



MINUTES OF 100th SMU STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING

October 22, 2013
Hughes-Trigg Forum

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Parliamentarian Cornell at 3:33 P.M.

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	
Vice-President Malhi	
Secretary Ladner	
Chief of Staff Finnegan	
Parliamentarian Cornell	
Speaker Stephens	
Senator Adams	
Senator Arora	A
Senator Barnes	
Senator Bonadelle	
Senator Bouillion	
Senator Cavender	
Senator Conway	
Senator Dang	A
Senator De Muth	
Senator Dombrowski	
Senator Downen	
Senator Finley	
Senator Forrest	
Senator Giap	
Senator Haidar	
Senator Harker	
Senator Hopkins	
Senator Hutcherson	
Senator Ibad	
Senator Jo Santillan	

Senator Kezar	
Senator Laurie	A
Senator McAuliffe	
Senator Noyce	
Senator O'Connor	
Senator Osuchukwu	
Senator Pederson	
Senator Phillips	
Senator Pondrom	
Senator Pool	
Senator Porter	
Senator Rodgers	
Senator Rothstein	A
Senator Sher	
Senator Stoker	A
Senator Sunderland	
Senator Tuohy	
Senator Watts	
Senator Wilson	
Senator Writt	
Chair Elmazi	
Chair Hami	A
Vice Chair Ona	
Chair Lee	
Chair McCluskey	
Chair Norkett	
Chair Whelan	

A - absent; T - tardy; E - excused

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to change “Hocoming” to “Home coming”. Approved.

Motion to add Chase Harker to senatorial forum. Approved

Motion to add a reports for Vice President Malhi and Chief of Staff Finnegan.

Approved.

Agenda approved as ammended

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to change “Reason for a Reason” To “reading for a reason”

VII. SPEAKER'S PODIUM

1. Success Funding

- i. Ramon and I were talking about student debt and we thought about doing a skit. Ramon will help out with this. He has an elephant costume at home.

Success is a startup group we work with a number of universities per year to help get students to college. The average debt is \$35,000 per student. This is concerning because it out paces other expenses. Our platform is to raise as many scholarships as possible. Many people are supporters and helpers with this program. Our purpose is connecting and reaching out to alumni. We are a caused base organization and we believe there is a high need out there. I would like to encourage you all to fill out the survey's I passed out! That would be very appreciated.

Motion to extend by 15 minutes. Passed

We also handed out some cards if you have inquiries. This issue also keeps students from taking certain jobs because they have to pay off that huge debt. This is a serious issue because we need an educated work force!

Questions:

Secretary Ladner: Is there a reason as to why tuition keeps going up across all campuses.

Success Funding: There were a couple of reasons

President Trespalacios: Why SMU as your test school?

Success Funding: SMU is an example of how tuition keeps going up and has an impact on who can attend.

2. Katie Schieble

- i. I am the director of teams for relay for life. Relay for life is the annual fundraiser for cancer. SMU's relays is actually in the top 25. We are the only small university in that ranking. This is SMU's larges philanthropic event of the year. We are going through a rebranding process. We are having it on a Saturday from noon to midnight. This should help the retention rate, and encourage faculty members come out. We have a Facebook page and an Instagram. You participate in teams! So far we have 14 people signed up to participate. Please get your organizations to sign up. The fundraising is a year round process not just a day process. I myself raised \$2,500.. I want the event to be the cherry on top of the fundraiser. There will also be an open team for anyone who want to participate.

VP Malhi: Motion to extend speakers time by five minutes; Passed

Sign up a relay.org. This Sunday we are partnering with athletics. They are having a "Think Pink" game. First 100 will get a free "think pink shirt."

Questions:

Senator Hopkins: What day?
Katie: April 5th,

3. Ian Phillips

i. In the Law School I got involved with the Student Bar Association and the SBA Intermural Group and I have a couple of opportunities to get involved with law programs to tell you about:

- (1) Dallas Kids Project- Law students go to an elementary school and they teach 5th graders about Mock Trial. All of the kids get to learn a speaking part and perform it 3 weeks later at the law school. If you are interested email me at iphilops@smu.edu. This year's case is based off of Disney characters.
- (2) Law School Chili Cookoff - To benefit the North Texas Food Bank. You can either pay \$5 or bring 5 canned goods. You can get together with a group and participate in the cookoff. The bar association wants to have Senate create a team! If you are interested email. Lthedford@smu.edu

Senator Pederson: Motion to extend speakers time by 5 minutes.

