

Order of Business for SMU Student Senate
April 29, 2008



- I. Call to Order**
- II. Moment of Silence**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- V. Speaker's Podium**

- Goodman: I've been involved in Senate for four years and there's two individuals in this chamber who respect the rules and I commend them for that. We will be electing speaker and parliamentarian and I recommend that you choose Pitts and Bullock for those positions. They know the rules better than me. I recommend Senator Moon for COS and Senator Ordner for Rules Tribunal. Have a great term of office!
- Mehdi: It was my honor to serve on the 94th senate and I want to say thank you for your support on my behalf and Asian Council's behalf. I would also like to congratulate the new student body officers. I want to get some things done because we have great officers and senators. Let's not stop the momentum and make SMU what it should be!

VI. Officer Reports

President Hayden

- Congratulations!
 - The speech outside was intended for you and it was something I thought about and I want you to as well. I want to task you to be realistic and get an understanding for senate and how we achieve goals. The process is quite different than it may seem so if you have any questions please come and ask us! If you have any problems or need clarification call a point of order. Please be respectful. Also understand that though it is an honor it also comes with responsibility. We should focus on what we do outside of the chamber and also the committees we assign you to. That is the work that is most quickly noticeable and very helpful to accomplish things. Keep your ears and eyes open for the next few weeks and months so that we can be great when we get back to school. Now we will vote on
- Responsibilities/Goals
- Elections
 - **Chief of Staff:**
 - Move to open the floor for nominations
 - Senator Moon- The COS is in charge of keeping people accountable and it is an important job because they all have big and important duties. I hope you will write my name down so we can make some progress in these committees.
 - Senator Mehdi- I appreciate the nomination and I believe the COS is the connection between the chairs and the executive committee. Between the committees and exec there are some big duties and communications to be conveyed. I would appreciate your vote because I have been president organizations and I have been on Finance committee so I know what I have to do to be COS.
 - Senator Ordner- The COS is in charge of overseeing the chairs. I have been in contact with President Hayden and he e-mailed all chairs to learn everything that he needs to do as COS. He has served on two committees. In closing I feel the committee can fulfill full potential and I have the best
 - Move to close the floor. Passes.

- Ordner wins!
- **Elect Speaker**
 - Motion to open the floor. Passes
 - Reyes: I am very familiar with Roberts rules and parliamentary procedure. I was able to meet with the past speaker and after speaking with her I feel very qualified to complete this role. I am very dedicated and ready to take the position. I would appreciate your support,
 - Pitts: I would like to serve because we need someone who can run the meeting efficiently and run things the right way. I have become familiar with the rules and bylaws and I have read over Robert's rules of order and I am prepared to serve senate to the best of my ability.
 - Acosta: I would love to be speaker because I have quickly adapted and learned the rules. Also, participating in other organizations that do follow Robert's rules I feel like I can take control of situations. Thanks for nominating me.
 - Motion to close the floor. Passes
 - Reyes Wins!
- **Parliamentarian**
 - Motion to open the floor. Passes
 - Bennet: This position needs to be somebody who is in love with the rules, and I am! My relationship with the SBO's makes me a prime candidate and with my experience with IFC and the SMC bylaws I feel like I am very qualified and excited for. I would love to serve you.
 - Mehdi: I am the best candidate because I have studied the rules and I have seen P. Longhofer and P. Jose work in this position. I do know what the rules are and I am very familiar with them. I ask for your vote today because they are important to me and they have to be respected. Vote for me.
 - Pitts: Last week I quoted our oath, where we pledge to uphold the constitution the SA and the university. I do uphold our constitution and bylaws more than any one. I served on rules tribunal last year. I have studied and worked with the rules and I would like to serve as parliamentarian!
 - Motion to close the floor. Passes.
 - Bennett Wins!
- **Summer Senate Nominations**
 - It is not as detailed as senate during the year. It focuses on finance requests. We need to elect 5 senators and 3 chairs. We will all be here and you should come hang out!
 - Senators: Motion to open the floor. Passes.
 - Johnson
 - Mehdi
 - Moon
 - Vela
 - Stenger
 - Motion to close the floor. Passes. They all win!
 - Chairs: TBA
- **Dates:**
 - May 18
 - June 28
 - July 19
 - August 17
- **Rules Tribunal**
 - Motion to open the floor. Passes
 - Pitts

- Acosta
- Radcliff
- Mehdi
- Bullock
- Motion to close the floor. Passes.
- Pitts, Acosta, Bullock Win!

Vice President Kobler

- Get Ready for a Great Year! I feel that we have a great balance between the veterans and the new one's. There are a lot of great changes and we should all be excited to be a part of them this upcoming year. I have two things that will help us this year: (Quoting the godfather) 1. Do not take things personal because we are doing business. 2. Never tell anyone outside the family what you are feeling. Try and keep things to yourself. I look forward to working with all of you.
- One on One's: beginning next year we will schedule these meetings in the first couple of weeks.
- Fall Training: Sept 13. At the Brigger building. 10-6.
- Structure for Our Meetings: I apologize for my speaker skills! The meeting will call the meeting to order; then a moment of silence; then we will open noisy things; we will approve or amend the minutes; we have a 20 minutes speakers podium; officer reports; committee reports; recess (chairs can leave); old business (legislation); new business; Senatorial forum; Announcements; Adjourn.
- Committee Assignments: each senators will be assigned to a committee and to a chartered organizations. E-mail COS Ordner with your preferences of committees in the fall. Go online to read a brief synopsis of each committee.
- We will be starting a Liaison program where we take communication of the chartered organizations to a new level. We will have to put this in the bylaws.

Secretary Briceno

- Congrats Senate! I love everyone here. I have high hopes for you and I can't wait to get to know each one of you better.
- Money for Polo and Binders - \$25
- Binders to be handed out in the fall
- List Serve/Contact Info

Assistant Dean Jones

- Welcome! Need to meet with the chairs regularly this next semester! Welcome again!

VII. Committee Reports

Organizations – Chair Sharpe

- We preside over all of the organizations on campus. We have an interesting year but overall I think my committee will do great but I feel that we need more senators in it. It will be a fun year!
- Meeting time: TBA

Student Concerns- Chair Aitkenhead

- *I want to congratulate everyone! My goal is to keep an open relationship with the students and the SMU community. I would like to communicate with the concerns and ideas between students and senate. We are all responsible for students at this school and my goal is to make sure they feel comfortable relaying these*
- Meeting time: TBA

Membership – Chair Goldschmidt

- *I want to increase retention and voter turn out.*
- *Meeting time: TBA*

Scholarship – TBA

- Meeting time: TBA

Communications - Chair Curtis

- Meeting Time: TBA

Finance - Chair Owen

- Meeting Time: TBA

VII. Old Business

- None.

IX. New Business

- None.

X. Senatorial Forum

- None.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.