1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **RECITATION OF THE VALUES STATEMENT: *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.***
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
4. **FIRST ROLE CALL**

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| President Shirzad |  |
| Vice-President DeVera |  |
| Secretary Wells |  |
| GAO Rainey |  |
| Chief Hermeling | T |
| Speaker Lucci |  |
| Parliamentarian Jones |  |
| Senator Cox |  |
| Senator Oh |  |
| Senator Spencer |  |
| Senator Woodside | T |
| Senator Clark |  |
| Senator Schmidt |  |
| Senator Shipman |  |
| Senator Halliburton | T |
| Senator Klein |  |
| Senator Carlin | T |
| Senator Sanchez |  |
| Senator Grassie |  |
| Senator Koshy |  |
| Senator Lahood |  |
| Senator Taufiq | T |
| Senator Smith | T |
| Senator Burns |  |
| Senator Hensley |  |
| Senator Kosub |  |
| Senator Cipriano |  |
| Senator Price |  |
| Senator Wilbanks |  |
| Senator Rose |  |
| Chair Street |  |
| Chair Troy |  |
| Chair Ngo |  |
| Chair Dalton | T |
| Chair Kuchler |  |
| Chair Poon |  |
| Chair Ovenshire | T |
| Chair Stuchly |  |
| Chair Farr |  |
| Chair Adams | T |

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  Lahood: Motion to approve agenda. Approved
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** Sanchez: Motion to approve minutes. Approved.
4. **SPEAKER’S PODIUM**
   1. Dr. Ben Voth, Director of Forensics
      1. Utilizing disagreement and conflict to achieve change at SMU
5. **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES WITH NEW OR OLD BUSINESS**
   1. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
      1. Stumo: 4-0
      2. ISA:
      3. Program Council: 3-0-1
      4. LGBT Center:
      5. Agile:
      6. Student Concerns: one withdrawn, one fulfilled
      7. CHAS: Tabled
      8. Indian Student Association:
      9. ASA:
      10. QUESTIONS: Kosub: Did finance com. Meet quorum? Yes.
      11. Cox: Can any senator sit in on a finance meeting? Hermeling: We are working on filling the seats.
      12. Shirzad: What was the Meadows issue? Their reservation was removed because someone in the dance department did not want students around a “tree fixture” that might get broken. All the other theatres were reserved and they had no options other than an outdoor alternative.
      13. Stuchly: What did Agile request? Meetings/food, but we cannot fund for that if they are not a chartered organization.
   2. ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
8. **SENATORIAL FORUM**
9. **OFFICER REPORTS (Please refer to page 2 for written reports)**
   1. President of the Student Body, Mr. Shirzad
   2. Vice President of the Student Body, Mr. DeVera
   3. Secretary of the Student Body, Mr. Wells
   4. Graduate Affairs Officer, Mr. Rainey
   5. Parliamentarian, Mr. Jones
   6. Chief of Staff, Ms. Hermeling
   7. Speaker of the Student Senate, Mr. Lucci
10. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Ms. Jones**
11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS (Please refer to page 4 for written reports)**
    1. Communications Committee (Ms. Street, Chair)
    2. Diversity Committee (Ms. Ngo, Chair)
    3. Endowment Committee (Mr. Dalton, Chair)
    4. Investments Committee (Mr. Poon, Chair)
    5. Membership Committee (Mr. Troy, Chair)
    6. Scholarship Committee (Mr. Farr, Chair)
    7. Student Center Committee (Mr. Adams, Chair)
    8. Student Concerns Committee (Mr. Ovenshire, Chair)
12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jones: call your congressmen concerning DACA! I am still managing the “band”.

Stuchly: If you know people that want a chartered org., send them my way.

Schmidt: 9/25 Theta 5K! Supporting CASA, if you want to sign up, contact me.

Cipriano: Spectrum is going to pride parade next weekend.

Schmidt: Motion to allow media in the chamber. Approved.

1. **SECOND ROLL CALL**

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1. **ADJOURNMENT 4:55**

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

1. **David Shirzad, President of the Student Body:**

[REPORT SUBMITTED LATE]

-Bike share update

-Houston fundraising update

-Presidential Collab Group

-Sign up for 1 on 1's

-SMU Football (1-0) will be playing UNT this Saturday at 6pm. Get to the game! The following weekend we're playing at TCU. I'll be going to the game so get your tickets too…. Further explanation of the Mob.

- Fall Break recruitment pros and cons… Ole Miss has this.

1. **Nathan DeVera, Vice President of the Student Body:**

[REPORT SUBMITTED LATE]

Liaison Program:

Still waiting on Senators to grab organizations! If you have not yet, please go into Box into the Liaison Contact Spreadsheet and claim student's organizations to be their official Senate Liaison. Once we get our cute, eager, little First-Year Senators on board, I'll be sending out a general email template for you to personalize (if you wish) and send to your organizations! We would like to keep our presence as Senate strong this year and that means reaching out to the student body early and updating them on the great things we've done so far (like raising $10,000+ for Help 4 Houston and awesome initiative like that).

Keep rocking it!

- Your Friendly Neighborhood VP

1. **Davis Wells, Secretary of the Student Body:**

DO YOUR OFFICE HOUR

1. **Blake Rainey, Graduate Affairs Officer:**

The first meeting of the Graduate Advisory Council for this semester will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at noon. The location of the meeting has been confirmed for the Suite 300 Conference Room in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. The meeting is open to everyone, space permitting.

