (c) Correspondence and extension course hours are not used to calculate total hours.

ARTICLE IV. SUNSET PROVISION

- §1 **INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.** In the event that the funds allocated for the University Bookstore/Student Government scholarship and Student Government scholarship become unavailable this chapter shall be suspended until such time as those funds become available again.

CHAPTER 104 -MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS ACT

ARTICLE I. STANDARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter is authorized pursuant to Article 3(10)(j) of the Student Government Constitution.
- §2 **PURPOSE.** This chapter outlines the additional standards and responsibilities each member of Student Government can be held accountable in order to promote or advance Student Government.
- §3 **REQUIRED EVENTS.** At the discretion of the President, he may declare any two events sponsored by any component of Student Government to be required events which will count against anyone who fails to attend in the same way as being absent to a required meeting.
- (a) The President must announce a required event thirty (30) days before the event.
 - (b) Excused absences will be allowed in accordance with the standard reporting process for meetings as outlined in the *Standing Rules*.
 - (c) The Senate has the power to overturn or modify the required event at its discretion via a Simple Senate Resolution passed by two-thirds vote.
 - (d) The Senate may also have the power to declare any two (2) additional University functions or Student Government sponsored events to be required for its members, via a Simple Senate Resolution passed by a majority.
 - (e) The House may also have the power to declare any two (2) additional University functions or Student Government sponsored events as mandatory for its members via Simple House Resolution.

§4 **OUTREACH.** Any Commission or Committee Chair, the Vice President or President may require specific members of Student Government to collect and record feedback from their constituents through an accountable surveying of students.

- (a) When a collection of formal surveys is required, each member must collect information from at least ten (10) distinct members of the student body.
- (b) Surveys can be created by any committee, Commission or the Cabinet but the Programs Commission will coordinate the cataloging of results.

CHAPTER 105 -UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III(10)(j) of the Student Government Constitution.

ARTICLE II. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

§1 **SELECTION.** Unless specified in this chapter an application will be made available for all students to apply for committee assignment.

§2 **ASSOCIATION.** Any person appointed to a University committee on behalf of Student Government shall be a member of Student Government through association

- (a) The oath of office for Student Government will be administered and the representative will be held to the same ethical standards as any member of Student Government.

§3 **REPORTING.** Persons assigned to University committees will make a report to the Student Government committee assigned to oversee them every two weeks, via written notification, at a meeting with the Chair or the committee, or other means as deemed acceptable by the committee Chair.

§4 **DEFINITION.** A list of University committee representation for members of Student Government shall be provided by the Dean of Students Office which will transmit a list of all updated committees and student representative seats requiring appointment. The President will ensure that this list is made into a roster of committees, with student representation and have it transmitted by no later than the first Senate meeting in the fall. The President may

request student representation on any University committee at any time and these new seats will be added to the roster of committees.

ARTICLE III. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

§1 **GENERAL.** The Senate shall stipulate the assignment of committees based on past rosters of committees as provided by the President each year.

§2 **JUDICIAL BOARDS.** It shall be the power of the Chief Justice to assign membership from within the Courts to any committee, board or council which accesses the judicial conduct or actions of students.

§3 **STUDENT SERVICE FEE COMMITTEE.** It shall be the power of the President to nominate Student Government members to the Student Service Fee committee upon confirmation of the Senate by a majority vote.

§4 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.** For any committee seat available for Student Government Representation but not regulated within this chapter it shall be the power of the President to nominate the representatives and the power of the Senate to, upon review, either reject these nominations or accept them by a majority vote.

ARTICLE IV. REMOVAL FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

§1 **REMOVAL.** It shall be the power of the Senate to recall any Student Government representative of any University committee, at any time for just cause by a simple resolution calling for such so long as it has attained a majority vote.

§2 **SUSPENSION.** It shall be the power of the President to temporarily suspend and replace any Student Government representative on University committees at any time for just cause by way of an Executive Order to that affect. The President will submit to the Senate a request to uphold the suspension and removal of the representative by way of a two thirds vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate. If the Senate does not sustain the removal by a two thirds vote, the representative will be reinstated.

CHAPTER 106 -BOBCATS HERE TO STAY

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V. §103.1(2) (b), (h); §104.1 (2) (a) (e); and §107.1(2) (a).

