

MINUTES OF ONE-HUNDRETH SMU STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL MEETING

January 28, 2014  
Hughes-Trigg Forum



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 P.M. by Parliamentarian Cornell, who proceeded to act as Speaker for the duration of the meeting due to Speaker's Stephens' absence.

**II. VALUES STATEMENT**

- a. *I, as a citizen of the SMU community, commit myself to upholding the values of intellectual integrity, academic honesty, personal responsibility, and sincere regard and respect for all SMU students, faculty, and staff.*

**III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

President Trespalacios	E
Vice-President Malhi	
Secretary Ladner	
Chief of Staff Finnegan	
Parliamentarian Cornell	
Speaker Stephens	E
Senator Adams	
Senator Barnes	
Senator Bouillion	
Senator Cavender	T
Senator Conway	
Senator De Muth	
Senator Dombrowski	
Senator Downen	
Senator Finley	T
Senator Forrest	
Senator Giap	
Senator Harker	
Senator Hopkins	
Senator Hutcherson	
Senator Ibad	A
Senator Jo Santillan	
Senator Kezar	
Senator McAuliffe	
Senator Noyce	
Senator O'Connor	
Senator Osuchukwu	

Senator Pederson	
Senator Phillips	
Senator Pondrom	
Senator Pool	
Senator Porter	
Senator Rogers	
Senator Rothstein	
Senator Sher	
Senator Stoker	
Senator Sunderland	
Senator Tuohy	
Senator Wilson	
Senator Witt	
Senator Zarate	
Chair Elmazi	
Chair Hami	
Chair Lee	
Chair McCluskey	
Chair Norkett	T
Chair Ona	
Chair Whelan	A

A - absent; T - tardy; E - excused

## **V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Amend Agenda- Remove Legislation Implementation Updates and add Chair Turnover in Senatorial Forum.

Senator Osuchukwu – Added to Speaker’s Podium.

Senator Pederson- Added to Speaker’s Podium.

Agenda Approved.

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes approved.

## **VII. SPEAKER’S PODIUM**

### **i. Senator Osuchukwu**

I want to update you on OIT. As you’ve noticed Peruna net has been better. I talked to Rachel Mulry she is the assistant director of SMU OIT, and there are two more things that will happen in OIT. 1, Fiberoptics is something that SMU is working on. There will also be Google Education Apps or Microsoft 365 but we might merge them. We can tell our constituents maybe next year.

Senator Santillan: As you looked into the other programs?

Senator Osuchukwu: They are looking at other programs but like the ones the will be using.

Senator Pederson: How do we voice issues with Peruna Net?

Senator Precious: You can just call OIT.

### **ii. Senator Pederson-**

It is Senator Kezar’s birthday- he is now 19!

The Senate proceeded to sing Happy Birthday to Senator Kezar.

## **VII. OFFICER REPORTS**

### **A. President Trespalacios**

#### **i. No Report**

### **B. Vice President Malhi:**

#### **i. Crain Conference 2014**

This is a weekend long conference about leadership for free. It is usually at a resort. This is primarily for SMU Students. There are usually 75 registered but there are only 45 now. I would like there to be Senate representatives. It is a good time and a good way to bond with your fellow leaders.

Friday, February 7 - Sunday, February 9

<http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/CEL/Crain>

#### **ii. Administrator Meet-and-Greet**

This is where we invite Dr. Turner, administrators, and Deans. This allows us to speak with them and pick there brains. The possible dates are March 4th or March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **iii. Meeting with Dr. Tom Fomby (Chair of Faculty Senate Academic Policy Committee).**

-He is the point person to get all of the academic stuff done.  
I will talk to him about students not being allowed to reschedule one final when they have three on one day.

Tomorrow at 1:30 PM

iv. Senate Hughes-Trigg Renovation Taskforce

Membership Campus visits (OSU, Baylor, A&M, UT, and TCU)

Need two or three freshman/sophomore Senators

- These will be day long trips to these universities to scope out there student centers. We will have the three SBO's and senators. These visits will be Fridays or Saturdays

Common Resolution Groups

Please raise your hand if you are not apart of a common resolution group.

Senator Pederson: Motion to extend time by 3 minutes.

Approved.

Need to know who is not already part of a group

Senate Parking Taskforce

Update from Senator Cavender.

Time yielded to Senator Cavender.

Senator Cavender: I compiled a list of ideas that we came up with that he would like. Next senate meeting I should be able to give you more details.

Time returned to VP Malhi.

Questions:

Senator Pederson: Why did they take away the PO boxes?

JJ: Now you have to stand in line to get mail. Rumor is that they are relocating out of this building.

Senator Bouillion: Do I still use my PO to receive mail?

JJ: yes.

**C. Secretary Ladner:**

- i. No Report

**D. Chief of Staff Finnegan:**

- i. Update.

I just want to let you know that if you are a senator and want to switch committees, please let me know.

**E. Speaker Stephens:**

- i. No Report

**F. Parliamentarian Cornell:**

- i. No Report

**G. Executive Director Jones:**

- i. Leadershape will be in Boston Massachusetts.

IT is a pricy trip, but you will get \$500 off and there are more scholarships according to Lauren Cove.

Awards Extravaganza- You can go online and nominate your fellow students. Sophomores to Seniors can receive M-Awards.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance
  - i. No Report
- B. Organizations
  - i. No Report
- C. Scholarship
  - i. Dates

We have set dates for Scholarships. They will be released this upcoming Monday and will be due February 21<sup>st</sup>, a Friday. This semester we are doing fewer scholarships but with more money attached to each.

Chair Ona: How much is each?

