

The rising STAR of Texas

APRIL 11th, 2019

TO: Texas State University President Dr. Denise Trauth
Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Joanne Smith
Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano
Assistant Dean of Students Kathryn Weiser
Members of Student Government
Students of Texas State University

FROM: Student Body President Alison G. Castillo

SUBJECT: Senate Resolution 20 "The Faculty and Student Safety Resolution of 2019"

I, Alison G. Castillo, with the powers vested to me as President of Texas State University's Student Government in accordance with Article V, Section 5, Sub-Section M, in the Student Government Constitution do hereby veto S.R.20 2018-2019 "The Faculty and Student Safety Resolution of 2019."

This issue is one of incredible importance to students at Texas State University, our community members, and individuals all across the state. My decision is neither partisan nor ideological; rather, it is one that upholds the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. In the oath I took before taking office, I vowed to discharge the duties of my office with integrity and honesty. I take this promise very seriously and have strived to promote Student Government and the mission of this university throughout our campus community.

The call for the immediate removal and barring of Turning Point USA from Texas State will set an invalid precedence that when opposing opinions arise that the solution is to bar one from organizing, thus fundamentally violating the First Amendment. It is my duty to serve all students no matter their differing opinions and I will ensure that every students' rights are upheld until the end of my term.

I implore that all students use the resources and procedures set in place should they feel that an organization or an individual is violating Student Conduct. We have Student Justice, which addresses individual behavior, and Student Involvement, which addresses organizational behavior, set in place to assist us, students, with any concerns regarding disruptions they feel violates any university policies.

As President of the Student Body, I take seriously my role that calls for me to represent all Bobcats and carry out the mission of Texas State University, which is why I have taken time to diligently consider this action and stand firmly by my decision to uphold the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Signed,

Alison G. Castillo