§2 **PURPOSE.** The Senate will enact an outreach campaign to inform students about the rights of immigrants under the US and Texas legal systems. This program will consist of two parts; the “Bobcats Here to Stay Campaign” and the “Bobcats Here to Stay Forum.” This program will be aimed at answering common questions, informing students about basic civil and human rights immigrants have, and addressing misconceptions about how the judicial system handles cases involving suspected immigration law violations. The “Bobcats Here to Stay Campaign” will consist of posting flyers throughout campus in LBJ Student Center, dorms, dining halls, the quad and any other areas where doing so permitted. IT will also include a social media campaign. The “Bobcats Here to Stay Forum” will consist of a forum, to take place every semester, where students can come and ask questions pertaining to immigrant’s rights. Student Government also encourages involvement by student organizations and is willing to partner with these organizations when hosting events and conducting outreach efforts. Program objectives will be centered around broadening student knowledge and understanding of the following areas;

- (a) What constitutional rights and protections immigrants and foreign nationals possess, as well as the limitations that exist on those rights.
- (b) How Texas State University policies are affected by immigration law.
- (c) How one’s ability to get legal representation is affected by citizenship status.
- (d) What to do if the police come to one’s door.
- (e) What to do if one is detained on immigration related charges.
- (f) Stipulated removal orders.
- (g) Search warrants.
- (h) When powers of Federal, State, and Local law enforcements must enforce immigration law on campus, and what limitations of powers exist.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATIONS FOR BOBCATS HERE TO STAY PROGRAM

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate Authorizes the creation of the “Bobcat Here to Stay” program.

- (a) The agenda of each “Bobcats Here to Stay” Forum event will be determined by the President or by Simple Resolution.
- (b) The President, in consultation with the Director of Programs and Marketing, will be responsible for setting the date and time of these events.
- (c) The Programs and Marketing Commission, in consultation with the Government Affairs Commission, will be responsible for planning, overseeing, and executing the “Bobcats Here to Stay” forum events.
- (d) The Programs ad Marketing Commission shall be responsible for the distribution of “Bobcats Here to Stay” campaign materials, for advertising and promoting the events, and for managing the initiative’s social media presence.

ARTICLE III. PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- §1 **PURPOSE.** Various organizations on campus are committed to informing immigrants of their rights, and Texas State University currently has services for foreign students. Student Government seeks to collaborate with on campus organizations and the international affairs office to the extent necessary to carry out this program, as to ensure efficiency of this programs and raise awareness of existing resources.
- §2 **EXECUTION.** Collaboration should include but not be limited to, sharing information, Student Government sponsorship of events, promoting and advertng services offered by the University, and inviting student organizations to sponsor, participate in, and/or help organize “Bobcats Here to Stay” events.
- (a) Use of any intellectual property of information of an organization, including but not limited to names, fliers, symbols, seals, and literature, without the consent of that organization is absolutely prohibited.
 - (b) Subsection (a) does not apply in instances where Student Government is simply advertising information or services that are already publicly available for students to access on the Texas State University website, or any portion thereof. Student Government is permitted to promote and raise awareness of existing resources as part of the outreach campaign so long as those resources are not covered by protections or regulations that prohibit their sharing or use in this manner.
 - (c) Student Government shall only promote or endorse an event with the knowledge and consent of the organization hosting the event.
 - (d) The Director of Programs and Marketing shall be responsible for communicating and coordinating with organizations on campus for purposes related to this program.
- §3 **PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.** Student Government seeks to collaborate with the International Affairs Office in the creation and implementation of this program. Student Government will seek International Affairs Office sponsorship/participation in segments of this program where it is deemed necessary and will make promoting awareness of the full extent of services offered by the International Affairs Office part of outreach efforts.
- (a) The Director of Student Services shall be responsible with maintaining communication and sharing information with the International Affairs Office about the “Bobcats Here to Stay” campaign.
 - (b) The Student Services Commission will review material promoting services offered by the International Affairs Office promoting publication, to ensure that information is accurate and up to date.
 - (c) The Programs and Marketing Commission, advised by the Student Services Commission, shall be responsible for organizing joint events and promoting relevant International Affairs Office programs and Services.

