

MINUTES OF THE 100<sup>th</sup> SMU STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL MEETING

October 29, 2013  
Hughes-Trigg Forum



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Parliamentarian Cornell at 3:33 P.M.. Parliamentarian Cornell also explained that as Speaker Stephens was returning from a conference and would join the meeting in progress he would serve as Acting Speaker until she arrived, per the governing documents.

**II. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**III. 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.*

**IV. ROLL CALL**

President Trespalacios	E
Vice-President Malhi	
Secretary Ladner	
Chief of Staff Finnegan	
Parliamentarian Cornell	
Speaker Stephens	
Senator Adams	A
Senator Arora	T
Senator Barnes	
Senator Bonadelle	
Senator Bouillion	
Senator Cavender	
Senator Conway	
Senator Dang	
Senator De Muth	A
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	A
Senator Rothstein	
Senator Sher	A
Senator Stoker	
Senator Sunderland	
Senator Tuohy	T
Senator Watts	
Senator Wilson	
Senator Writt	
Senator Zarate	
Chair Elmazi	
Chair Hami	
Chair Ona	
Chair Lee	
Chair McCluskey	
Chair Norkett	
Chair Patelis	
Chair Whelan	

A - absent; T - tardy; E - excused

## **V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to add scholarship report

Motion to add Chase Harker to Speaker's Podium.

Motion to add Endowment report

Motion to add New Business from organizations last week into this week's report

Motion to add Communications report.

Motion to add Senator Conway to senatorial forum.

Motion to add Approve agenda. Passed.

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to approve the minutes. Passed.

## **VII. SPEAKER'S PODIUM**

### **i. Myra Woodruff**

(1) Bri Burger. We applied for funding, and we did not get what we want. So I am here to ask for more. We made booklets of our budget of everything that we need. This is a senior sharp show, that involves multiple divisions. There are students from all corners of the arts that show their talents in one event. It will be great for professional experience. We only got less than 1/3 of what we wanted. We don't have money to buy simple things like costumes and props so we need the money from Senate. We are confused as to why we are not getting money, because our organization has a history of getting sufficient money from senate. Our dancers are fantastic and it is a very collaborative concert. Without all divisions, the concert will not be as great. There is no funding for the division of dance. If we don't get the money, the event will have to be scaled back significantly. It is money well spent.

Questions:

VP Malhi: Why can't you get money from

Myra: Meadow's money is not guaranteed. We really have to go to Senate for money.

Rothstein: Is this something that the seniors put on?

Myra: Yes.

Senator Watts: Motion to extend speaker's podium by 20 minutes.

Myra: it is just not

Senator Ibad: Can you go through engaged learning?

Advisor: This is not a capstone. Myra was just giving an idea of what it is like.

Senator Ibad: Can you still go through Engaged Learning.

Myra: Yes, but we have put a lot of money into meeting with Senate.

Senator Bouillion: How is this year's performance different from last years?

Myra: This year seniors are helping to choreographers. We are accommodating more people this time, because last year we had to turn people away.

Senator Kezar: What will you do with the costumes after?

Myra: they will go into the closet for extra year.

Senator Hutcherson: Have you made efforts to be self-sustaining.

Myra: We are trying to make it into capstone that will be funded by the dance division.

Senator Pondrom: Have you make fundraising efforts.

Myra: No.

Chair Whelan: Do you think it is fair for the Student Senate to keep subsidizing this performance and for its leftover costumes to be put at the disposal of the whole Meadow's school when the school itself will not contribute any funds so that it may be put on?

Advisor: I can't speak for the department chair. We are trying to problem solve from A to Z.

Chair Elmazi: Have you considered pairing with other organizations to help put on this event.

Myra: Yes, but that is complicated and it usually never happens.

Chair Elmazi: How many people are participating?

Myra: Not sure.

ii. **Ian Phillips and Cindy Jo Santillan**

**Phillips:**

Chili cook off has one team with chase. I heard the president is running a team. If you want to participate, I have a flyer with information. It is \$20 per team.

DKP (Dallas Kids Project) went well last week.

**Santillan:** I encouraged as many senators to go next semester. I did it as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, and I'm glad it is still going on.

Questions:

Senator Kezar: What is the deal with fees for Senate Teams participating in Chili Cook-off?

