September 26, 2019

To: Dr. Joanne Smith  
   Vice President for Student Affairs

From: Eric Algoe  
   Vice President for Finance and Support Services

Subject: S.R. 08 A Resolution calling for an Extension of hours for Bobcat Bobbies during Spring 2019 Finals

The Texas State University Bobcat Bobbies is a student employee staffed program housed in the University Police Department. The purpose of the program is to provide safety escorts on campus from dusk until 1:00 a.m., 7 days a week. The program is heavily utilized, with the Bobbies providing over 4,000 safety escorts during the Spring 2019 semester. As the program is staffed by students, it’s important to provide consideration for their needs to study and focus on academics. Student employee work hours are limited to 25 hours per week for just this reason.

As the demand for safety escorts has increased, a new initiative is being launched. The SafeRide program is very near implementation, with an expected date in October 2019. This program will have designated pickup locations on campus, near current bus stops and/or emergency phone locations. Safety escort requests will be done via a mobile device, very similar to Uber. You must have TXST credentials to log into the program. Should a requester not have a mobile device, a safety escort can be requested by calling 512-245-SAFE. This safety escort service will be available from 10:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., 7 days a week.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano
    Assistant Dean of Students Kathryn Weiser

DATE: Monday, May 13, 2019

FROM: Corey Benbow, Student Body President

SUBJECT: S.R. 08 A Resolution calling for an Extension of Hours for Bobcat Bobbies during Spring 2019 Finals

I approve of this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate which is to maintain safety for all Bobcats during the stressful times surrounding finals.

Although this legislation cannot be implemented for the time period called for in the legislation. I feel it is important to send a symbolic statement for future finals. Bobcat Bobbies is an instrumental part of student safety.

Corey F. Benbow
Student Body President '20
A Resolution

A Resolution to be known as "A Resolution calling for an Extension of Hours for Bobcat Bobbies during Spring 2019 Finals," which strives to maintain safety for all Bobcats during the stressful times surrounding finals.

1 WHEREAS: The City of San Marcos has witnessed an increase in the number of violent sexual assaults within recent weeks, including on April 29, 2019 and May 2, 2019, in which three females were sexually assaulted within their own homes;1 and

6 WHEREAS: Both apartments where the sexual assaults occurred (The Retreat and The Cottages) are marketed as student-centered communities with The Retreat serving as an "Official Student Housing Partner of Texas State Athletics;"2 and

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1 Sonia Garcia, The University Star
2 American Campus Communities
WHEREAS: Texas State University finals begin on May 8 and end on May 15 and many students will be staying late on-campus to study for finals as Alkek Library begins to be open for 24-hours beginning on May 6 until May 15; and

WHEREAS: Students have expressed fear to be on campus late at night; and

WHEREAS: Bobcat Bobbies operates from dusk until 1:00 a.m. every night and the University Police Department Security Services operates from 1:00 a.m. until dawn seven days a week currently; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Texas State University Student Government urges campus administration and the UPD to extend Bobcat Bobbies escort hours during final exams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: During the summer semesters of 2019, University Police Department reviews ways to increase the Bobcat Bobbies presence on-campus and their promptness during evening hours including, but not limited to, an extension of Bobcat Bobbies hours, a safety tracking

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1 Texas State University Alkek Library
2 Texas State University Police Department
implementation to ensure who are not seen during pick-up are not in danger, ways to cut down on wait times for those who call upon the service, and well-advertised and well-lit central waiting locations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** If passed, this resolution be forwarded to the Student Body President for action.