Questions:

Senator Rodgers: What is the prize and what day?

Senator Phillips: A trophy. Saturday November 2.

4. Maya Jones

(1) I am here to speak on behalf of Intersections! Thank you for Senate's funding. The location was great. It was good because we had great conversation. It was nice to be in that environment. I would like for this to be an annual thing. You are breaking down walls and barriers. I just want to encourage you all to vote for this again next year. It unites communities within SMU.

Questions:

Senator Conway: Was there anything you wanted to see done better?

Maya: On the bus ride, there should have been snacks on the bus. IT helps us to interact better. Also there should be some snacks for after dinner.

VII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President Trespalacios

i. InterSections

Maya covered it. I learned a great quote "we have become not a melting pot but a" This quote was said by Jimmy Carter. We want to be a body that embraces all of us at once. It was successful.

ii. Homecoming

I am glad that everyone is taking this in. I want you all to be at the event on Saturday. The union is making a competition between

organizations. Whoever gives the most money gets \$1000. If you all donate \$1 we could when that money to bus people to games. Senator Bondadelle and I have been meeting with each other to organize the trips.

iii. Student Annual Light Tour

If you want to participate please let me know!

iv. Buses to Garland

v. Homecoming—Giving

Questions:

Senator Dang: Where in Garland?

Senator Bondadelle; It is an event center.

Senator Barnes: Who do I email if I want to get involved?

President Trespalacios: Bondadelle.

Cornell: How do we donate?

President; On the website you give back through your organization.

Cornell: If you have already done it, can you do it again?

B. Vice President Malhi:

i. 1:1

- a. 22 of you have met with us, but 12 have not. I will pass out another signup sheet.
- b. JJ and I had a meeting with Robert Watling - director of finance for student affairs - He had some ideas for the future to eliminate our funding certain things by shifting them to being funded by the university.
- c. Hughes Trigg Renovation- Would cost \$25 million dollars have of that comes from the administration and the other half comes from student fees. We can raise the money though and Student Affairs can possibly put in a few million. We can put a \$9 tax on each student for the next 30 years it will pay itself off. It is an approach we can consider
- d. Myself and Chief of Staff Finnegan met with Stephanie DuPaul. We talked about the add drop business. We will need to get faculty on board with this. We were thinking a 6 or 7 day drop window. There are some stipulations to work around. We talked about getting standardized prep courses to count for curriculum and it will not happen. We talked about the exam schedule (if you have 3 on one day, and professors won't move one of them there is no way to get out of it.) There are ways to institutionally get that fixed.
- e. New Curriculum.
- f. Parking.
 - i. Student Senate Parking Task Force.
 1. There will be 7 people on the committee. Cavander will head the group and they will come up with ideas. They will meet with Mark

roads. That is the plan. If you have questions talk to Cavender.

If you have an idea for legislation please write it up. If you are writing one currently please finish it and get it submitted.

Questions:

Parliamentarian Cornell: For the things we need Faculty Senate to be on board with have you considered reactivating the Faculty Senate-Student Senate Joint Committee?

VP Mahil – No, that might be a good option.

Chair McCluskey: Can you take the test prep as a non-credit class?

VP Malhi: There is already a similar program so it will probably not happen at all.

Motion to extend time by 3 minutes

Senator Conway; Is DuPaul the one we go to in regards to test scheduling?

VP Malhi - Possibly, though Faculty Senate will have to approve any ultimate change.

Senator Ibad: Can the ALEC make test prep.

VP Malhi: We asked her how they come up with schedule and she said they rank them by most populous time to least to create the schedule.

Senator Wilson: Can undergrads see when the exams are when they sign up for classes online?

VP Mahli – No

Parliamentarian Cornell and Senator Pondrom – it might be worth looking in or asking about since that is how things work at the law school.

