



Student Government Senate  
Texas State University

LBJ Teaching Theater– 7:00 PM  
Sixty-Fourth Session  
September 30, 2024

**Student Government Senate Agenda**

**I. Call to Order at 7:00 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 Patrick Awuah
- D) Senator Aeric Bauer
- E) Senator Carolena Estrada
- F) Senator Adam Long
- G) Senator Abigail Malinak
- H) Senator Alexis Manzanares
- I) Senator Jacob Tagert
- J) Senator Grace Tang
- K) Senator Emma Vega
- L) Senator Ashley Waters
- M) Senator Rick Wilson

**Absent**

- A) Senator Jordan Williams
- B) Senator Dakota Autrey

**V. Orders of the Day**

- A) Vice President Pro Temp Myers moved to make all resolutions emergency
  - 1. Roll call Vote, passed unanimously

**VI. Approval of Minutes**



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**VII. Guest Speakers**

Kama Davis – Attorney for Students

- A) The office started after Vietnam vets needed help once they came back to school. They give tools to self-advocated and learn what to do in the legal world. Introduced Mikala who is a student who had housing issues that included a broken water meter that over charged the bill. The leasing office said it was her water usage that caused this large bill. If it wasn't for AFS she wouldn't have made it through the legal issue. Areas of expertise include rental issues, ticketing, alcohol issues, immigration, name changes, employment, credit and debt issues, accidents and insurance, and powers of attorney. Vice President Pro Temp Myers talked about this (she went and got a living power of attorney and got a will). Introduced Isabella to talk about a medical issue (she had a medical emergency right before finals and lost her health insurance the week before). In housing specifically, there are two types of leases. Joint lease: everyone is equally liable for the entirety of the lease and the roommates you sign with are guaranteed to be your roommates. Individual lease: you rent the room, but still could be liable and assigned a random roommate. Prorated and lower rent is a regular benefit of a joint lease. Mikaela came back up to talk about how her boyfriend was promised to be assigned to the apartment with his same friends from the previous year but ended up getting moved into a random assignment.
- B) A Freshman Council member asked their office hours
  - 1. 8-5 minus with 12-1 for lunch
- C) Member of the public asked who handles the cases
  - 1. Handled in house

**VIII. Public Forum**

**IX. Senate Leadership Reports**

- A) Vice President Pro Temp Myers- States that they have filled many of the vacant seats. About to start interviewing for supreme court.
- B) Parliamentarian Avellandenda- welcomed new members
- C) Auxiliary Affairs- contacted Brad Johnson to get data on printer issues
- D) Health and Safety- have a meeting w Dr. Doss tomorrow. Met with Zenith from public forum two weeks ago.



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- E) Sustainability- Met with Director Stampley to talk about how to bridge the gap in the two positions. Meeting with will more on campus organizations to try and reintroduce the environmental service fee.
- F) Transportation- Meeting with Chief Carmichael to discuss sanitation and parking garage issues.
- G) Academic Affairs- Looking into revamping university seminar classes. Wanting more partnerships with the writing center and slac.

**X. Vice President's Reports**

- A) Will start meeting with the senate committees next week.

**XI. Cabinet Reports**

- A) Chief of Staff- Spoke to Freshman Council today about our wonderful board of directors
- B) Director of Government Affairs- Gave update on last city council meeting where they approved the budget that starts on 10/1. Also attended neighborhood commission and he voted against the deer feeding ban and he believes it is a negative impact for the students. Voted to delay decision to require parking at Rio vista park and is leaning towards voting no.
- C) Director of Outreach- Working on an event after meeting with several student organizations. Continuing to work to schedule these meetings
- D) Director of Finance- working with Marissa about organization funding and will begin meeting with them. Have awarded star grant and student organization funding.
- E) Director of Sustainability- no report
- F) Director of Freshman Council- Discussed Freshman Council executive board election winners and proceeded to introduce them. Working on fleshing out their signature event.
- G) Director of Marketing- no report

**XII. President's Report**

- A) Reported that the directors are up to date on their assignments and look forward to the weekly cabinet meeting on Wednesday.



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**XIII. Advisor's Report**

- A) If any committees need help, reach out. Will tour the senate committees next week with Donovan. Discussed the upcoming homecoming week. We are bringing back the spirit stick and passed out literature on how to have orgs compete.

**XIV. Old Business**

**XV. New Business**

A Simple Resolution Confirming Joseph Crist to the position of Senator-at-Large

- A) Made emergency by Vice President Pro Temp Myers
- B) Roll Call Vote, Passed Unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Emma Vega as the Sustainability Committee Chair

- A) Made emergency by Vice President Pro Temp Myers
- B) Roll Call Vote, Passed Unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Alazne Leon to the position of Senator-at-Large

- A) Made emergency by Vice President Pro Temp Myers
- B) Parliamentarian Avellanenda moved to make it previously read
- C) Roll Call Vote, Passed Unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Khristian Maldonado to the position of Senator-at-Large

- A) Made emergency by Vice President Pro Temp Myers
- B) Vice President Pro Temp Myers moved it previously read
- C) Vice President Pro Temp Myers moved to amend the piece to be a seat in the senate representing the College of Fine Arts and Communications instead of at-Large.
  - i. Roll Call Vote, Passed Unanimously
- D) Roll Call Vote, Passed Unanimously

A Simple Resolution Confirming Melanie Cardeno to the position of Senator-at-Large

- A) Made emergency by Vice President Pro Temp Myers
- B) Parliamentarian Avellanenda moved it to be previously read
- C) Roll Call Vote, Passed Unanimously

**XVI. Adjourned at 7:30 by Chairman Brown**