1. **Will Jones, Parliamentarian of the Student Senate:**

* Legislation workshop, will wait for the new senators
* Values week: partnering with PC $70,000 event called Midnight Market
* In the process of getting Boulevard tent done

1. **Claire Hermeling, Chief of Staff of the Student Senate:**

[NO REPORT WAS SUBMITTED]

1. **Matthew Lucci, Speaker of the Student Senate:**

Please review the document on Parliamentary Procedure.

Cox: May I give the proper way to phrase a question? 🡨 That was it

**REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

1. **Caroline Street, Communications Chair**

At this time, we will be meeting at **3:30pm in the Senate Office on Thursday**. This is the time that I have had blocked out for Senate, if this doesn't work for you but want to stay in this committee please email me at cstreet@smu.edu and we may be able to work this out. If you have already emailed me, I am looking into it.

We need a lot of help so please reach out to your friends who are creative to help.

I am planning on taking group pictures after all elections have been held and the Senate is full of (some) new bright and shining faces.

Go Communications!!!

1. **Audrey Ngo, Diversity Chair**

1) Senate at the Flagpole will occur 9/7 from 1-4pm

2) DC will meet every other Tuesday in Atrium CD from 6-7pm. The next meeting is the 12th.

3) DC is organizing a Domestic Violence Workshop in October. More information will follow.

4) DC has partnered with Mustang Heroes for Heroes week!

Please tell all GBMs or non-GBMs if they are interested that they are free to attend and participate in DC meetings and events.

Cox: What should the University do? Ngo: The personalized email was nice, but there is seldom a public posting in support of “dreamers”, it’s nice that he is aware of the issue but it’s still private… not a public stance. That’s why I needed everyone’s help.

Sanchez: That news was heartbreaking. We need to make a statement and work with our administration and I urge everyone to support whatever comes forth because this has made a difference to individuals to study and live in America.

Smith: Should we also not consider that as a institution of higher learning, it it appropriate to take a public stance on political issues that are deep in nature, does that put us in a “no-win” situation regardless of our response. If we do respond is it constructive? Ngo: I understand a statement might be passive but there is no legal support the University can give. If SMU gave a statement it would still just be words. One person can’t possibly provide all the help to a body of dreamers. We are the legal force of our student body and we should be concerned of the legal status of our students.

Lucci: Would getting over-involved hurt our 501C3 status as a non-profit institution? Follow up: Are you aware under 501c3 any non-profit institution cannot be overly political other it would lose that status and donors.

Cox: Perhaps Ms. Ngo would like to meet with Sanchez for an alternative method that would not violate 501C3. Personally, I think it’s wrong what is going on but I see the value in Lucci’s concerns. How many dreamers do we actually have on campus that are affected?

Ngo: Undocumented individuals in general probably don’t want to come forward. At the moment, if we do have dreamers willing to come forward, they are SMU Alum.

Jones: Motion to add seven minutes. Approved

Cipriano: Did you mean a statement on policy and not politics?

Ngo: I’m hoping to gain insights today. I didn’t want to act rashly. We have to act as a unit.

Smith: Should you consider with SMU Political Science department to see if they have a theory/insight on this issue and how we can form a response?

Ngo: Thank you.

Sanchez: Are we allowed to ask what students are under DACA?

Ngo: They need to come to you first as a friend.

Cox: There is no way of knowing someone’s status because it is irrelevant. They don’t have SSN #’s which would be filed in the admissions office.

Shirzad: Did you know that we have the ability to send out an email to all students and make statements on social media and we can help secure those resources for you if you ever need them and I am willing to make a statement.

Ngo: I will get back with you in the coming days after President Trump’s decision is public.

Jones: The decision has been made.

Ngo: It’s time to act, but how should we proceed?

Woodside: Could you provide an example of a statement and the tone it would take?

Ngo: I will pull up Duke’s because I feel it is the most objective.

*Duke letter concerning DACA*

Stuchly: Since we are not an Org., if we made a statement as Senate as opposed to a school-wide statement come about?

Jones: You can do that as a body, to make the statement. Would it be the consensus of all your constituents?

1. **Trey Dalton, Endowment Chair**

Endowment Committee has a lot in store for the term (tabling events, alumni mixers, you name it), so if you want to be a part, come to our meeting this Thursday at 4:30-5 in Suite 300. If that time doesn't work for you, we will be adjusting the schedule to make it the best for everyone. See you all there!

1. **James Kuchler, Finance Chair**

[SEE VIII.]

1. **Darren Poon, Investments Chair**

The Investment Committee has nothing to report.

1. **Arthur Troy, Membership Chair**

This is a big week for membership!! Elections for first year senator will be held Wednesday and Thursday. Vacancy and gm applications are live on orgs as well. Keep an eye out for more information about interviews and sign ups in the coming days.

Ngo:

1. **Chris Stuchly, Organizations Chair**

[NO REPORT WAS SUBMITTED]

1. **Cameron Farr, Scholarship Chair**

Applications will be out for the scholarship in the month of October. We will have two meetings focused on Marketing and strategy mid-September (stay tuned). Once applications are out we will have meeting to look through them when needed. Meeting times will be based on availability of team. I am flexible enough to meet with some individually who can't meet during the times chosen. Let's bless some ‘stangs with some scholarships. Stay classy.

1. **Fairooz Adams, Student Center Governing Chair**

Nothing to report.

1. **Ben Ovenshire, Student Concerns Chair**

No new information, but as always if you have a concern or you hear one.

Email [smustudentConcerns@gmail.com](mailto:smustudentConcerns@gmail.com)

Check the FB page for a new event with Audrey!