Chair Hami: We have not set.

### D. Diversity

#### i Diversity Week

4/7 (Monday)- Diversity in Physical Art

11am-1pm HTSC Commons or Flagpole

4/8 (Tuesday)- Real Talks on Diversity (Reverse Racism)

12pm-1:30pm HTSC Ballrooms

4/9 (Wednesday)- Drag Show

7pm-8:30pm HTSC Ballrooms

4/10 (Thursday)- TBD

4/11- Diversity Fair

3pm-6pm Flagpole. We are contacting organization to table during the fair.

4/12- Day of Service

TBD

I really need your help on Thursday. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

Senator Cavender: For Monday- is this student art?

Chair Yes?

Senator Pondrom: What do you mean by “reverse Racism”

Chair Elmazi: Racism against Caucasians.

Senator Pederson: Have you considered doing a multicultural fashion show.

Senator Stoker: Do you have more details about Day of Service?

Chair Elmazi: Not yet but Senator McAuliffe might.

Senator McAuliffe: I actually do not have that many details yet.

Senator Rothstein: For Thursday, since everyone likes food, you should have each organization bring their culture’s food.

Vice President Malhi: Motion to extend speakers time by 4 minutes. Approved.

Senator Barnes: You can also do a competition with the food.

Chair Elmazi: Battling Bias will be either the first week in March or the Last.

Senator Adams: Have you reached out to IFC or PanHellenic to be involved in Day of Service?

Chair Elmazi: Yes.

E. Membership

i. Application Updates

Tomorrow is Join the Club. Is anyone interested or available?

Vacancy applications are due tomorrow and we got 43 applications so far.

F. Communications

i. Update

Our main focus for March is elections. We are thinking about doing a monthly newsletter that can have a calendar of events and videos from the SBO's. We currently have a bulletin board.

Questions:

Senator Conway: Can we advertise special office hours on the bulletin board?

Senator Ona: Yes.

Senator Rothstein: What other kinds of things can we have on the Board? I wanted to have Meadows students help out with an event.

G. Endowment

i. No Report

H. Student Concerns Committee

i. I want to focus on roles when it comes to general members. We have talked about transfer students and their concerns, and we want to have people in Senate really focus on their issues. This also goes with commuter students and graduate students. This also includes underrepresented students and Senate. We need to find out specifically who those under represented students are. If you are interested in coming- we meet on Thursday.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**XI. SENATORIAL FORUM**

Chair Turn Over.

In the past we have had a lot of issues with Chair turnovers. We are playing with the idea of changing how turn over works.

VP Malhi: We are playing with the idea of moving turn over up or have a formal process.

Senator Bouillion: I think it would be better to have a turnover process in the spring.

Senator Giap: I think it would be easier to have things uploaded to the T drive.

Senator Cavender: I agree but believe this would be only helpful for Finance.

Chair Hami: I agree. Because I struggled a for bit. Like I had no idea who JJ was.

Senator Lee: I think we should just utilize the T-drive.

Senator Elmzai: Documenting things electronically. However the logistics of how they plan there events need to be taught. I don't think that picking a vice chair to succeed us is the right way to go because sometimes Vice chairs do not perform.

Chair Ona: I think there needs to be a formal pass off. Sometimes people just drop senate and new people are thrown into the position and it is not fair.

Senator Cavendar: I think there needs to just be a follow up meeting. IT is simple and will not waste time.

Parliamentarian Cornell: Just to clarify the current process for the First Years, currently Finance, Membership, and Organizations Chairs are selected early and the others after the spring elections. The chief of staff, SBO's (President, VP, Secretary, and Grad Officer) or the SBO's elect, and the incumbent chair if not seeking to keep their chairmanship all get together, interview the candidates, and make a selection.

Senate Harker: Chairs need to know that it is not their show. Their job is to bridge the gap between Senate and the general members.

Chair Elmazi: So what happens if you do not abide by the contract.

JJ: The administration had this idea in past years that if you leave, you would have to reimburse the Senate for your name tag and placard.

Chair Elmazi: If you join Senate you should set on the position. Chairs should not be a consolation position for when you don't get elected to the Senate, we do a lot of work.

Senator Stoker: I agree that chairs do a lot of work. There is a lot of work that general members do and a lot that they learn. In regards to the contract I think there should be 2-3 give to find a new chair and have a transition.

Senate Bouillion: I also think that Senate elections should be earlier

JJ: They used to be in Late February.

Chair McCluskey: I think early turn over should just be for certain chairs. There are some chair positions where it would be hard, like endowment.

Parliamentarian: One thing exec has also discussed was that early pick would force an entire cabinet on the newly SBO's that they might not have had any role in choosing. Does anyone have any thoughts on that?

Chair Elmazi: I think the newly elected SBO's should be able to pick because you want the right vibe in the cabinet.

Senator Osuchukwu: This is clearly for your convenience. Each chair has had a different opinion, and you don't want a one size fits all approach.

JJ: I just want a formal process for future chambers. Any change will have to be implemented through the formal legislation process.

## **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Conway: I am writing legislation that will give priority to scholars on campus. If you are interested please let me know. The survey got sent out last week about the advising center. That was the whole purpose.

Senator Stoker: I am putting together an open forum February 17 from 6-8 for all students about minorities and their issues on campus. The title is "Stand up Speak out!" There will be food.

Senator Pederson: if you have issues with the university curriculum let me know because I'm having a meeting next week with the administration.

Senator Bouillion: I'm on the university curriculum team.

Senator Harker: If you are having any issues with the Senate website, please let me know after the meeting.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the Student Senate adjourned at 4:42 P.M.