



Student Government Senate
Texas State University

LBJ Teaching Theater– 7:00 PM
Sixty-Fourth Session
October 14, 2024

Student Government Senate Agenda

I. Call to Order by Chairman Brown at 7:03

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 Aeric Bauer
- F) Senator Joseph Crist
- G) Senator Melenie Cardeno
- H) Senator Carolena Estrada
- I) Senator Alanze Leon
- J) Senator Adam Long
- K) Senator Kristian Maldonado
- L) Senator Alexis Manzanares
- M) Senator Samantha Regan
- N) Senator Jacob Tagert
- O) Senator Grace Tang
- P) Senator Ashley Waters
- Q) Senator Rick Wilson

Absent

- A) Senator Abigail Malinak
- B) Senator Emma Vega
- C) Senator Jordan Williams

V. Orders of the Day

- A) Vice President Pro Temp Myers made “A Simple Resolution Condemning the September 24th Hate Crime” emergency
 - 1. Roll Call Vote, Passed Unanimously

VI. Approval of Minutes

VII. Guest Speakers

Kelly Damphousse – President of Texas State University

- Invites the members of the senate to ask him a question because he wants to hear from everyone. Introduced Dr. Hernandez and Dr. Bruce. He is from Alberta Canada and is a first-generation student. Once he moved to a new town towards the end of his childhood, he began thinking about college because of his new classmates. He wanted to be a goalie in the NHL and even tried out for a national team. He also thought about being a police officer because of his family adopting him. He wanted to do this because of his parents often getting calls from police officer who were asking them to house young children. He applied for community college at the end of his high school career and went after he graduated. After college he continued his goal of becoming a police officer, but they rejected his application, so he became a prison guard. He ran into a former instructor, and he told him about SHSU and their criminal justice program. He sold everything and got a motorcycle to drive from Canada to Huntsville. He met a woman there who made him strive for bigger goals. One time when he was in grad school, he met with a mentor of his that helped him right before he had his first kid. His mentor said biologically anyone can be a father, but you must work to be a dad. He works to be a better leader and person after working with this mentor for many years. He started his career at UAB and then moved to Texas and then OU to be an associate dean. He then was hired as interim dean and then was hired permanently several months later. He was then recruited to be Arkansas State's chancellor by their system's president. At his introduction press conference, he worked through his doubts and succeeded at leading that institution. He is always excited to come to work because he loves what he does and never knows what to expect, for better or for worse. Talked about the challenge coin that he brought a picture of. It was created after a SWT graduate once since they didn't have the opportunity to receive one. It is supposed to represent what you learned here and to share it with others.
 - Senator Tagert asked how to move past disappointments in your failure and how to keep focused on moving forward
 - It's okay to not entirely get over it but understanding that it is okay to move on to bigger and better things. Sometimes there are more important things in your life, and you may not even know it yet.
 - Vice Director Romo asked what the best approach is to helping people
 - Empathy is very important. Reading helps him understand people more and it has grown his strength in helping others.
 - Senator Wilson asked about any other mentors or influencers in his life.



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- He had a 12th grade professor who publicly criticized him after he thought they had a good relationship. He then talked to the teacher after class, and he did that because the teacher saw something in him and wanted him to apply himself.

VIII. Public Forum

IX. Senate Leadership Reports

- A) Vice President Pro Temp Myers- Explained the senate constitution amendment and why she wants to change the representation seats. Will read it tonight then push it for 20 days so it can be publicly seen Wants to have a small orientation for the senators who are new or couldn't make the retreat.
- B) Parliamentarian Avellanenda - Talked about the status of a college of education seat candidate.
- C) Auxiliary Affairs Committee Chair- They visited the dining halls and met with the person who oversees all of the campus printers. Looking to add one to Bobcat Village
- D) Health and Safety Committee Chair- Planning on visiting parking garages for updates on last sessions bill about security cameras.
- E) Sustainability Committee Chair- Talks continue about raising the service fee continue
- F) Transportation Services Committee Chair- Continuing to reach out to faculty and looking into adding more mirrors in garages to prevent incidents.
- G) Academic Affairs Committee Chair- Meeting with the provost and working to expand US 1100. Working to fix a code error in the degree audit. The Language department doesn't include professors in schedules

X. Vice President's Reports

- A) SAB constitution update. Will change the process of amendments. Fyi committee will convene.

XI. Cabinet Reports

- A) Director of Freshman Council- Thanked senators who regularly come to Freshman Council meetings
- B) Director of Marketing- Will be posting the elevate student success event



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- C) Director of Finance- He and Marissa met with Latinas Unidas. Continuing to award Star Grants.
- D) Director of Programming- Broke down what they heard from Latinas Unidas and informed them what we do.
- E) Director of Sustainability- Introduced the don't mess with Texas State campaign.
- F) Director of Government Affairs- Attended the city council meeting and will attend the neighborhood commission meeting this week.

XII. President's Report

- A) Thanked Dr. Damphouse. Discussed homecoming week on November 11-16. Our event is the 5k on Tuesday. At Boko Bash we will be handing out buttons for mums on Wednesday. Thursday is the celebrate 125 events. Friday is a soap box derby and parade. Saturday is game and sg reunion.

XIII. Advisor's Report

- A) Good luck with midterms

XIV. Old Business

A Simple Resolution Condemning the September 24th Hate Crime

- A) Read By Parliamentarian Avellanenda
- B) Roll Call vote, Passed unanimously

XV. New Business

A Bill Ratifying the SAB Constitution

- A) Read by Vice President Pro Temp Myers

A Bill to Amend the Senate Composition*

- A) Read by Vice President Pro Temp Myers
- B) Vice President Pro Temp Myers moved to table this for 21 days
 - i. Roll Call vote, Passed unanimously
- C) Vice President Pro Temp Myers moved to committee as a whole

XVI. Adjourned by Chairman Brown at 8:09