

**Order of Business for SMU Student Senate
February 10th, 2009**



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

Position	Name	
Student Body President	Rob Hayden	
Student Body Vice President	Patrick Kobler	
Student Body Secretary	Erika Briceno	
Student Senate Speaker	Alisson Reyes	A
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	A
Dedman II Senator		
Dedman II Senator	Robbie Krupp	A
Dedman II Senator		A
Dedman II Senator		A
Cox Senator	Megan Altman	
Cox Senator	Marc Bullock	
Cox Senator	Ryan Meyer	
Cox Senator	Alex Linn	A
Cox Senator	Eric Park	
Cox Senator	John Jose	
Cox Senator	Dominique Oulette	
Meadows Senator	Lacy Radcliff	L
Meadows Senator	Jonathan Moon	
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	Jake Torres	
Education Senator	Brittney Titus	
African-American Senator	Jay Johnson	
Asian-American Senator		
Hispanic-American Senator		
International Senator	Yousuf Alkhan	A
Communications Committee Chair	Kellyn Curtis	
Finance Committee Chair	Regan Owen	
Membership Committee Chair	Peter Goldschmidt	
Scholarship Committee	Abby Hoak	A
Organizations Committee Chair	Paul Sharpe	
Student Concerns Chair	Steven Aitkenhead	A

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Speaker's Podium

- TREAT: We wanted to come here and tell you about this new Student Organization. It is a talent recruitment team and we want to train and equip them to perform on and off campus. We want to be a service for student organizations that need entertainment at their events. We are here to let you know that we are here and we exist. Please spread the word to other organizations. We are having our first event, Valentine's Day A Red Carpet Affair. It is the night before Valentines Day and it is a party with food and entertainment. Come dance, eat and enjoy our party because this is a good time to witness our talents in action.
- Senator Jose: I am an outspoken critic for events that happen in fraternity houses. However, even I am appaled from what has happened. Kicking a fraternity off campus is a wrong approach to this issue. KA was kicked off campus today, Kappa Sig was placed on suspension and I know that SAE has not been placed in any kind of strain. It seems to me that SAE an Kappa Sig have influential members on the board of trustees and it is evident with this action taken today. It seems that the school will not change especially because of the Centennial Campaign. Please have some questions ready for Dr. White about this because I think that some tough questions need to be asked and I don't think the administrators are answering these openly and honestly. Please also bear in mind that the University has not contacted any outside enforcement authority since the tragic death of Jake Stiles. Kobler: I am appalled too but what specific things would you like to see Senate push? I want to push for outside authorities because campus PD is not a real enforcement body and they don't have the same tools and requirements as public police departments. At San Diego State University when one student died, they involved the local police department and ended up cleaning the community around the campus and put a big dent in the drug problem. Assistant Dean Jones: Were you aware that this case is still open and under investigation? Jose: In the Texas Monthly Article it said the case was closed and that they would not conduct a re-investigation. Can we get someone to come and talk about this case? Assistant Dean Jones: We can bring legal council, Chief Shaffer and Dr. White to discuss this in Senate. Bullock: You mentioned certain administrators were dishonest, could you give us some names? Jose: I lump dishonesty with omission and the administration needs to release all information about the case and we need to push them to come down and talk to us to tell us exactly what's going on. Dr. White will have prepared answers but we need to push them forward. Gonzalez: I am doing some research on the release of records in public universities. Kobler: do you have any other information outside from the Texas Monthly Article? Jose: Not now but I know that the Dallas Morning News ran around a dozen articles on this.

VI. Officer Reports

President Hayden

- Inauguration of Dominique Oulette and Jake Torres
- Tomorrow I have a one on one with President Turner so let me know if you have anything to be brought up.
- Academy of Distinguished Teachers Nominations
 - We need to nominate 7 teachers for the Altshuler \$10,000 Award.
- Sustainability Report: This is a new committee on the University going Green
- President Tasks Force: This meets tomorrow, let me know if you have anything to be brought up.
- The involvement fair is February 17th from 11am-2pm. I would like some senators there.
- Kappa Alpha Order has been suspended from Campus until 2011-2012. They met with all the Greek leadership and their advisors last night. They announced their suspension and Kappa Sig's deferred suspension. KA was given suspension and probation and they continued to violate those terms. They were on Social probation and they held a social function. KA was on triple differed suspension. This was a mutual decision between the

institution and their nationals. Kappa Sigma is on temporarily deferred suspension. SAE has no suspensions.

- We have never dealt with a Fraternity being kicked off campus and having them regroup off campus. Part of the discussion last night was about how fraternities who don't have strong alumni involved in the school as much as others.

Vice President Kobler

- I apologize for not being in the office but I'm still recovering from mono.
- I want to get one on one's done in the next three weeks.
 - Mondays 8-10; 11-1; 2-3
 - Tuesdays 8-12
 - Wednesdays 8-1; 2-3
 - Thursdays
 - Friday 2-5

Secretary Briceno

- Bulletin Boards in each school.
 - Cox: Bullock
 - Dedman I: John Steitz
- Dining with Decision Makers Application

Speaker Reyes

- No report.