CHAPTER 108 - FRESHMAN FORUM AUTHORIZATION ACT

ARTICLE I.- ADMINISTRATIVE

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This bill is authorized by Article III Section 10(a) and 10(j) of the Student Government Constitution.
- §2 **PUPOSE.** Freshman Council is a representative group for the freshman class, and therefore should be responsible for giving them a voice. In creating a Freshman Forum, it will make it easier for freshmen to relay information and ideas to freshman representatives, and make Student Government more accessible to the students. In enacting this document, “Freshman Forum” will occur at least once per semester. “Freshman Forum” will be an inclusive discussion among Freshman Council members and the students, and create dialogue about issues on campus and how to resolve them, pushing for positive change. Doing so will permit steady development from an important source of students who can provide a new perspective to the university.
- §3 **COMPOSITION.** “Freshman Forum” should be comprised of the Director of Freshman Leadership, the Freshman Leadership Commission, the current members of Freshman Council, and any freshmen or first-year students. It may include, but is not limited to, former members of the Freshman Council, faculty, and staff of Texas State University, and current/former Senators.

CHAPTER 107 -BOBCATS UNITED AUTHORIZATION ACT

ADMINISTRATIVE

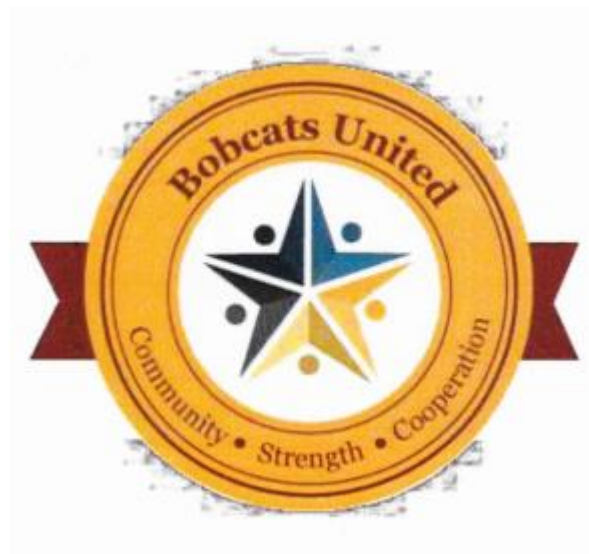
AUTHORIZATION. This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10)(a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V. §107.1(2) (a).

PURPOSE. The Senate wishes to encourage student discourse on current issues facing our campus and community while supporting the Texas State Shared Values by fostering “a spirit of inclusiveness, a global perspective, and a sense of community.” The Senate encourages an open discourse and debate as critical to the advancement of our personal and academic development. To support his end, the Senate wishes to create a forum for dialogue through a Town Hall Series to be titled “Bobcats United: A Town Hall Series.” This Town Hall Series will provide for discussion on current pressing social, political, community, and campus topics, allowing the Student Government, through the Student Services Commission, to understand the issues, concerns and opinions of the students. This discourse will permit Student Government to be at the forefront of social discourse on campus.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PILOT PROGRAM

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of a new program titled “Bobcats United: A Town Hall Series” or “Bobcats United Event” for short.

- (a) The topic of a Bobcats United event can be established at the discretion of the President or through passage of a Simple Resolution.
- (b) When a determination is made that a topic warrants a Bobcat United event: The President in consultation, with the Director of Student Services, will set the date for the event.
- (c) The Student Services Commission shall plan, oversee, and execute the event.
- (d) The official Seal of the Bobcats United shall be:



CHAPTER 108 -TSPAN AUTHORIZATION ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution.

§2 **PURPOSE.** The Senate, wishing to enhance Student Government transparency, will establish video broadcasting service for Senate Meetings and other Student Government events.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROGRAM

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes a program that will broadcast Senate meetings and other Student Government events for public viewing.

- (a) The broadcast will be made available through the internet on the Student Government website and via Student Government social media channels.
- (b) In accordance with S.G.C. VI Section 200.6(4), the Senate, may by 2/3 majority vote, elect to suspend the broadcast for the purposes of protecting personal or sensitive information.
- (c) The Programs and Marketing Commission shall be responsible for administering this program.

