



**Student Government Senate
Texas State University**

**LBJ Student Center | Teaching Theater – 7:00 PM
First Session
Fourth Meeting – September 15th, 2014**

Student Government Senate Agenda

- I. Call to Order – 7:06pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Orders of the Day**
 - A) Orders amended by Stotler. Added the second guest speaker Andrew Potter.**
- V. Swearing in Selected Senators –McCasland and Hawthorne**
- VI. Approve Minutes**
- VII. Guest Speaker**
 - A) Jude Prather-City Council, Place 2**

-Speaking on construction, mainly the bridge that will be built over the train tracks on Aquarena Springs. Wants to make San Marcos a more walk-friendly community. Lighting under the bridge will be able to be changed to create different lighting themes. Believes that by doing all these things will give it a true unique factor. In front of The Root Cellar, construction took place to replace the electricity cables and utility poles. Trying to fix the downtown to make it more friendly to people and businesses. Make use of the unused spaces to encourage people to spend more time downtown. North LBJ construction will be finished soon including fixed utilities, new park benches and sidewalks; all of this to make everything more friendly to students and residents. Trying to push non-traditional forms of transportation like walking, biking, etc.

Q1: Gray: What are you doing to address parking in general in the city?

A: We are addressing it as broad and similar as we can to schools in small towns that deal with these same parking problems.

-Speakers time was extended by ten minutes by Schuler. Seconded by Stotler.

Q2: Do you think we should promote non-traditional forms of transportation?

A: yes, other schools address it by not allowing their freshman to have cars at all.

Q3: Johnson: The light systems seem archaic here. The light systems do not work together well. How do you plan to fix that?

A: Hopkins is the main street with this issue. We can always do more to address the timing of the lights, which we are trying to do. Trains are also an issue when it comes to their timing.

Q4: Zavala: Is there any information that the City Council wants us the Senate to share with the student body?

A: The Aquarena Springs Bridge will be burdensome and difficult but when finished it will be very beneficial.

Q5: Carlson: Are you going to address the issue of people who ride bikes and walk around the city.

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A: yes, the main focus is to make it friendly for people to walk and ride bikes.

Q6: Gray: Would you be interested in working with student government to help promote these events to help local businesses?

A: yes, that is a reason why I come here.

-Time was extended by 5 minutes by Zavala. Division of the House passed this.

Q7: Schuler: Are the parklet going to be on the side of the road or how will they work?

A: All of these options are possible. Businesses that may want to build one will have to determine the appropriateness of the parklets for the businesses. We are looking at other cities that have done this to see how they dealt with different situations. The whole concept of parklet is that it is not a permit.

Q: What would be the best avenue for students to give feedback to the city, including students who are not voters?

A: If they reside here, we have an obligation to listen to their concerns and they can always call the City and give their feedback and concerns.

Ended speaking: 7:47pm.

B) Andrew Potter- United Way

1. Bobcats for United Way helps the Hays County community. Opportunities to tutor students is what they are looking for. They have events planned throughout the semester. They offer a resume building opportunity and networking. Texas State is trying to build their United Way program. United Way is specifically focusing on education, so they are bringing these programs to college campuses. They offer positions for almost anything regarding what your major may involve.

Q1: Contact information?

A: Facebook page and brochure has all the information needed available on it.

Q2: Gray: Would you all be interested in collaborating with Student Government?

A: Yes we already work with organizations throughout this school and therefore are going to work with student government.

Ended Speaking at 7:55pm.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Former Senator Ryan O'Donnell asked for the senators to really have more debate over topics. Let people know that you are a Senator and let them know that you are representing them. Ryan is Treasurer of the organization of Bobcat Boost. Without the outreach of student government, people are not hearing about this issue and therefore the benefits of Bobcat Boost is not getting the ability to help the students. We are wanting and needing a sponsor.
2. Second speaker wants a college Game Day away from the game. The location would be in the Coliseum parking lot or in the East and West lots. This weekend would have 4-8 games being projected with the goal of having more students involved and having more student organizations come out and get to know the students. Speaker is John Moore, an alum from Michigan State University. Working with fraternity brothers to get students involved in the school activities.

IX. Cabinet Reports

-Need people to sign up for Constitution Day, September 17th.

-There is a change to the governing documents. Everyone is required to sit on a commission.

Cody DeSalvo: Supreme Court did decide to hear the case that deals with absences that occurred during the retreat weekend. Court will decide, post it online and then DeSalvo will tell the Senate the verdict next week.

Graduate House Representatives: Graduate brown bag session began this last week. Friday is the next graduate house meeting and it is open to all senate members.

Karlton Wilson: Head of PR and Marketing: Parking Policy Survey is online.

Lauren Stotler: Director of Finance

Sean Quinones: One-on-One with every senator. E-mail VP with your availability. NO blue jeans in Senate. If you do show up in blue jeans, you will not be allowed to vote.

X. Old Business

A) S.B. 2014-2015.01 “Budget Authorization Act of 2014”

-Motion by Johnson to temporarily suspend the rules. Seconded by Neilson.

Q1: Gray: How is the budget formed?

A: Pass budgets and recommendations by advisors and cabinet members helped to formulate the budget.

-Motion by Zavala to adopt. Seconded by Carlson.



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-Stotler moves to make amendments.

Voice vote passes amendments.

Schuler moves to amend the amount of the phone bill from \$1,100 to \$240. Seconded by Potts.

Debate and Discussion:

Stotler: Going down to one line would be difficult with regard the amount of calls they get. Along with privacy issues. Might not need all the fax machines and phones, \$240 will not be enough to sustain what we need.

Gray and Zavala: In favor of minimizing the cost, however the amount needed is still in question.

Solis: More than one line is still necessary.

-Gray moves to call to question. Seconded by

-Division of the House: 13 in favor. 12 opposed. 1 abstained. Amendment did not pass.

-Schuler moves to vote on the \$240 amount. Amendment passes.

-Division of the House for moving the money from the phone bill to discretionary budget: 20 Favor, 5 Not in Favor, 3 abstain.

-22 YES, 4 NO, 2 ABSTAIN. Legislation passes.

B) S.R. 2014-2015.01 “A Resolution to Extend Texas State University Shuttle Services Times”

-Zavala moves to adopt. Seconded by Lawrence.

-Amendment voted on by Division of the House. Amendment passes. 1 abstained.

-Legislation passes.

XI. New Business

A) S.S.R. 2014-2015.03 “A Resolution Confirming Student Government Representatives to University Committees”

-Made emergency legislation by the chair.

-Motion to adopt by Johnson.

-Call to question by Schuler. Seconded by Galo.

-Legislation passes.

B) Division of the Senate into Two Classes of Staggering Terms

XII. Committee Chair Reports



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Galo: Transportation and Parking Services survey online. Reach out to constituents and get feedback.

Anderson: Pride and Traditions proposal was to have a Gold Rush at the last game of every sports game. Pack Bobcat Stadium at the last home football game.

XIII. University Committee Reports

XIV. Adjournment- 10:01pm