Senator Bouillion: I am on the curriculum board:

C. Secretary Ladner:

i. Senator of the Month

a. Time yielded to Chase Harker:

i. I nominated Senator Touhy because she was very instrumental in helping me with the Town Hall.

ii. Code of Conduct Revisions

This process is coming up. Submissions will be due November 22, and I will need you all to help me advertise.

iii. Constituent Events/ Meet and Greets

a. Dedman I

b. First Years

c. Transfer

D. Chief of Staff Finnegan:

i. I need the chairs to send me your bylaws. Go over the General Members list and verify who is on and who isn't. Senator Dang told me she was interested.

Questions:

Senator Harker: Do we remake bylaws ever semester or year?

Parliamentarian Cornell: I will go over that process in my report.

E. Speaker Stephens:

i. Chair Reminders

Change discrimination clause.

F. Parliamentarian Cornell:

i. Report

1. You all should have gotten the new page with the amended policies and procedures, if not pick one up, remove the old first page from your binder and replace it with the new one, and please recycle the old one.
2. Every fall the committees are supposed to revise or at least look over their by-laws and submit them to Exec for approval. The Parliamentarian is then supposed to review them to make sure they do not contradict the Senate By-laws of the Student Body Constitution, and if they do not exec will approve them, if they do contradict the Senate Governing Documents exec will propose changes to the committee to bring them into compliance, which the committee will then hopefully approve bringing that cycle to a close. After that the committee by-laws go into effect, except in the rare situation where the Senate wishes to pass a resolution amending a committee's by-laws, which although rare can technically happen.

G. Executive Director Jones:

i. Report—Personal Development

20 bad mental/personal habits exercise sheet (passed out)

It is important to not be passive aggression, and listen to others. As you guys represent 300 constituents each, you guys can make a grand difference. Everyone will get a blue rock to remind them of this.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

New Business:

MOVE- \$0/28,200 (15-0-0)

-student dance organization. The money is for a spring break trip to Panama. They were not able to sustain some of the trip like they thought they would, and it is not a risk not worthy to take. It should be a personal initiative.

Embrey Human Rights Student Leadership Initiative- \$0/19,580 (15-0-0)

This is research oriented. We decided to not fund it with student fees. They asked for transportation, food, and other components that we do not fund.

Also, I encourage you all to get in touch with your liaison orgs because the budget process is coming up .

Old Business:

Club Tennis- \$600/600 (12-0-0)

Chinese Club- \$0/400 (12-0-0)

Motion to see old business in block

Motion to approve old business.

B. Organizations

New Business:

i. LEAD: Revoke 8-0-1

ii. International Relations Council: Revoke 9-0-0

- iii. Method Creative Club: Revoke 9-0-0
- iv. Middle Eastern Student Association: Revoke 9-0-0
- v. Turkish Student Association: Revoke 9-0-0
- vi. Men's Crew: Revoke 9-0-0
- vii. Hilltopics: Revoke 9-0-0
- viii. Society for Ethical Evaluation and Debate: Revoke 9-0-0
- ix. Si Puedes: Revoke 9-0-0
- x. Engaged Learning Club: Revoke 8-0-1
- xi. National Association of Black Accountants: Revoke 7-0-0
- xii. INFORMS (Full): Approve 7-0-0
- xiii. Global Medical Brigade (Temporary): Approve 7-0-0

Old Business:

Water Polo Club (Full): Approve 6-0-1

University Libertarians (Probationary): Approve 7-0-0

Chair Elmazi: How do you not revoke?

Chair Lee: Well for the people who did not come to the MOM meeting, we have no way to contact them.

Parliamentarian Cornell: Can the group come before the chamber?

Chair: They can and it will help them.

Senator Giap: 2 of these were my liaisons. The Middle Eastern STA was hard to get in contact with.

Chair Lee: Lauren just informed me that Si Puedes will not exist anymore.

Senator Haidar: Can Hilltops still publish?

Chair Lee: They don't need to be chartered to function.

Senator O'Connor: They want to be sponsored by the Scholars program as opposed to students.

Senator Sunderland: I am in Mens Crew- what was their reason?

Chair Lee: Only one person came to a MOM meeting.

Motion to see old business in block: Passed

Motion to approve old business. Passed

C. Scholarship

i. Scholarship Promotions

We reviewed all applications. We don't know who has won yet.