CHAPTER 109 -ADOPT-A-SPOT AUTHORIZATION

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10)(a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V. §107.1(2)(a).
- §2 **PURPOSE.** Texas State University prides itself on its beautiful campus, which attracts new students, tourist, and inspires commitment to the university in its alumni. Student Government desires to facilitate greater involvement of students and student organizations with their campus environment. As the physical campus grows to accommodate the increasing student population, maintenance becomes a more daunting task for university staff and an opportunity to cultivate a culture of volunteerism among current students. The Student Government will create an “Adopt-A-Spot” initiative, inviting campus organizations to adopt sections of campus for the purpose of basic maintenance and beautification, to be managed by the Student Services Commission.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of a new initiative titled “Adopt-A-Spot” to be overseen by the Student Services Commission, under the regulations in the following sections.
- §2 **APPLICATIONS.** The application process for student organizations to adopt a spot should be as follows:
- a) The Student Services Commission will create the zones for adoption in a manner suited to its preferences. While there are no equal area or equal pedestrian traffic requirements, the commission should consider the relative physical area, pedestrian traffic, and inclusion of campus landmarks.
 - b) A tab should be added to the Student Government webpage, linked to an online request form that representatives of campus organizations can submit requesting a section of campus. The form should have a map, to be updated weekly, indicating available and unavailable sections and allow a preferential ranking of preferred sections.
 - c) After an application is received, the commission should send a copy of this chapter to the organization’s representative, requesting a signature indicating agreement to abide by its policies.
 - d) The commission should assign the more preferable section, dependent on availability. In the case that all of the preferred sections are taken at the time the request form is submitted, the Director of Student Services should contact the organization inquiring about other preferred zones for adoption.
- §3 **RESPONSIBILITIES.** Once an organization has an assigned zone, they must engage in at least one monthly clean-up for the duration of the academic school year, excluding the months August, December, May, June, and July. Clean-up includes picking up litter, cleaning any bins or benches in the zone, and providing for general tidiness of the area. In addition, the commission will plan a once-per-semester campus-wide-clean-up in which all organizations involved in the Adopt-A-Spot initiative must participate. This event can substitute for that month’s clean up. Organizations with additional ideas for beautification

projects are allowed to work in conjunction with and with approval of the relevant campus authorities in enacting their project(s).

§4 **ADVERTISING.** The commission will order a sign bearing the name of the campus organization within one week of the assignment of a zone. The commission will place the sign within the adopted zone in a manner that is not permanently destructive to the physical environment and is not disruptive of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

§5 **COMPETITION.** To encourage the highest level of cleanliness, a monthly newsletter will be sent to participating organizations. In the newsletter the commission will recognize an outstanding organization and/or project for that month. At the end of the year, the commission will recognize an organization of the year at a diner, meeting, or public forum.

§6 **LIMITATIONS.** Campus organizations may not adopt more than one zone at any time. In addition, the adoption of any zone expires at the closing of the last summer commencement ceremony in that academic year. The following business day, application should be opened for the new academic year. All zones are then available and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, pursuant the regulations set forth in §2 of this article.

§7 **VIOLATIONS.** If a campus organization does not report a monthly clean-up to the commission or the zone is deemed in violation of the responsibilities outlined in §3 of this Article by the Commission, the organization incurs a single violation. After the first violation, the Director of Student Services shall provide a written warning to the organization, urging their fulfillment of obligations agreed to by participating in the initiative. If a second violation is incurred, the one becomes available for adoption by another organization and may not be adopted by the violating organization within the same academic year. Written notice should be provided at the time any violation is incurred, containing relevant information about next steps taken by the commission and/or required action on part of the organization.

CHAPTER 110 -SEAL ACT

STUDENT GOVERNMENT SEAL AND USAGE ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

AUTHORIZATION. This chapter and all of its regulations re authorized pursuant to Article III(10)(j) of the Student Government Constitution.

PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to establish the official seal of Student Government and to regulate the proper usage of the official seal of Student Government.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICIAL SEAL OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

§1 **FORMAL TITLE AND ABBREVIATION.** The long form name of the seal shall be “The Official Seal of the Student Government of Texas State University,” hereafter referred to as “The Official Seal.”

