

**Order of Business for SMU Student Senate  
January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**



- I. Call to Order: 3:35pm**
- II. Moment of Silence**
- III. Roll Call**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	
Student Body President	Rob Hayden	
Student Body Vice President	Patrick Kobler	A
Student Body Secretary	Erika Briceno	
Student Senate Speaker	Alisson Reyes	
Student Senate Chief of Staff	Jeff Ordner	
Student Senate Parliamentarian	Kyle Bennett	
First Year Senator	Katie Perkins	
First Year Senator	Derek Hubbard	
First Year Senator	Austin Poynter	
First Year Senator	Jack Benage	
First Year Senator	Michael Sizemore	
Dedman I Senator	Alex Holland	
Dedman I Senator	John Steitz	
Dedman II Senator	Jakin Vela	A
Dedman II Senator	Robbie Krupp	
Dedman II Senator	Ryan Pitts	A
Dedman II Senator	Derek Sangston	A
Cox Senator	Megan Altman	
Cox Senator	Marc Bullock	
Cox Senator	Ryan Meyer	
Cox Senator	Alex Linn	
Cox Senator	Eric Park	
Cox Senator	John Jose	
Cox Senator	Andrew Robinson	
Meadows Senator	Lacy Radcliff	A
Meadows Senator	Jonathan Moon	A
Meadows Senator	Whitney Stenger	
Meadows Senator	Brenda Gonzalez	
Engineering Senator		
Engineering Senator	Joseph Esau	
Engineering Senators	Brian Crouch	A
Engineering Senator	Barrett Matthews	
Law Senator	Stephen Davis	
Law Senator	Casey Ragan	
Law Senator	Aaron Martinez	
Education Senator	Laura Schur	
Education Senator	Brittney Titus	
African-American Senator	Jay Johnson	A
Asian-American Senator	Shakeel Mehdi	A
Hispanic-American Senator	Sarah Acosta	A
International Senator	Yousuf Alkhan	
Communications Committee Chair	Kellyn Curtis	
Finance Committee Chair	Regan Owen	A
Membership Committee Chair	Peter Goldschmidt	A
Scholarship Committee	Abby Hoak	A
Organizations Committee Chair	Paul Sharpe	A
Student Concerns Chair	Steven Aitkenhead	

**IV. Approval of Minutes. Minutes approved.**

**V. Speaker's Podium**

- Jon Haghayeghi: I am speaking on behalf of the Ethics Debate team. We are a great organization. Last semester we competed several times and this semester we will be competing at Harvard. We were undefeated except for the champions and we are requesting that we regain probationary status.
- Bonnie Madeley & Jessica duPoint: I am here to support the legislation being passed for the President's climate commitment and the new recycle mania.
- Senator Lynn & Senator Holland: We are presenting a bill encouraging the President to cancel classes for the next three days. The health center has made a recommendation to do this and that there have been almost 400 people that have been diagnosed with Influenza. The flu is now affecting everyone from greeks to non-greeks. Bullock: What would you like to accomplish from this legislation? We think that it would be constructive to not have students congregated in classrooms who have the Flu. Aitkenhead: Even with the flu shot you can still get it and it will not help if you are already contaminated. Lynn: There was a myth that if enough people went to the health center on Monday they would cancel classes and they have yet to do so. Stenger: Logistically since we cannot pass this as a formal legislation would you be interested in writing a letter to President Turner. Robinson: When would we make up the class? I don't know.

**VI. Officer Reports**

*President Hayden*

- I just talked to the director of the Health Center Pat Hite but he understands that some doctors might have started a rumor.
- Exec will now be meeting on Friday at 12:00pm
- Duties: I want to make sure that Senate continues to be a strong organization amongst campus. Next week we are going to fill out some forms to see where senate falls within each person's life and what your Senate goals are. I want to start holding us accountable for what we were elected to do.
- Please let us know if you are planning on leaving or if you have left senate so we can fill your seats.
- New Finance Budgeting: Thank you Reagan
- Brenda Gonzalez- Academic Committee: I will be starting a new research academic committee and focus on our retention rate and graduation. If anybody is interested please let me know. Jose: Under which category would this committee fall? This would be a standing research group that will report to the Student Concerns committee.

