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# **Student Government Senate Agenda**

## I.Call to Order by Chairman Stampley at 6:35 PM

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III.Roll Call

#### **Present:**

- A) Senator Ajayi
- B) Senator Autrey
- C) Senator Bernal
- D) Senator Carr
- E) Senator Dinescu
- F) Senator Farrington
- G) Senator Gautam
- H) Senator Joseph
- I) Senator Knowles
- J) Senator Koop
- K) Senator Long
- L) Senator Reagan
- M) Senator Reynolds
- N) Senator Thompson
- O) Senator Touve

#### **Absent**

- A) Senator Leon (Excused)
- **B)** Senator Levinsohn
- C) Senator Williams (Excused)

## IV. Orders of the Day

- 1. Senator Farrington motioned to move Senator Levinson to emergency
  - I. Passed unanimously, vote by voice
- 2. Senator Farrington motioned to vote by voice
  - I. Passed unanimously, Vote by roll call vote

## V. Approval of Minutes

## VI.Guest Speakers

I. Dr. Hernandez – VP Student Success



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- I. Shared hopes and aspirations from President Damphousse for student success
  - I. Increase access to Texas State (record enrollment) and ensure students reach academic goals and help them identify what they need early in the semester.
  - II. Shared knowledge regarding assistance for transfer students
  - III. Emphasized the importance of individual connections through organizations as well as prioritizing health and wellbeing.
- II. Shared Student Success operations with the Senate
- III. Shared the expressive activity policy update
  - I. Senate bill 2972
  - II. Major changes:
    - common areas are now considered limited public forums open to enrolled students and employees and their invited guests.
    - II. Individuals not affiliated with Texas state may still engage in expressive activity in a designated traditional public forum (Upper Bobcat trail SM) (NW Quad RR)
    - III. Time restriction: prohibited between 10 pm and 8 am
    - IV. Date restriction: prohibited during the last two weeks of a semester of term
    - V. Every campus & system decided on their own
    - VI. Policy violation if not followed by students, faculty or staff

## IV. Student Success Commons

- Transformation of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor represents a new phase in efforts to update the 35-year-old building. Floors 1-4 previously completed in 2020
- II. Relocate and expand SLAC services (tutoring, success coaching, supplemental instruction), add new services such as academic recovery
- III. Expand and modernize individual and group/collaborative study spaces (furniture, tech, collaborative study aids, outlets)
- IV. Add study pods, group study rooms will be updated (white boards, electronic displays, rollable screens, more outlets and natural light)
- V. Books on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor
  - I. Tracking how many books have been checked out or used, and vast majority have not been used in any way in over 10



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- years (the ones that are frequently used will be moved to another place in the library)
- II. The ones that are not frequently used will be moved to the Archives and Records Center (the ARC) in San Marcos
  - I. Typically, where collections go (archive center)
  - II. Students and employees still have access
    - I. Students can request and they will be transported back to Alkek for use
- III. 6th floor will not be a quiet area anymore, but other areas in Alkek may be designated as "quiet areas" at discretion of the library staff
- IV. Hopes to start construction over December estimated to be complete before Fall 2026
- V. Open to gathering student input; already part of the plan
  - Senator Long mentioned that the Senate would be interested in serving on committees or providing their opinions
- VI. Overcrowding: lack of study space
  - I. This is an effort to increase study space
  - II. Remove "stacks" that aren't being used
  - III. New residence halls have study spaces in the plans
  - IV. Old slack space will now be studying space
- VII. Alkek should continue to update students about their plans

#### VII. Public Forum

- I. Muhammed Hanzala, Chair of the Governing Documents Committee and Texas State University Supreme Court Chief Justice, addressed the senate regarding the new code of laws
  - I. Adam Long shared concerns over the lack of impeachment for cabinet and election alliances
  - II. Senator Jacob's motioned to postpone this discussion to the next meeting due to time restrictions

## VIII. Senate Leadership Reports

- I. Senator Farrington and Senator Koop nominated for Parliamentarian
  - I. Secret Ballot
    - I. Senator Farrington: 11 votes
    - II. Senator Koop: One vote
    - III. Abstained: One
  - II. Senator Farrington elected Parliamentarian



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- II. Senator Long and Senator Joseph nominated for VP Pro Tempore
  - I. Secret Ballot
    - I. Senator Long: Nine Votes
    - II. Senator Joseph: Four votes
  - II. Senator Long elected as VP Pro Tempore

## IX. Vice President's Reports

- I. Check emails
- II. Dinner at the Damphousses

## X.President's Report

- I. Freshman council applications have been reviewed; interview invites have been sent out
- II. Library meeting on Friday

## **XI. Cabinet Report**

- I. Director of Sustainability No Report
- II. Director of Marketing No Report
- III. Director of Freshman Council No Report
- IV. Director of Finance No Report
- V. Chief of Staff No Report
- VI. Co-Director of Community Outreach No Report
- VII. Co-Director of Community Outreach No Report
- VIII. Director of Programming No Report

## XII. Advisor's Report

- I. Library plans
- II. Homecoming applications opening
- III. Retreat recap

## XII.Old Business

#### **XIII.New Business**

- I. S.S.R. 25-26.01 Switching senator Levinsohn seat from Senator-at-Large to the College of Fine Arts and Communication
  - I. Senator Joseph motioned to mark this piece as previously read
    - I. Passed unanimously, Vote by Voice

## XIVV. Adjourned by Chairman Stampley at 7:56