

**Order of Business for SMU Student Senate  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**



- I. Call to Order: 3:38pm**
- II. Moment of Silence**
- III. Roll Call**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	
Student Body President	Rob Hayden	
Student Body Vice President	Patrick Kobler	
Student Body Secretary	Erika Briceno	
Student Senate Speaker	Alisson Reyes	
Student Senate Chief of Staff	Jeff Ordner	
Student Senate Parliamentarian	Kyle Bennett	A
First Year Senator	Katie Perkins	
First Year Senator	Derek Hubbard	
First Year Senator	Austin Poynter	A
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	
Dedman II Senator	Derek Sangston	A
Cox Senator	Megan Altman	
Cox Senator	Marc Bullock	A
Cox Senator	Ryan Meyer	
Cox Senator	Alex Linn	
Cox Senator	Eric Park	
Cox Senator	John Jose	
Cox Senator	Andrew Robinson	A
Meadows Senator	Lacy Radcliff	
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	A
Law Senator	Stephen Davis	
Law Senator	Casey Ragan	
Law Senator	Aaron Martinez	
Education Senator	Laura Schur	A
Education Senator	Brittney Titus	A
African-American Senator	Jay Johnson	
Asian-American Senator	Shakeel Mehdi	A
Hispanic-American Senator	Sarah Acosta	A
International Senator	Yousuf Alkhan	A
Communications Committee Chair	Kellyn Curtis	
Finance Committee Chair	Regan Owen	A
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: Approved.**

**V. Speaker's Podium**

- Mukul Kelkar: I am the president of the Student Bar Association. I wanted to talk to you briefly about the use of student fees. I know you are concerned about the fact that some student fees go to law school programming. We try to host events and lift the credibility of the law school or the university. If we make a recommendation for a law school organization to ask Student Senate funding, this is because they are trying to bring great programming to the organization.
  - o Questions: Jose- how would you feel about bringing all graduate student fees to the graduate school organizations instead of grouping with the undergraduates? We don't want a divide within the school and it is not necessary to divide the fees, we like working with the undergraduates and student senate. We view ourselves as part of the university as a whole. Hayden: In the past we haven't seen this many requests from the law school and we don't understand what the issues are with your budgets. Kelkar: This problem has been around for years. Now we have a vigilant budgeting process divided into fall and spring this meant that we had some surplus for the past two years. However, we became more aggressive and proactive with programming and now have spent more than we were budgeted. Jose: Since you are semi-satisfied with the status quo of the amount that returns to the graduate councils, what percentage would be ideal for you to gain back from the graduate student fees? We like sharing the funds with the student senate. It is better for us if we keep all of the graduate funds in one pool so that it is used on a need be basis. Park: There are a lot of law organizations, how much communication goes on between SBA and all of the others? Kelkar: I feel that every group assumes they will get anything they ask for but we have really encouraged co-programming between our law groups.

**VI. Officer Reports**

*President Hayden*

- Goals
  - o I passed out a casual form to get us thinking about what we want to accomplish in student senate
  - o My goal is that if anyone has IT skills as to getting teacher evaluations online.
  - o Stenger: If the school doesn't allow us to upload the evaluations could we make our own pick a prof? We just have to make sure we know how to upload them and get people informed.
- This week is the first student affairs luncheon. This is the first this semester and if there is anything you want us to bring up anything please e-mail us.
- I had a meeting with SMU's CIO. He gave me a rundown of all the IT systems and why we have SMU1911, PerunaNet and the COX internet. He is trying to focus on more student friendly things. His workers are trying to figure out how to get access for Iphone and things like that. He will be coming in in the next few weeks and he is exited to come talk and hear some feedback.

*Vice President Kobler*

- Ideas for Legislation
  - This goes along with the goals sheet we are filling out today
  - Everyone needs to have a one on one with me
  - Here are some ideas:
    - Reading Days- They were taken away and many students complained
    - Diplomas- They have been taken away in Dedman
    - Green- Any type of go green legislation should be emphasized
    - Boulevard for Basketball- getting more students involved
    - Sorority Row Crosswalk
    - Diversity Issues- It was put into the student concerns committee and got lost in the process
    - Senate on the Road- Helps with transparency
    - Juicy Campus- We can write legislation urging students to not write on it
    - Ammending Bylaws
    - Bush Library- Show how the students feel about this coming to SMU
    - Student Safety

*Secretary Briceno*

- Updated roster.
- HT Student Center improvements: M street lounge is coming to HT!

