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**MEMORANDUM**

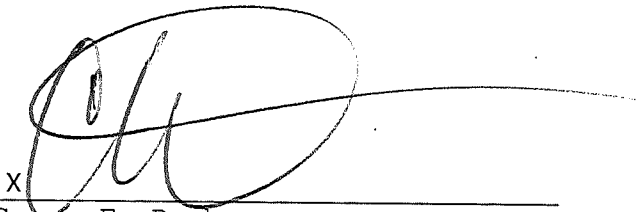
TO: Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano  
Assistant Dean of Students Kathryn Weiser

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2019`

FROM: Corey Benbow, Student Body President 

SUBJECT: S.B. 03 Budget Authorization Act of 2019

I approve of this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate which is Authorizes the Student government budget for the 2019-2020 academic year in accordance with the Student Government Constitution and Student government code



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MEMBER THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

**AUTHOR**

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Senator Thigpen, Collin

**S.B. 2019.2020.03**

**Date of First Reading: August 26, 2019**

**A Bill -**

**To be entitled the "Budget Authorization Act of 2019," which authorizes the Student Government budget for the 2019-2020 academic year in accordance with the Student Government Constitution and Student Government Code.**

1 **WHEREAS:** The Student Government of Texas State University has a  
2 responsibility to transparently and democratically  
3 **decide how its funds are allocated; and**

4 **WHEREAS:** In an effort to provide the best programs and services  
5 and meet its constitutional requirement to represent  
6 the students of Texas State University to the best of  
7 their abilities, the Student Body President and  
8 Finance Director have put together the following  
9 budget proposal; and

10 **WHEREAS:** This bill has been compiled as prescribed by the  
11 Student Government Constitution Article III, Section  
12 10(c) and in compliance with the regulations found in  
13 S.G.C. VIII. §100.4; therefore,

14 **BE IT ENACTED:** That S.G.C. Title VIII. §101 - "Budget  
15 Authorization Act of 2018" be by striking the  
16 Chapter 101 and inserting the following:

17 **CHAPTER 101 - BUDGET AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019**

18 **ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

19 §1 **MEETING AND PURPOSE.** In order to provide oversight of the  
20 budget and expenditures, the Finance Commission shall meet  
21 every week starting the last week of August and while the  
22 Senate is in session with the exception of holidays.

23 §2 **PRESIDENTIAL REPORTING.** The President, the Director of  
24 Finance, or a designee shall provide the commission with  
25 documentation of expenditures and issue a report on the  
26 state of the budget including, but not limited to, current  
27 expenditures from each category and line item at each  
28 meeting of the commission.

29 §3 **PRESIDENTIAL POWERS.** The President shall have the power to  
30 reallocate remaining funds from each category and line item  
31 should the activity funded be completed or invalidated,  
32 with any such changes reported to the Finance Commission at  
33 its next regularly scheduled meeting.

34 **ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION**

35 §1 **REPORTING.** Upon final authorization of the budget, the  
36 Director of Finance will present a written financial report  
37 to the Senate every 10th Friday of the year which will  
38 include a comparison of budget to actual expenditures in  
39 accordance with the most up-to-date records available to  
40 the university. The report will use the authorized tables  
41 below as a baseline and include clear information on what  
42 amounts of funds have been used for each category and line  
43 item, including a summary of total funds in each funding  
44 source which has been used. The report should provide a  
45 clear idea to the Senate as to how much money has been  
46 spent in all categories, line items, and totals. The  
47 Director may make recommendations or provide additional  
48 details related to the budget, but the Director must do so  
49 in writing.

50 §2 **BOBCAT BOUNTY DONATION.** The Director of Finance is required  
51 and authorized to make a purchase of canned or  
52 nonperishable food stuff totaling in value at the amounts  
53 authorized below to Bobcat Bounty through the Food Security  
54 Learning Community as administered through the Food and  
55 Nutrition Program in the School of Family and Consumer  
56 Sciences under the College of Applied Arts.

- 57 a) The Director of Finance will work with the Bobcat  
58 Bounty Steering Committee members to identify  
59 preferred donatable items.  
60 b) The Director of Finance is directed to make a  
61 written report to the Senate on or before February  
62 1, 2020, reporting the status of the donation and  
63 amounts of funds used.

- 64 c) If the donation is not completed the Director of  
 65 Finance will provide a detailed written  
 66 justification to the Senate by February 5, 2020.  
 67 d) If no acting or confirmed Director of Finance is in  
 68 place by the due dates in this Act, the President or  
 69 designee shall assume all responsibilities under  
 70 this Act.

71 §3 **DEFINITION AND ORGANIZATION.** Where each word is bolded, it  
 72 shall be considered a category of the budget and where each  
 73 word is indented it shall be considered a line item of the  
 74 budget and where each word is followed by an asterisk it  
 75 shall denote a mandatory expense category. Funds allocated  
 76 from the STAR Grant from the Student Services Fee cannot be  
 77 reallocated to other categories or line items of the  
 78 budget. Donations by Chartwells donations are indicated as  
 79 an approximate value of food and cannot be reallocated to  
 80 other categories and line times. The Student Government  
 81 budget authorized as seen below:

<b><i>Student Service Fee Funding FY 20</i></b>	
<b><i>Operations*</i></b>	
President	\$11,565.00
Vice President	\$8,148.00
Chief of Staff	\$4,658.00
Office Supplies	\$600.00
Reservations	\$2,000.00
Copy Services	\$700.00
Retreats	\$2,000.00
Phone	\$850.00
Copier Machine	\$1,350.00
Equipment	\$500.00
Board of Regents	\$1,500.00
<b><i>Programs*</i></b>	
Programming Commission	\$ 1,000.00
Marketing and Outreach Commission	\$ 1,000.00
Finance Commission	\$ -
Government Affairs Commission	\$ -
Freshman Council	\$ 850.00

Student Advancement Commission		0.00
Student Affairs Commission	\$	350.00
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission	\$	-
Bobcat Bounty	\$	300.00
<b>(The Courts) *</b>	\$	150.00
<b>(The House) *</b>	\$	2,500.00
<b>(Discretionary) *</b>	\$	3,566.00
<b>S.T.A.R. Grant</b>	\$	25,000.00
Sub-Total	\$	68,587.00
<b><i>Chartwells Donations FY 20</i></b>		
Programming Commission**		\$700.00
Roundtables**		\$1,300.00
Sub-Total		\$2,000.00
<b><i>Funding All Sources FY 20</i></b>		
Total		\$70,587.00

82 **BE IT ENACTED:** That upon passage this bill be sent to the  
83 Student Body President for further action.