*Vice President Kobler*

- Ideas for legislation

*Secretary Briceno*

- Code of Conduct Revision: Postponed
- Sorority Crosswalk update: We are getting two light crosswalk

*Speaker Reyes*

- Legislation is due Thursday at 5pm because we changed exec meeting times.
- Please send all legislation in the correct word format, email me at [areyes@smu.edu](mailto:areyes@smu.edu) if you need a draft.

*Parliamentarian Bennett*

- No report.

*Chief of Staff Ordner*

- Liaison Scouts

- Committee evaluations are still ongoing. I wanted to encourage all of you to continue working hard on the committees.
- There was a suggestion from one of the chairs to rotate committees in order to introduce senators to other committees.

*Assistant Dean Jones*

- Welcome Back!

## **VII. Committee Reports**

*Organizations – Chair Sharpe*

- New Business
  - Revoke Charter
    - Ethics Team (7-0-0)

*Student Concerns- Chair Aitkenhead*

- No report.

*Membership – Chair Goldschmidt*

- No report.

*Scholarship – Chair Hoak*

- No report.

*Communications - Chair Curtis*

- Our first meeting will be next Wednesday and we will meet at 5:00pm

*Finance - Chair Owen*

- New Business
  - Students for a Better Society- \$4500
    - They are putting on a program called Rachel's Challenge. It is a campus improvement program aimed towards creating unity and attainable goals.
  - Student Development- \$0
    - They wanted to have a Campus marketing program by putting TV screens around school. They need a test site in order to try out the program but they wanted to place it in their office and we felt that it would not be maximally utilized there. Senator Lynn: I think putting a TV over the ATM.
  - East Asian Student Assoc.- \$1045
    - They are wanting to put on a 5 on 5 basketball tournament. They are asking schools from all over DFW and they will be charged an entrance fee. Their ultimate goal is to demonstrate that they are able to host an event like the Asian Olympics which is a very prestigious event. We recommended to fund in half.
- Old Business
  - The Muddler- \$500: Approved
    - They are coming through for the second time this year because they were not able to find a sponsorship this semester. This is the reason why they are asking for it again.
  - SMU Black Law Students Assoc. \$2340: Approved
    - They want to get funding for a regional convention. It is not required but in order to go to others past regionals they must attend this one. The committee recommended funding in full.
  - ABS/ BME \$300: Approved
    - They received funding through their appropriations to attend their conference but the fee increased so we decided to fund in full.
- New Budget Process
  - We are instituting a new budgeting process for the spring. There are new guidelines and line items in order to simplify the process. I would like all of you senators to let me know what you think. Jose: will you allow graduate groups to receive Senate funding? The grad schools receive a stipend for their organizations therefore they are currently able to apply for double the funding. So we are talking about limiting the stipulation on having graduate groups to

receive student senate funding. Martinez: how do you determine how much is given to each graduate group? The school receives a percentage of fees on the number of students enroll.

**VII. Old Business**

- No Submission

**IX. New Business**

- **S- 09- 01- 09 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PRESIDENT TURNER TO SIGN THE AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT**
  - Senator Benage: This legislation came from a lot of encouragement from the two primary environmental organizations on campus. We are trying to get President Turner to sign a commitment that would hold the campus accountable for several steps that the campus would follow to be environmentally friendly. Jose: Have any of you approached administrators and have they supported this initiative? Apparently we need more undergraduate support. Do you know if President Turner or his Vice-Presidents have considered this idea? I think they have but they want to see more support. Jose: what monetary obligations will this impose on the University? I don't have the number but I think the environmental clubs are the ones supporting this. This project would show that SMU is serious about climate commitment and we care about the environment.

**X. Senatorial Forum**

- Senate on the Road: We are interested in holding meetings in different places around campus. This would allow students to be able to see what we do in Senate and improve transparency. We just want to have a random meeting in a new place that would be publicized. We could also bring in speakers in order to draw a larger crowd. We could also target different schools on campus so we can introduce senate to different students. Umphrey Lee might be a great idea because you are targeting freshman and that will start introducing them early to Senate "get them young". Have you ever thought of video taping meetings and putting them on SMU TV. We could have an individual give a summary of the meetings online but maybe not the whole three hours. Can we also consider having a joint meeting with the board of trustees? Is there a way that we could have more publicity before our meetings when we have special legislations? We should try and generate more substantial discussions in order to make a show for students. Having Senate on the Road might help people become more frequent followers of Senate.

**XI. Announcements**

**XII. Adjournment: 4:29pm.**