*Speaker Reyes*

- Reminder: Legislation is due Thursday at 5pm.

*Parliamentarian Bennett*

- No report

*Chief of Staff Ordner*

- No report.

*Assistant Dean Jones*

- No report.

**VII. Committee Reports**

*Organizations – Chair Sharpe*

- Our meeting is now on Thursday at 3:30pm
- The MOM meeting was made a TX state law so we only need to hold one once a week.
  - No New Business
- Old Business
  - Revoke Charter (passes)
    - Ethics Team (7-0-0)

*Student Concerns- Chair Aitkenhead*

- No report.

*Membership – Chair Goldschmidt*

- We have several empty seats open and they will be online.
- Old Business
  - Positive Recommendations (Passed)
    - Dominique Ouellette, Cox Senator
    - Jake Torres, Education Senator

*Scholarship – Chair Hoak*

- No report.

*Communications - Chair Curtis*

- First meeting will be this tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5pm.

*Finance - Chair Owen*

- We have one open senator seat.
- New Business
  - Anthropology Club- \$1180

- Requesting funds for a Spring Pig Roast. It will be for all students and invite schools from the metroplex. The funding is for the speaker to come on campus.
  - Amnesty International- \$2680
    - Requesting funds for hotels, registration and airfare for students.
  - Sports/ Entertainment Law Assoc.- \$1200
    - They are working with AFI and they are asking for administration fees to bring in a speaker at their event.
- Old Business (Approved)
  - Society of Women Engineers- \$360
    - They want to go to a conference in Houston. We recommended to fund in full
  - Students for a Better Society- \$4500
  - Student Development- \$0
  - East Asian Student Assoc.- \$1045

## VII. Old Business

- **S- 09- 01- 09 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PRESIDENT TURNER TO SIGN THE AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT**
  - Benage: By signing the commitment the University would pledge a few things. This would include becoming climate neutral, complete an emissions inventory, and integrate sustainability and two other recommendations that have already been fulfilled. This is going to be a big deal for our generation and we have an obligation to show our concern for the environment. We want this to be a premier university and this is a great way to start.
    - Questions: Hayden: have you found any cost numbers? The commitment itself has no “catches”, it is simply to make universities go green. Park: Is there a system in place to do the emission inventory? My guess is the school already does so.
  - Debate: Benage: The school going green and it will eventually also bring fiscal benefits. Kobler: The rewards of us passing this are very beneficial and also this will make our school to move up in ranks. I also understand that President Turner is looking for student support and if this is passed we will be a leader in green initiatives.
  - **Bill Passes 22-1-0**

## IX. New Business

- **S- 09- 02- 10 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE SMU STUDENT SENATE**
  - Jose: The purpose of this piece is to make sure that there are no conflicts with the policies and rules of order of the SMU Student Senate.
  - Questions: Johnson: Can you clarify the change in article 9? This is because what it said originally was vague and this clarifies and says that you can't suspend any part of the document versus parts of it.
- **S- 09- 02- 11 A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE STUDENT SENATE BY-LAWS**
  - Jose: I wrote a joint faculty senate and student senate into the by-laws and after I left, I believe this committee has yet to be called. The members of this committee were to be elected on the first meeting on the semester and I didn't want this to fall out of our radar and that this continues to work once again. This is meant to be a formal committee with informal meetings to create dialogue between the faculty and student senate members. I am amending this to make it less formal and be it unnecessary to get voted on from the two governing bodies.
  - Hayden: Why are you scratching off Student Body President? I didn't find a reason as to why the president needed to sit on the committee instead of other senators who have less communication with faculty members. Kobler: Would

you be willing to include the Student Body President approve the authorization of the meeting? The chair would have to be elected by the full senate therefore they would be representing the majority of the chamber.

Ordner: I think this would help the connection between the two senates but do you think we would have any trouble getting the involvement of faculty members? In 2007 there was a lot of interest from the faculty senate and last week I spoke with many members of the faculty again and they continued to express interest in this. I feel that if we invite faculty senators instead of making them select and vote on members we would get a better response.

Kobler: Who calls the committee to meet? The chair does and they would meet whenever deemed appropriate. Meyer: Is secret specified in the rules? No its not written but this is normal voting procedure.

- X. Senatorial Forum**
- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Adjournment: 4:40pm**