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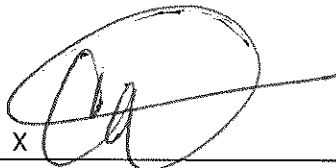
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano  
Assistant Dean of Students Kathryn Weiser  
DATE: Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
FROM: Corey Benbow, Student Body President *(B)*  
SUBJECT: S.B. 01 Bobcat Bounty Donation Act

I approve this bill passed by the Senate, which will give a portion of the remaining student government funds to Bobcat Bounty and the Hays County Food Bank through donated good purchased by Student Government in the last month of each fiscal year.



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**A Bill -**

A bill entitled "Bobcat Bounty Donation Act" which amends the Budget Authorization Act of 2018 to direct the remaining Student Government funds from fiscal year 2019 to the Bobcat Bounty program through purchase and donation of food stuff.

- 1 **WHEREAS:** According to the Hays County Food Bank 40% of Texas  
2 State students experience some form of food  
3 insecurity; and  
4 **WHEREAS:** Food insecurity can reduce student's academic  
5 performance, affect mental health, and has physical  
6 health side effects; and  
7 **WHEREAS:** Student Government's budget comes from an allocation  
8 of the Student Service Fee which follows the State of  
9 Texas fiscal year calendar rules, the state fiscal  
10 year starts on September 1<sup>st</sup> of one year and ends on  
11 August 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year; and  
12 **WHEREAS:** The Dean of Students office observes a period of  
13 reduced spending 30 days prior to the end of the  
14 fiscal year in order to reconcile financial records;  
15 and

16 **WHEREAS:** The student service fee allocation for Student  
17 Government is not considered a "rollover" account;  
18 meaning what money Student Government does not spend  
19 is drawn back into the student service fee reserve  
20 fund balance and is not useable by Student Government  
21 in the subsequent fiscal year; and

22 **WHEREAS:** Instead of returning the remaining funds to the  
23 reserve balance, Student Government should use the  
24 remaining funds to purchase canned and nonperishable  
25 food stuffs and donate them to Bobcat Bounty to  
26 support their efforts to feed food insecure Bobcats  
27 across campus; therefore

28 **BE IT ENACTED:** That S.G.C. Title VIII. §101.2 - "Budget  
29 Authorization Act of 2018" be amended by  
30 inserting a Section 2 with the following  
31 provision:

## 32 **ARTICLE II. DONATION TO BOBCAT BOUNTY**

33 §2 **BOBCAT BOUNTY DONATION.** For Fiscal Year 2019 the Director of Finance shall  
34 work with the Dean of Students office or designee to identify how much money will remain  
35 in Student Government's student service fee allocation after payment of all remaining  
36 obligations on or before July 15. Upon identifying the remaining amount after payment of all  
37 obligations and with the advice of the Dean of Students and relevant staff, the President  
38 shall, on or before August 25, 2019, authorize a purchase of canned or nonperishable food  
39 stuff with the remaining balance of student service fee funds and donate the food stuff to  
40 Bobcat Bounty through the Food Security Learning Community as administered through the  
41 Food and Nutrition Program in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences under the  
42 College of Applied Arts.

- 43 (a) A purchase for donation under this Act shall only be permitted in the event that the  
44 student service fee allocation for Student Government has a remaining positive  
45 balance on August 25, 2019, and the donation will not cause the account to become  
46 overdrawn.
- 47 (b) The Director of Finance will work with the Bobcat Bounty Steering Committee  
48 members to identify preferred donatable items.
- 49 (c) The Director of Finance is directed to make a written report to the Senate on or  
50 before September 1, 2019, reporting the status of the donation and amounts of funds  
51 used.
- 52 (d) If the amount of funds remaining that are to be used for purchasing food exceed \$500  
53 the Director of Finance will donate up to that amount worth of food items to Bobcat  
54 Bounty; any remaining amount up to \$300 worth of food items donated will be sent  
55 to the Hays County Food Bank.
- 56 (e) If the donation is not completed the Director of Finance will provide a detailed  
57 written justification to the Senate by September 5, 2019.
- 58 (f) If no acting or confirmed Director of Finance is in place by the due dates in this Act,  
59 the President or designee shall assume all responsibilities under this Act.