TEXAS STATE Student Government

Student Government Senate Texas State University

LBJ Teaching Theater-7:00 PM Sixty-Fourth Session September 9, 2024

Student Government Senate Agenda

- I. Call to Order at 7:01 by Chairman Brown
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. National Anthem
- IV. Roll Call

Present

- A) Vice President Pro Temp Abby Myers
- B) Parliamentarian Pablo Avellanenda
- C) Senator Dakota Autrey
- D) Senator Patrick Awuah
- E) Senator Jordyn Batson
- F) Senator Carolena Estrada
- G) Senator Adam Long
- H) Senator Abilgail Malinak
- I) Senator Alexis Manzanares
- J) Senator Jacob Tagert
- K) Senator Jordan Williams
- L) Senator Aeric Bauer
- M) Senator Ashley Waters

Absent

- A) Senator Haley Black
- B) Senator Grace Tang
- C) Senator Aisha Shoniwa

V. Orders of the Day

- A) Parliamentarian Avellanenda moved all to emergency
 - 1. Roll Call Vote; passed unanimously
- B) Vice President Pro Temp Myers motioned to move to a committee as a whole
 - 1. Motioned to end committee as a whole



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- VI. Approval of Minutes
- VII. Guest Speakers

VIII. Public Forum

A) Rick Wilson: A nominee for transfer senator. Mr. Wilson gave an introduction prior to the legislation to confirm him. He works with a lot of parents and older transfer students. He himself just transferred from Austin Community College and is an economics major.

IX. Senate Leadership Reports

X. Vice President's Report

A) Explained that it was an interim senate meeting due to the committee meeting being held later in the evening. Sustainability and Auxiliary Committees need to discuss potential chairs.

XI. Cabinet Reports

A) Chief of Staff read the prewritten reports to the Senate.

XII. President's Report

A) Not this Wednesday but next Wednesday Olivia and Donovan will meet with the Provost and then with Dr.Damphousse and Dr.Hernandez. Dr.Damphousse invited the Senate to his house the 23rd at 6pm. It will be one hour long and causal. Sam Houston Game Ticket and Shuttle is available \$15, please push it. Lastly, Olivia will be posting the slideshows and information we will be going over on canvas Saturday night.

XIII. Advisor's Report

A) Big football game on Thursday versus ASU, make sure to get everyone out for it. Introduced a student organization challenge called The Black Out and is worth double the Presidents Cup points. The first 500 students will get food vouchers. Explained what will happen at the senate retreat and dinner at the damphouse's.



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XIV. Old Business

A Simple Resolution Confirming Committee Chairs

- A) Vice President Pro Temp Myers motioned to move to committee as a whole
 - a. Ended committee as a whole
- B) Vice President Pro Temp Myers moved to make it previously read
 - a. Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously
- C) Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously

XV.New Business

A Simple Resolution Switching Senator Manzanares' Senate Seat from the College of Liberal

Arts to the College of Applied Arts

- A) Made emergency during "Orders of the Day"
- B) Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Emma Vega to the position of Senator-At-Large

- A) Made emergency during "Orders of the Day"
- B) Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming the Committee Members of the Nominations and Appointments

Committee

- A) Made emergency during "Orders of the Day"
- B) Vice President Pro Temp Myers motioned to move the piece to previously read
 - a. Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously
- C) Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Roderick Wilson as the Transfer Seat Senator

- A) Made emergency during "Orders of the Day"
- B) Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Ibrahima Kande as the College of Applied Arts Senator

- A) Made emergency during "Orders of the Day"
- B) Vice President Pro Temp Myers read a testimony on Mr. Kande's behalf



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- a. Mr. Kande takes pride in helping people. Worked with AirForce ROTC here at TXST to recruit and help his fellow cadets. Wants to bring those same skills to the Senate.
- C) Senator Autrey asked for a point of personal privilege and asked about his interview vs application
 - a. Vice President Pro Temp Myers commented on the interview being stronger than the application
- D) Vice President Pro Temp Myers motioned to move the piece to previously read
 - a. Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously
- E) Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Senator Pablo Avellaneda to Parliamentarian

- A) Made emergency during "Orders of the Day"
- B) Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Senator Abby Myers to Vice President Pro-Tempore

- A) Made Emergency during "Orders of the Day"
- B) Parliamentarian Avellanenda motioned to move it previously read
 - 1. Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously
- C) Roll Call Vote; Passed unanimously

XVI. Adjourned at 7:34 by Chairman Brown



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Submitted Director's Reports

Director of Programming- I hope everyone had an amazing first week back and an amazing Labor Day weekend! This past week I have reached out to several organizations to set times to meet and learn how student government can be more involved. I know the first few weeks of school are busy for a lot of organizations, so it is understandable that dates aren't set in stone yet. I have also gone to the organization fair and walked around and talked to many organizations leaders/members and joined GROUPME's to build more relationships with these organizations. It was great seeing how eager so many students wanted to join organizations, and I cannot wait for student government to have more connections!! That's all from me this week! Hope everyone has an amazing rest of the week!!

Director of Governmental Relations- I attended the City of San Marcos City Council meeting this week and wanted to highlight key points that may affect our student body. The council reviewed and passed a \$342.58 million budget for 2024-2025, which will lead to adjustments in tax rates and utility costs, potentially impacting off campus student living expenses. Housing was also discussed, with updates on the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program aimed at addressing local housing shortages—something relevant to student renters. Additionally, infrastructure improvements were reviewed, including updates to service plans for the Whisper and Trace Public Improvement Districts, which could benefit students through better access and transportation. The council also approved the annexation of 7.553 acres in Caldwell County. Finally, the council has updated its citizen engagement procedures, making it easier for students to participate in meetings both in person and virtually. This is a good opportunity for us to engage in local issues that impact our daily lives.

Director of Marketing- Marketing is up on Instagram for the TXST vs SHSU game ticket and shuttle bundle. We passed out flyers for this at the org fair as well. Will be working on more marketing to promote sales.

Director of Finance- Good evening and I hope y'all have had a great start to your week. Again, I am Aidan Moorman for those who do not know, and I am the Director of Finance. These past couple of weeks I have been logging in and familiarizing myself with the org hub and been waiting on STAR grant applications, so get the word out! I am looking forward to my meeting with Mrs. Jess Bober on Wednesday September 11, so I can get some more specialized training and review org funding with her and my team. I can't wait to continue working with my fellow cabinet members and fellow students to make this a great semester

Director of Freshman Council- This week we have interviewed over 100 freshmen applicants and so far have accepted 50 applicants. The interviews went well for the most part and we are looking forward to presenting you the new freshmen council by next week. A Special thank you to Carolena and Pablo for making time to help with the interviews.