Questions:

Senator Rothstein: Will committee members be emailed if they are needed to help evaluate/rank applications this week.

Vice Chair Barnes: Yes, tomorrow

D. Diversity

i. InterSECTIONS

Power point. (Overview)

-Overarching theme: We are more similar than different.

Chair Elmazi: Anyone know what micro aggression is?

Senator Conway: An indirect way of putting someone down.

Senator Dang: We learned a lot

ii. Facilitation

Any kind of student can join an ethnic organization.

iii. Battling Bias

November 5th- Will revolve around privilege 7PM in the ballroom.

I think it will be interesting.

Questions:

Senator Rothstein: Will there be a campaign for next semester's intersections.

Chair Elmazi: very likely

Senator Cornell: Is it in HT or Umphrey Lee?

Chair Elmazi: It's in HT.

E. Membership

i. Old Business

Hispanic-American Senator: Danielle Zarate

Cox Senator: Paige Withar

Lyle Senator: Emmanuel Adedeji

Motion to see in block. Approved.

Motion to approve. Approved.

Time yielded to President Trespalacios for inauguration.

F. Communications

i. Update on Campaigns

Senate will be participating in the parade. We are not a part of the competition but are walking with a banner.

Senate and the Big comfy couch.

Office hours outside. We will get you more details.

Questions: Senator Rothstein: How do we get in touch with our constituents? I went to the dean to send an email, but is there an easier way?

President Trespalacios: students do not have access to the list drive. You also need to meet face to face, put up posters.

Senator Pederson: When does fix it senate start so we can know what is being said?

Vice-Chair Ona: anyone can use it.

Senator Pederson; will you update us?

Ona: Yes.

G. Endowment

Various Updates

We are having the senate alumni meet and greet is this Friday. (5-630 at the SAMSA)

We got a banner (banner unfurled and displayed

H. Student Concerns Committee

i. Report

We need another senator on the committee.

Town Hall: Presentation of how it went.

Mark Rhodes discussed parking issues

Samantha Thomas spoke about sexual reports.

Brad Boedke spoke about Peruna Net. Too much technology slows down the network.

Coach Brown talked about athletics.

Motion to extend time by 3 minutes. Approved.

Report wrapped up.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

F-13-10-07 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE POLLOCK GALLERY

Motion to un-table bill. Approved.

Chief of Staff: We do not want to get rid of the Pollock gallery we just want to move it. This piece is to just move it.

Parliamentarian Cornell: Motion to move into debate. Passed

Parliamentarian Cornell: Motion to call to question. Passed.

Vote; Passed.

F-13-10-08 A BILL ALLOCATING TO THE GRADUATE COUNCILS THE FUNDS TO WHICH THEY ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY ENTITLED AND HAVE UNCONSTITUTIONALLY BEEN DENIED

Remove appendix

Parliamentarian Cornell Proposed an amendment to his Bill to remove the financial allocation portion of the Bill and replace it with a clause saying that until the grad-councils get their funding increase that grad councils and orgs can apply for funding for food through the Senate Fund.

The Chamber discussed resolution, but as the adjournment time was rapidly approaching Parliamentarian Cornell as the primary author withdrew the bill from consideration this week and it will automatically carry over to old business next week.

IX. SENATORIAL FORUM

Senator Harker: Fondren renovation. Whatever we can do to make Fondren better let me and Parliamentarian Cornell know since we are the two students on the main committee.

Senator Pederson: coffee shops.

Senator Thuoy: Sound Proof study rooms.

Senator Rothstein: Comfy chairs.

Senator Hopkins: windows

Senator Boullion: USB plugs are nice.

Senator Bonadelle: designated quite area.

Senator Ibad: 24 hour snack place.

Senator Santillian: purified water

Natural lighting

Free coffee

Retable chargers

Carpet

Modern Bathroom facilities

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bouillion: please come to the parade and participate.
2. Conway: Movember grow a mustache
3. Santillain: Pig skin-buy tickets
4. Bone Marrow Drive: Register and save a life.
5. Rothstein; meadows appreciation day.
6. Stoker; step show after parade.

7. Bondellle: come to the game.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Senate meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Ladner
Student Body Secretary