Senator Phillips: The first two Senate teams to register got to register for free, those free slots were taken by President Trespalacios and Senator Harker. If you wish to create a third Senate team instead of joining one of the other two teams you will have to pay the \$20 registration fee.

iii. **Chase Harker**

- (a) I want to talk to you about something that the Lyle senators do. Who is familiar with FCJC? This is a committee of engineering organization officers along with the dean. They keep make sure these organizations do not fade away. This committee has no president, so we look to the Senate Lyle Leaders. I want you all to speak to your schools deans to see if your school can do the same.

**VII. OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. President Trespalacios**

- i. No Report

**B. Vice President Malhi:**

- iv. Inauguration

- v. Homecoming

- (1) Congrats to Zane on being elected Homecoming King

- vi. Keep Giving

- (1) If you can get your organization to donate money. You might get \$1000 in return. However it turns out the minimum is \$5!

- vii. SMU vs. TCU Game

- (1) If you are one of 100 mobers, you get a free ticket.

- (a) Senator Bonadelle: We just want students to participate in the games. If you sign up for \$50 you get a shirt, advanced ticket pick up, and priority seating. You also get to meet Larry Brown.

- viii. If you go the volleyball game or the men's soccer match, and The winning two organizations will get a free tent on the BLVD.

- ix. We have 43 senators. Secretary Ladner and I have done One-on-Ones will all but 8!

- (1) Emanueal  
(2) Hopkins  
(3) Cindy Jo  
(4) Ryan Stoker  
(5) Jacob Wilson  
(6) Santillan

Questions:

Senator O'Connor: Where do we get the tickets if we are already in the mob?

Senator Bonadelle: I'll send out the information.

Senator Bouillion: Where do we get tickets for TCU?

VP: By McClvaney.

Senator Stoker: What organizations does this apply to.

VP: I'll ask Ramon.

**C. Secretary Ladner:**

- i. No Report

**D. Chief of Staff Finnegan:**

- i. Communications

Thanks for putting together our Homecoming float!

We do have a new chair. It is just Chair Ona now!

- ii. Chairs

follow up with general members who do not show up to your

meetings.

**E. Speaker Stephens:**

- i. No Report

**F. Parliamentarian Cornell:**

- i. Next week I will not here. If you need to pose a parliamentary question, ask the Rules Tribunal, which is Speaker Stephens, Senators Stoker, Harker, and Pondrum, and myself, though obviously I won't be there.

**G. Executive Director Jones:**

- i. No Report

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Finance**

**New Business:**

SMU Dance Division- 1,255/4,480 (12-0-0)

- The costumes are still technically our property. If they really want this, they will finance it.

Club Golf- \$659/659 (12-0-0)

**Old Business:**

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

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

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

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

**B. Organizations**

**New Business:**

Phi Sigma Pi (Full) - Approved 8-0-0

**Old 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

Motion to see old business in block. Approved.

Motion to approve. Approved.

#### C. Scholarship

##### i. Scholarships

All turned in last week. WE got 54 applications. We are giving out 27 interview spots. Interviews will be next week.

#### D. Diversity

##### i. Battling Bias

This will be next week. After Senate in the ballroom. There will be a panelist of students and faculty. This will have to do with privilege.

Questions:

Senator Giap: What do we do with the poster we got?

Chair Elmzai: post it on Facebook.

Senator Barnes: How long will it be?

Chair Elmzai: 90 minutes. Also, how would you all feel if Senate Hosted a formal that is open to everyone.

Senator Conway: With all organizations?

Chair Elmazi: Yes.

Senator Bouillion: I think it would be cool if got the whole school together for a formal.

#### E. Membership

##### i. No Report

#### F. Communications

##### i. Report

Thanks to all of you who came to the parade.

We want you all to push for #fixitSenate.

Senate in the big Comfy Couch in a few weeks. We plan to have it on Wednesday and Thursday. Next week we will let you know for sure and pass around a signup sheet.

Questions:

Senator Pederson: What if it's too cold.

Bouillion: Bring a blanket.

#### G. Endowment

##### i. Update

The senate alumni reception went well.

My committee did a great job in helping me.

For the FFE, we used like \$500

For the senators that came to the reception. That will count as your office hour.

#### H. Student Concerns Committee

- i My committee members came by office hours to see if senators were there because that is their job.
- ii. Committee members- see if your general members would like a senate shirt.
- Grad Students- I encourage you to join a committee. Join mine's if possible.
- iv. I went through the past 10 public information files and a high percentage of bills have to do with changing internal.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**F-13-10-09 A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOPTED LEGISLATION.**

Chase Harker: This piece my committee wrote. All the bills in this legislation are still student issues that senate "addressed." These bills gives senate something to look into or work on. If you have any input let us know.