§2 **THE SEAL.** The Official Seal shall embody the pride and spirit of Texas State University by using the colors of the university, maroon and gold, and the Texas State “star.” It will demonstrate the core values of Student Government by listing each value.

The Official Seal will be presented as follows:

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ARTICLE III. AUHTORIZED USAGES OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL

§1 **PRESIDENTIAL.** The president is authorized and required to affix the official seal to legislation which he or she signs, official Student Government property, and ceremonial proclamations he or she issues. The president is authorized to affix the official seal to other documents, excluding publicity material that warrant the prestige of the Official Seal of Student Government.

§2 **JUDICIAL.** The Chief Justice is authorized but not required to affix the official seal to Supreme Court orders and opinions.

ARTICLE IV. PROPER PLACEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL

§1 **PLACEMENT.** When affixed by an officer who is authorized to do so, the official seal shall be placed either at the bottom right or bottom center of the document it is being affixed to.

ARTICLE V. UNAUTHORIZED USAGE OF THE SEAL

§1 **UNAUTHORIZED USAGE.** No person except those listed in this chapter may affix or use the official seal, and it may only be used in those circumstances as listed in this chapter. Usage of the official seal by any entity, except the Dean of Students Office, is prohibited.

CHAPTER 111 -THE CONSTITUENT OUTREACH TECHNOLOGY ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution.

§2 **PURPOSE.** The Senate, wishing to enhance Student Government constituent communication will enact this bill that aims to give College Senators access to a TRACS website giving them the capabilities to communicate with students from within their college about proposed as well as passed legislation, Student Government and university events, resources, and the like.

§3 **FUNCTIONS.** The TRACS capability for Student Government College Senators will work similarly to a TRACS page and is a specially made system for use by members of Student Government to communicate with students at Texas State through means of email, resource sharing, web-forums, and other forms of direct communication.

§4 **REGULATIONS.** Certain necessary regulations must be placed on the use of this capability as prescribed the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs in consultation with the Student Government Cabinet and the Dean of Students. Those regulations are as follows:

- a) College Senators shall be the only members of Student Government in addition to the Student Body President and the Chief of Staff who have access to the capability to transmit messages through this system.
- b) No More than two emails may be sent through this system by any member of Student Government per month.
- c) All correspondence through this system must pass through the Student Government Chief of Staff for ultimate approval by the Student Body President.
- d) No correspondence of a vulgar, personal, or any other nature which may negatively impact Student Government, the Dean of Students office, or any other Texas State

entity, may be sent through this platform; to do so will be punishable by the harshest terms.

- e) Log-in information must be kept secure and not shared by those who are not permitted to use this system of correspondence as referenced in §3 subsection (a).
- f) Failure to properly utilize this correspondence program that requires that College Senators must use it to communicate with their constituents will result in disciplinary sanctions.
- g) All members of the College who will receive this correspondence from Student Government must opt-out should they choose to no longer utilize this communication tool.

§1 **PRESIDENTIAL DISCRETION.** The President may choose to suspend this program as he/she deems necessary and proper.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROGRAM.

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes a program that will prioritize communication from the Senate to the Student Body at large through a special technological program crafted for the Student Government at Texas State.

- a) The communication and correspondence will follow all applicable regulations prescribed in Article 1 §4 of this chapter.
- b) The program will be up for review at the end of each long semester before the start of any new session of the Student Government.

CHAPTER 112 -RIDES FOR CATS AUTHORIZATION ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V.§2 (a) (d)

§2 **PURPOSE.** In the interest of reducing traffic, lowering emissions, and providing students with more transportation options, the Senate seeks to enact a program to be known as “Rides for Cats” offering a ridesharing service for Texas State University students. This service is to provide the ability for students to connect with their peers and purchase or provide transportation via car.

§3 **EXECUTION.** Student Government shall seek the implementation of a ridesharing service specifically tailored to the needs of the Texas State University community based on the following objectives, that the program;

- (a) Provides students with the ability to offer and request rides via an app on their phones.
- (b) Allows students to sell and buy rides on an individual basis.
- (c) Provides rides at an affordable flat rate.
- (d) Is responsive to demand for the service scalable to remain efficient and effective during times of growth or contraction in the market for such services on campus.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION.

