



**Student Government Senate  
Texas State University**

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**LBJ Student Center | Teaching Theater – 7:00 PM  
First Session  
Sixth Meeting – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Student Government Senate Agenda**

- I. Call to Order – 7:06pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Orders of the Day**
- V. Conformation of Temporary Parliamentarian –Megan Trexlar; term to end at the end of meeting.**
- VI. Approve Minutes**
- VII. Guest Speaker**
  - A) Student Center Director, Jack Rahmann**

Came to Texas State because he wanted a change. Wanted to help take this student center to another level. He saw that LBJ Student Center was ready for growth and wanted to improve the experience for young people. I want to give a review of what has happened in the first year since I have been here at Texas State. First year: upgrade to small areas, dining area has new furniture, upgrades to meeting rooms, pushing to get LBJ Teaching Theatre upgraded, created 6 new positions to better suit the students, for the first time the student center has a full-time support specialist.

We need to keep up with UNT, UT, A&M, etc. Each of these schools have gotten brand new student centers or are currently undergoing renovations to their student center. We need a student center that is around 320,000 sq. feet and we are currently at 220,000. Texas State needs more meeting space. It is important because students who are engaged do better socially, in the job market, get better grades. You need a building that will accommodate all the needs of the different students that attend here. It is also an important facility because it is a “first impression” facility. People come here with their parents when they are visiting the school. We have over 22,000 come out of LBJ daily. Now is the time to get things done. First meeting with architectural firm and it didn’t go very well. They all agreed that the building needs \$18-20 million worth of mechanical work done on it. That is a must have. We need a bigger building and we will have to expand. Meeting with all the different departments met to figure out what the future of Texas State should be. We want to make the best use of every dollar. The need, support and resources are there. I want to be an advocate for the renovation and expansion of the student center and we want to make sure that the students have a voice because the students are the ones that are paying for it and will be using it. Survey in the spring of 3000 participants said they want more event space, lounge space, meeting space, more food space.

Want to increase student volunteer services. Last year we added 3 alternate spring break trips this year. Also looking at increasing student involvement and created new positions and brought in more money.

Questions:

Q1: Gray- What exactly is your plan on carrying out this all out to have infrastructure that is at the level of other universities?

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A: I would like a more central grand entry. When you walk in there now, you walk into a stairwell. It should be like walking into the capital. It should be more transparent and visual. Architecture can do a lot to enhance experience.

Q: DO we have the resources to make your vision true?

A: No, we would need student center fee increase.

Q2: Schuler- The expansion of student center fee? What would that fee be spent on?

A: To do what we currently have to do, that can be funded with what we will gain in debt capacity when we retire our debt in March. We don't know how much the project will really cost. When we feel like we have a firm grasp on consensus and a path, we won't really know how much it will cost.

Q3: Do you think we are going to improve upon LBJ or are we going to have to tear it down?

A: We won't close the student center down. We can't do that. We can structurally add to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th floor and we can go out toward the amphitheater. You have to get very creative when you are landlocked like we are. We have no place to build a brand new student center.

Q: Are there going to be continual surveys and study groups over this matter?

A: Yes, because people have different preferences and we need to know what is going to have the best impact on the students. The student center is here to develop leaders and knowing the core values help to rank what is most important.

Q4: Is it possible to build onto the building by Jackson Hall?

A: yes we are looking at that as a possibility.

Q5: Schuler- What assurance can you provide us that the large debt increase will benefit the students?

A: I like to reduce risk as much as possible. The 15-18 million has to be spent on the student center. At the end of the day it is for the students to decide. We won't build anything until every student is able to see what we are proposing. It is about informing the students about the concept that we have come up with. A referendum must pass in order to fund the project. There are architectural firms that specialize in student centers and that is what we need. When that time comes, we will have a lot of Town Hall meetings.

Q6: Grimes- What can we do as a senate for the students for you that would make your job easier?

A: Start thinking about what you want as a student. Look at the building and ask the students what they like and what they don't like about the building. We are going to put up 18 large flat screens to help promote activities that are going on at the school. We need more technology around the campus.

Q: As we obtain this information, how do we get our information to you?

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A: Come to me and my office. It is open and you don't need an appointment on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Q7: Schuler- When considering renovations particularly with this teaching theater, are we going to use the space more students or academics?

A: I have been pushing to use this room to be used more academics but I think it should be broken up based on who uses it. The student center will still be used as an academic building.

Ended: 7:56pm

**B) City of San Marcos Department of Planning and Development, Mr. Tory Carpenter**

We are working on a new project. Areas in San Marcos are not up to code. Another downside of our code is that it does not make a lot of sense. Better codes deal with how buildings are laid out on the property. Good street design is imperative to a good city design. We are in the early stages of our code re-write. LBJ Street was just turned from a one-way street to a two-way street. We want to invite you out to the Code Rodeo next to the Dollar Theater. We will be open the entire week.

Q1: DeSalvo- What other ways can we get involved?

A: Sign up for the e-mail list and come out to the Code Rodeo.

Q2: Bentley- Are you all rewriting the code for residential as well?

A: We are rewriting the code for everything (residential included.)

**VIII. Public Forum**

**IX. Cabinet Reports** –A new committee has been created. Human Health Advisory Committee. They will meet 2 or 3 times a year.

**X. Old Business**

**A) S.S.R 2014-2015.04 “A Resolution Establishing a Gold Rush Theme For Each Final Home Athletic Event”**- Motion to suspend rules and consider legislation already read. Motion by Galo and seconded by Zavala. Motion to adopt and seconded by Jackson. Amendment made by Wilson. Author accepts those amendments. Amendments passed.

**XI. New Business**

**A) Nomination of Director of Program** – Senator Austin Anderson

**XII. Committee Chair Reports**

**XIII. University Committee Reports**- Environmental Service Committee: Solis- Meetings every Wednesday in JCK.

**Schuler:** Motion to temporarily suspend the rules to add Articles of Impeachment. Seconded by Parks.

**XIV. Articles of Impeachment** – Joshua Mitchell and Nader Rady. Report will come from the commission within the next 5 days.



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XV. Adjournment- 8:33pm