Questions:

Chair McCluskey: Is an on campus bar feasible?

JJ: Turner turned it down

Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.

VP Mahli: Can you change the verbs to plural verbs in the first paragraph?

Accepted.

Chief of Staff: Do they still want chase bank?

Senator Harker: Yes, this is based on a survey.

Chief of Staff: Is the spirit shop still important?

Senator Harker: yes.

JJ: We looked into that and it can't happen.

Senator Barnes: Can we get rid of the term "encouraging" in legislation?

Senator Harker: that is possible

VP Malhi: The piece I wrote on Financial Aid has already been implemented.

Senator Pederson: Line 43- get rid of the comma.

Chair Lee: Has there been a discussion with faculty about implementing all of these.

**F-13-10-10 A RESOLUTION ON THE VEHICULAR USE OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY SOUTH OF CLEMENTS HALL.**

Senator O'Connor: I've been talking to Phillip from the construction board, about the walkway in front of Clements Hall. That is for the venue trucks, emergency trucks. We want to make it emergency decals also.

Senator Stoker: Can you add "Giddy Up"

Senator Hopkins: Giddy Up does not count as a vehicle.

**F13-10-11 AN AMENDMENT TO STUDENT SENATE BY-LAWS TO CHANGE THE INVESTMENTS ACTING COMMITTEE TO AN INTERNAL STANDING COMMITTEE**

Senator O'Connor: The Student Body President can get this committee together get students experience with investing.

Questions:

Parliamentarian Cornell: This might be better classified as an external committee. Would you consider changing making this change by switching “section 4” to “section 5”?

Senator O’Connor: Accepted

Chair McCluskey: What does the committee do?

Senator O’Connor: It gets students to get involved and be a part of the process.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

### **F-13-10-08**

Parliamentarian Cornell: This will not affect undergrads.

Senator Harker: This just allows Grad Students to ask for money.

Senator Phillips: How long will this be in affect?

Parliamentarian; until they get the increase.

Stoker: Move into debate. Approved.

Parliamentarian: This helps the student body.

Chair McCluskey: the way this is titled make it sound like senate sought to deny these funds. We should conduct ourselves in the best manner.

Parliamentarian: Motion to delete everything in the title after the words Councils. Passed.

Senator Rothstein: Is this saying graduate students can request funding.

Parliamentarian: Yes.

Senator Precious: What does this bill do?

Senator Harker: Right now the councils can’t request money for food, which is one of their biggest expenses and what they would have spent the budget increase they were supposed to get on. This lets them ask finance committee for food until they get the budget increase next year.

VP: I’m not in favor of this. This bill is flawed, because it does not help anything. This puts a restriction on finance committee.

Senator Cavendar: I agree with the previous speaker. There is no purpose in doing anything more. This is just a way of compensating with won’t happen until next year.

Parliamentarian Cornell: Actually this would do something, it would lift the restriction on grad orgs asking for money for food that the finance standards impose on them and help to make up for the grad councils not getting the budget increase on schedule this fall.

Motion to call to question.

Parliamentarian: The finance committee should be able to consider food for grad orgs, which they can’t do now the way the rules are written.

Senator Harker: It shows the grads that we are looking out for them.

Vote: Resolution Failed 17-22.

## **XI. SENATORIAL FORUM**

Senator Harker

We will give you an update on what PC has doing. Give us input.

Senator Thouy: Can you save the money for a big Carter?

Senator Finley: It has a lot to do than availability and money.

Senator Bouillion: We should get it at the stadium.

VP Malhi: What's the price difference between getting someone like Aaron Carter or Drake?

Senator Finely: Can't say.

Senator Pondrom: Can you just take the HP fine?

Senator Finely: The police will shut you down

Senator Bonadelle; How do you market?

Senator Finely: Social Network.

Senator Bouillion: Can you have students vote on who comes?

Senator Rothstein: Have a vote of who you're thinking of?

Senator Conway:

Movember. No shave November.

## **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thouy: M-Lounge. Football with the Simmons senators.

VP Malhi: Pollok Gallery can be moved to centennial hall.

Bouillion: go to Belle tones.

Stoker; A phi A will be with secretary of state that affect voters.

- a. Cavendar: Parking task force meets.
- b. McAuliffe; Bucsino Royale!
- c. President Trespacios: Walk tour tonight! This is to find out all the areas around campus that do not have enough light.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the Student Senate adjourned at 5:19 P.M.