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of the “Rides for Cats” program. Student Government will work with Texas State University Transportation Services to implement this program;

- (a) The Student Body President shall appoint a Rides for Cats task force, consisting of Senators within Student Government.
- (b) This task force shall work with Transportation Services in the implementation of the ridesharing program and shall report progress to the Senate not less than once per semester about its progress.

ARTICLE I. SUNSET

§2 **AUTHORIZATION.** The task force authorized under Article II shall be dissolved once the Student Body President arrives at the conclusion that the Rides for Cats program has been fully implemented and can continue under the direction of Transportation Services without assistance from Student Government.

§3 **MAJORITY VOTE.** The Student Senate may override the President’s decision to dissolve the task force by a 2/3 vote.

CHAPTER 113 -MENSTRUAL HYGIENE ACCESSIBILITY ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V. §107.1(2) (a)

§2 **PURPOSE.** Student Government is a representative body that must prioritize and accommodate the vital needs of all spaces on campus, including that of women and transgender men. To better service this group of students, the Menstrual Hygiene Accessibility Act will seek to bring pads and tampons to all non-residential bathrooms on campus.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION FOR PILOT PROGRAM

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of a pilot program “Feminine Hygiene Accessibility Act”

- (a) The Dean of Students and the Student Services Commission shall plan, oversee, and execute the program in cooperation with all other sponsors including the Student Health Center and all other Texas State entities that wish to participate in this initiative.
- (b) Costs will be determined by the national organization *Aunt Flow* who will also serve as distributor of the 100% organic cotton products and the facilitator of external operations.
- (c) Scheduling of the Program is to begin at the University’s earliest convenience and at the jurisdiction of the President and his Cabinet at the beginning of every semester thereafter.

CHAPTER 114 -“LET’S TALK” MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS ACT

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V. §107.1(2) (a)
- §2 **PURPOSE.** The Senate seeks to enact this program to reduce the stigma of mental illness amongst students as well as providing resources to seek treatment through two parts. Specifically, this campaign will create a dialogue series to allow for peer involvement in mental health awareness. The first part will include the awareness of mental health. Flyers that will state mental health statistics and resources will be posted on campus in all student dorms, dining halls, the “quad,” LBJ Student Center, Alkek Library and other permitted areas. The second part will be a student dialogue series, an open forum to be titled “Let’s Talk,” that will allow for students to share any issues or experiences with the goal of relating to other students. Students and mental health professional will come together to create a safe environment. “Let’s Talk,” will be hosted once a semester, unless deemed more necessary or otherwise by Student Government.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION FOR PILOT PROGRAM

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of a new program titled “Let’s Talk” consisting of two parts: awareness flyers and the student-led discussions
- (a) The President, in consultation with the Director of Programs and Marketing, will set the data for each event per semester.
 - (b) The Programs and Marketing Commission shall plan, oversee, and execute the awareness flyers and the dialogue events.

CHAPTER 115 -THE SWIPE OUT HUNGER AUTHORIZATION ACT

ARTICLE III. ADMINISTRATIVE

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V. §107.1(2) (a)

§2 **PURPOSE.** Student Government is comprised of leaders on campus who represent the best interest of all Texas State University students and inhabitants of the San Marcos community. There are a large number of these communities who have recently show distinct proof of financial disparities. Student Government wishes to implement a program in the hopes of lessening the burden on those struggling with hunger within these communities. This program seeks to allot resources that are currently going to waste at the end of the semester and using them to give back those who are not as fortunate. This initiative will allow students to directly make an effort on our community while working in junction with Student Government and Administration.

ARTICLE IV. AUTHORIZATION FOR PILOT PROGRAM

§1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of a pilot program title “Swipe Out Hunger”

- (a) The President’s Cabinet shall plan, oversee, and execute the program.
- (b) Logistics for Swipe Out Hunger, such as price caps, will be decided by the President and Chartwells Dining Services.
- (c) The Swipe Out Hungry program will be scheduled at the jurisdiction of the President and Chartwells Dining Services.
- (d) The Implementation of the continuation of a Swipe Out Hunger Program will be under review at the end of each term.