

**Student Government Senate
Texas State University**



**LBJ 322– 6:30 PM
Sixty-Fifth Session
September 29th, 2025**

Student Government Senate Minutes

- I. Call to Order by Chairwoman Stampley at 7:10 PM**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**

Present

- I. Senator Ajayi
- II. Senator Autrey
- III. Senator Bernal
- IV. Senator Carr
- V. Senator Dinescu
- VI. Senator Farrington
- VII. Senator Gautam
- VIII. Senator Knowles
- IX. Senator Koop
- X. Senator Leon
- XI. Senator Long
- XII. Representative Niraj
- XIII. Senator Reagan
- XIV. Senator Reynolds
- XV. Senator Thompson
- XVI. Senator Touve
- XVII. Senator Williams

Absent

- I. Senator Joseph

IV. Orders of the Day

- I. Senator Farrington motioned to move S.S.R.25-26.08 Confirming the Nominations and Appointments Committee to Old Business

V. Approval of Minutes

VI. Guest Speakers

- I. Coryell
 - I. Shared goals with the senate:
 - I. Graduate on time
 - I. between 3 ½ and 4 ½ years
 - II. Graduate under budget
 - I. Using financial aid to the best of their ability
 - III. Graduate with a career of purpose

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- I. Every student to look back at their time at TXST as a catalyst for a career, not a job
- II. Academic support and career pathways
 - I. Shared the details of this section of student success
- III. Retention and graduate highlights
 - I. Shared statistics about TXST's retention rates
- IV. Navigate TXST
 - I. Shared details about the program and information regarding students hours, grades and more
- V. Registration Trends
 - I. Shared a graph with the senate about retention rates, high school class rank average, fall class size, and transfer rates
- VI. SLAC (Student Learning and Assistance Center) Enhancements
 - I. Added a number of new classes to tutoring and supplemental instruction (SI) portfolio
 - II. Agreement with tutor.com for online tutoring options as well as SI being offered online
- VII. Joined the ATTAIN Network guaranteed transfer pathways
 - I. Efforts to assist students with transfers
- VIII. Continuation grants for students
 - I. A one-time grant for student in emergency aid focused on continuation and completion
- IX. Zero credit internship course
 - I. Students who do not have an internship requirement can apply for a zero-credit course with no tuition costs to ensure their internship experience is on their transcript
 - II. The number of students who have self reported completing an internship has risen from 30% in 2023 to 44% in 2025, showing great student interest
- X. Shared contact information and business cards with the senate
- XI. Shared plans for improvement on course enrollment projections as higher level students have struggles to get into higher level classes that must stay extra time
- XII. Shared plans to improve the intersession class course options as the success of that was unprecedented
- XIII. Shared plans to help students navigate federal loan changes
- XIV. Wants to encourage students to take at least 30 hours per semester, not necessarily 15 per semester.
- XV. Senators shared concerns about students (especially in higher years) paying high costs despite not using campus resources (student teaching and required internships)

VII. Public Forum

VIII. Vice President's Report

IX. President's Report

X. Cabinet Report

- I. Chief of Staff (Ochoa) – No Report

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- II. Director of Marketing (Mullee) – No Report
- III. Director of Programming (Regan) – No Report
- IV. Director of Freshman Council (Cardeno) – No Report
- V. Director of Sustainability (Schlosz) – No Report
- VI. Co-Director of Community Outreach (Hensel) – No Report
- VII. Co-Director of Community Outreach (Panta) – No Report
- VIII. Director of Finance (Calderon) – No Report
- IX. Director of Government Affairs (Manzanares) – No Report

XI. Committee Minutes

- I. Student Success
 - I. Follow-up with potential printing money surplus, and deal with fallout of only two senators left
 - I. Inform about removal of senator. Inquire with Dr. Bruce and/or Abby for more information
- II. Sustainability
 - I. Emma Parsley and Lisa Fields were guest speakers
 - II. Introductions were made and meeting goals discussed
 - III. Discussion about NSO module, glass bottom boat tours, efficiency, stewardship, and freshmen involvement with river/state sustainability
 - IV. Student Government's role in sustainability and logistics of NSO module/university seminar discussed
 - V. Senator Bernal shared information about NSO module and sustainability pillars
 - VI. Plans to expand first float to include sustainability education
 - VII. Approval needed from Christina Roehrig (Student Coordinator for NSO)
 - VIII. Mention of BOCO's Browse Student Org Fair and Sustainability Squad's presence
 - IX. Family involvement in sustainability discussed
 - X. Contacts for further discussions: Stephenie Zolensky and Dr. Drex in McCoy
 - XI. Senator Bernal wrapped up conversation with guest speakers
 - XII. Noah and Emma discussed Service Saturdays
 - XIII. Idea introduced for BOCO Closet at campus recreation; info on sustainability TXST website
 - XIV. General meeting notes:
 - I. Senator Thompson to check occupancy at Bobcat Village
 - II. Senator Bernal to check occupancy at Balcones
 - III. Senator Reagan to check occupancy at Cypress
 - IV. Discussion on sustainability in labs
- III. Parking and Transportation
 - I. Discussed creating a survey to show when busses are at max capacity
 - II. Purpose: show that we need more busses/better routes with less stops

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- III. Discussed potential for more expensive, designated spots
- IV. Touch up safety paint
- V. Stops signs near tower (ask Senator Bernal)
- VI. Meadows route 23 shuttle stop is dangerously located, possibly move it near the commuter spot
- IV. Academic Affairs
 - I. Clarification needed on summer school vs. regular class pricing; students treated as full-time over summer with only one credit hour
 - II. Ajayi requested data breakdown; Long declined due to complicated login process and withdrew from summer class
 - III. Need to identify appropriate contact below Eric Algo to investigate and improve situation; consider reaching out to Dr. Bruce for guidance
 - IV. Group voted to support Homecoming Court
 - V. Discussion on defining and promoting study spaces for finals (tables, chairs, collaborative/quiet rooms)
 - VI. Promotion efforts needed to increase awareness of study spaces; 24-hour study session data showed no strong need for extended hours
 - VII. Dean's List/President event concerns: no funding, lack of food, and low appeal; exploring options to sustain or discontinue the event
 - VIII. Goal to push for transparency and improve communication to address student frustrations, similar to concerns about the library
- V. Health and Safety
 - I. No Report

XII. Advisor's Report

XII. Senate Leadership Reports

XIII. Old Business

XIV. New Business

XV. Adjourned by Chairwoman Stampley for Committee Meetings at 7:40

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