

Memorandum

December 18, 2020

To: Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs  
Via: Dr. Vincent E. Morton, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students  
From: Kathryn A. Weiser, Assistant Dean of Students *KaW*  
Subject: Student Government Senate Resolution Legislation 2020-2021

Ten pieces of passed 2020-2021 Senate Resolutions from Student Government are attached and listed below.

**S.R.2020-2021.10 Resolution in Support for The Texas State Employees Union's Petition**

This legislation intends to call for Texas State to accept the demands of the TSEU (CWA Local 6186) in full to ensure that Texas State adequately

**S.R.2020-2021.11 Resolution Calling for The Texas State University President to Formally Request That the San Marcos District Attorney Drop All Charges Placed Against the Student Protestors Arrested in May 2018 and 2019**

This legislation calls for University President Trauth, and all other relevant University administrators, to make a public and formal request for the San Marcos District Attorney to drop all outstanding charges placed against the students and release a public apology for the actions of the University in those instances, in an effort allow healing to take place on campus. Please note that the Student Body President did not veto this legislation, but indicated disagreement with it in his cover memo for the piece of legislation.

**S.R.2020-2021.12 Resolution Calling for the Establishment of a Cultural Activities Fee**

This legislation intends to recommend that the University implement a \$5.00 Cultural Activity fee for students enrolled for courses at the San Marcos campus and that students may attend productions and events relating to the fine arts free of charge, and the fee will be overseen by a committee of students and faculty. Please note that the Student Body President did not veto this legislation, but indicated disagreement with it in his cover memo for the piece of legislation.

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**S.R.2020-2021.13 Resolution Calling for the Theatre Department to Adjust its Curriculum to Better Accommodate Students**

This legislation intends to call for the Theatre Department to adjust courses TH4390 through TH4393 to be less strenuous for students.

**S.R.2020-2021.16 Resolution Calling for the Installation of Artistic Murals**

This legislation intends to recommend the university to commission more artistic work on campus and to commission students to do the artwork.

**S.R.2020-2021.17 Resolution Calling for Updated Calorie and Diet Specific Information in Dining Halls**

This legislation intends to recommend Chartwells provides more updated dietary information to be posted in dining halls.

**S.R.2020-2021.18 Resolution Calling for the Creation of Cultural Diversity Flagged Course in Required Curriculum**

This legislation intends to recommend the University to flag specific types of cultural diversity courses in the student enrollment system and require two flagged courses for graduation.

**S.R.2020-2021.19 Resolution to Leverage Bobcat Trace to Further Mental Health Outreach from the University**

This legislation intends to recommend the University reformat Bobcat Trace to be used as a way for students to assess their mental health state, and potentially get on track to receiving aid streamlining the scheduling process.

**S.R.2020-2021.20 Resolution Calling on Free Masks in Major Student Service Buildings**

This legislation intends to recommend free masks at entrances of student service buildings such as Alkek, LBJSC, and the Student Recreation Center.

**S.R.2020-2021.21 Resolution to Encourage Fee Transparency When Registering for Classes, Through an Online Code Pledge**

This legislation intends to have a pledge that will be sent out to professors so they can choose to sign it or not, in an effort to be more transparent about course fees.



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To: Dr. Vincent Morton Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Kathryn A. Weiser, Assistant Dean of Students

Date: December 17, 2020

From: Catching Valentinis-Dee, Student Body President

Subject: Student Government Passed Legislation: Senate Resolutions

With the intention of honoring the senate's role as a representative body, no resolution passed by the senate during the year 2020 was vetoed. However, I hold my strongest reservations about two particular pieces. I request that my reservations be attached to these selected pieces.

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.11 Resolution Calling for The Texas State University President to Formally Request That the San Marcos District Attorney Drop All Charges Placed Against the Student Protestors Arrested in May 2018 and 2019

Number of Vote: 19 voted in favor, 11 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

**Acceptance of this legislation by the TXST Administration would be a direct incentivization of unlawful action and disobedience by students. Secondly, the content of this legislation was misrepresented before the senate by its author and sponsors during consideration.**

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.12 Resolution Calling for the Establishment of a Cultural Activities Fee

Number of Vote: 26 voted in favor, 4 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

**This legislation recommends the introduction of a universal fee for a service already available to students at "a highly reduced cost", in the words of the piece. At this time, the greater student population is wholly uninterested in increasing the cost of attendance for this purpose.**

Acknowledged are the following pieces considered and passed by the Student Senate.

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.10 Resolution in Support for The Texas State Employees Union's Petition

Number of Vote: 20 voted in favor, 9 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.13 Resolution Calling for the Theatre Department to Adjust its Curriculum to Better Accommodate Students

Number of Vote: 20 voted in favor, 10 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.16 Resolution Calling for the Installation of Artistic Murals  
Number of Vote: 18 voted in favor, 8 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.17 Resolution Calling for Updated Calorie and Diet Specific Information in Dining Halls  
Number of Vote: 29 voted in favor, 0 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.18 Resolution Calling for the Creation of Cultural Diversity Flagged Course in Required Curriculum  
Number of Vote: 16 voted in favor, 10 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.19 Resolution to Leverage Bobcat Trace to Further Mental Health Outreach from the University  
Number of Vote: 26 voted in favor, 0 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.20 Resolution Calling on Free Masks in Major Student Service Buildings  
Number of Vote: 28 voted in favor, 0 voted in opposition, 1 voted to abstain

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.21 Resolution to Encourage Fee Transparency When Registering for Classes, Through an Online Code Pledge  
Number of Vote: 30 voted in favor, 0 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

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**S.R. 20-21.16**

**Date of First Reading: October 5, 2020**

**A Resolution**

To be known as "A Resolution Calling for the Installation of Artistic Murals" that would proudly display the cultural heritage, educational opportunities, and Bobcat spirit that Texas State University has to offer in the means of artistic public murals.

**WHEREAS:** Texas State prides itself on its diverse culture, education, Bobcat spirit and unique landscape it resides on; yet the school lacks in its ability to properly represent itself in an artistic manner; and

**WHEREAS:** An artistic mural has been completed on the facade of the Evans Liberal Arts building; and

**WHEREAS:** The project directed by President Denise Trauth represented the facets of pride and strength but failed to directly represent the culture, heritage, Bobcat spirit and educational opportunities Texas State embodies; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Texas State University commission

22 additional artistic murals that embody  
23 our culture, heritage, and Bobcat pride  
24 by creating defining artistic features on  
25 campus for all to enjoy; and

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Department of Fine Arts  
27 should recruit Texas State students  
28 in the creation of the murals.

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if passed, this resolution be  
30 forwarded to the Student Body  
31 President for further action.