Parliamentarian Bennett

- No report

Chief of Staff Ordner

- New Student Concerns chair: please e-mail me suggestions
- This week I'm working with Senator Holland on boulevarding for basketball games.
 - Jose: Have you appointed a new finance and membership chair yet? Not yet.

Assistant Dean Jones

- The all university awards are available this year. The deadline is February 29th.

VII. Committee Reports

Organizations – Chair Sharpe

- MOM/ Finance Training Dates
- New Business
 - Probationary Charter:
 - Students 4 Justice (7-0-0) This is an all freshman group. The problem with them is they are very similar to Amnesty International.
 - Fellowship of Christian Athletes (7-0-0) They have been around for 5+ years and they are a ministry for all the athletes on campus.
 - Extend Temporary Charter
 - Cycling Club (7-0-0) with stipulations. We decided to extend their temporary charter. This is because there are only 5-9 people coming regularly every weekend. This will be extended for eight weeks.
 - Bennett: Could you ask them what a bike ticket is and when they are getting new parking?
- Old Business
 - No Old Business

Student Concerns- Chair Aitkenhead

- No report.

Membership – Chair Goldschmidt

- Old Business: Approved.
 - Alex Ehmke, Dedman II Senator
 - Drew Washington, Dedman II Senator
 - Jonathan Lane, Dedman II Senator

Scholarship – Chair Hoak

- Update on Spring Scholarships.

- Scholarship Endowment.

Communications - Chair Curtis

- New Ideas
- We have a meeting tomorrow at 5:00pm
- We are setting up a table for the career fair
- We are investigating on printing booklets for First Years with places to go
 - Perkins: This would be great for freshman with ideas for them to go and be informed.

Finance - Chair Owen

- New Budget: We will be having finance MOM meetings in a couple of weeks. This will be for all organizations to attend and learn about the new budget. This will be Tuesday 24th at 5:00pm & Thursday 26th & Friday 27th. 4 officers or general members and their advisor.
- New Business
 - International Relations Council- \$ 3203
 - They received a budget for 8 but they need 10 members to attend a conference in the Netherlands.
- Old Business (Passes)
 - ABS- \$1100
 - This is for an event for Black History Month. It includes a speaker, a movie and a drum ensemble.
 - Anthropology Club- \$1180
 - Amnesty International- \$2680
 - Sports/ Entertainment Law Assoc.- \$1200

VII. New Business

- **S- 09- 02- 12** A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE FACULTY SENATE TO REINSTATE TWO READING DAYS PER SEMESTER DURING THE 2009- 2010 UNIVERSITY CALENDAR YEAR
 - Senator Jose & Meyers: For the past 15 years we have had at least two reading days before finals week. Taking these away is just punishing students and hurting them in the long run. We want to have the administration give us back the reading days. We don't believe that the reading days are a root cause of anything and we don't think that this will help attain the taskforces' goals. This is not helping our academic work because it takes students' time away from studying for their exams. Starting next year there are no reading days, school ends on Tuesday and exams begin on Wednesday.
 - **Questions:** Bullock: what faculty senate members have you talked to? I have talked to several especially in the History Department. They didn't like this change because they felt students were being overworked before taking finals. Jose: I spoke to a professor in the Economics Department and he expressed concern about why the task force encouraged this. Kobler: Would you be willing to say that a reading day is not Saturday and Sunday? Jose: we could specify that they include at least one weekday. Hayden: Add a stipulation that reading days be on a weekday. Johnson: has any research shown whether the removal of reading days has helped the taskforces' goal? Not yet. Washington: Have you read the Daily Campus poll that says 86% of students would like reading days back? No. Johnson: Would starting on the 25th be changing the start date? Yes it would change the start of school to one day earlier.

IX. Old Business

- **S- 09- 02- 10** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE SMU STUDENT SENATE: PASSES (19-0-3)
 - Jose: This is just to correct and amend a contradiction to the rules of order.
- **S- 09- 02- 11** A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE STUDENT SENATE BY-LAWS: PASSES (14-4-3)

- This is to ensure that the committee between the Student Senate and Faculty Senate continues to occur.
- Johnson: We discussed adding voting methods into the legislation; did you decide to omit this? The best process would be to take nominations for the chair and regular members and people write on a piece of paper for what they want. Gonzalez: Did you clarify the idea that an SBO should sit on this committee? I changed it to 5 members from the chamber from 4 members and the SBO's. This can include an SBO but I want to have other leadership from the Senate. Hayden: Did you take into consideration leaving the word Joint? Yes. Kobler: my only concern is that if there is no SBO on the committee then maybe someone could push an agenda not fully supported by Senate. Jose: I think that having an SBO on the committee does give it a more public face but I certainly encourage SBO's now and in the future to be involved.

X. Senatorial Forum

- ADT Nominations: 4 professors will receive a \$10,000 distinguished teacher awards. The senate may submit 7 nominations. The faculty needs to have tenure and they will be here for the next two years.
 - Nominations: Rick Halperin, Bonnie Wheeler, Harold Stanley, Thomas Knock, Maria Dixon, Craig Flournoy, Alice Kendrick, Richard Williams, Mark Christenson, Jim Hopkins, Harvey Rosenblum, Michael Householder, Whitney Wilson, Denis Ippolito

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment: 5:10pm