



110th Student Senate Meeting Minutes 9/19/2023

In Attendance: 110th Student Senate Chamber, Advisor Murphy, Dean Sutton

- Roll Call
- Speaker's Podium
 - If you're reading this
 - Explanation about the orgs background
 - Authorship form explanation
 - Group me and Nominating forms
- Motion to seal the chamber (Approved)
 - Dedman Vacancy
 - President Alarcon and Membership Chair Lugo present Grace Higgins for approval
 - Approved by chamber
- Motion to unseal chamber (Approved)
 - Perkins Senator Vacancy
 - approved
 - Swearing in of Dedman and Perkins
- Finance Committee New Business
 - Mustang skiers, crafts club, MTO, MTO tabling, MTO midsummer hangout, AED x MAPS, VSA mid autumn, Mustang Chess Club, HOLA silent disco.
 - Recommend full funding for HOLA silent Disco and Crafts Club all the rest had cuts due to standards
 - Chair motions to see this as read
 - Approved
- Finance Committee Old Business
 - Mustang Skiers, MAPS x UT Mentorship event, Hilltop Singers Rehearsal, MAPS volunteering event, CKI - Kick Off, Earth First - Lorax
 - Recommended at request for all but Hilltop Singers, MAPS, and Earth First to bring items to Standard
 - Motion to see in block
 - Passed
 - Motion to approve old business
 - Passed
- Orgs New Business
 - Mustang Ballroom Dance Club, Young Americans for Liberty, Earth First, and Hilltop LULAC
 - Recommended approval for all other than Young Americans for Liberty



- Explanation concerning Young Americans for Liberty
 - Chair motions to see this as read
 - Approved
- Orgs Old Business
 - MTO and Epic Movement
 - Motion to see in block
 - Passed
 - Motion to approve old business
 - Passed
- Officer Report - President
 - Resource Slack Channel with Orgs Charts
 - Tabling next week all day
 - Committee responsiveness
 - Senator Pupko
 - Ask about Office Hours
 - Senator Bell is senator of the week
- Officer Report - Membership Chair
 - none
- Officer Report - Vice President
 - Counseling updates
 - Senator Nirthi shout out
 - Fund HRP -
 - Senator Igwe-Icho
 - Meeting yesterday with Dean Depiero
 - Retreat
- Officer Report - Secretary
 - None
- Director Miller HOR updates
 - Bringing more speakers to talk at HOR
 - Moody Auditorium will be the meeting location
- Officer Report - Treasurer
 - None
- Officer Report - Chief of Staff Hieden
 - none
- Officer Report - Parliamentarian
 - Legislative Clerks
 - Orgs, finance, membership
- Motion to For Unmoderated Caucus for 10 minutes (Approved)
 - Chair Vail - how does orgs work with legislative clerk



- Leathers - member can be part of org
- President Alarcon - Explaining constitutions versus other governing docs
- Senator Igwe-Icho - Ask about Fizz has been mentioned in VPSA board
- Senator Terry - would love to talk about trying to get rid of the platform
- Chair Vail - How feasible is getting rid of this
- Chair Thomas - worried student body will be upset at senate
- Dr. Sutton - State of Texas banned it for agencies of the state of Texas
- Senator Tonkin - What is said on Fizz isn't really free speech thinks we should try and limit what happens on the platform.
- Senator Cheeves and Horn - heavily against the platform and the plain hate speech that occurs there.
- Senator Pupko - issues with banning free speech. Streisand effect interesting comment.
- Senator Richeter - wants to hear student body's opinion on it
- Senator Baas - issues with SMU name being used on it
- Senator Lee - some see it as entertainment
- Senator Mellor - Mental health problems with the negative part
- Senator Igwe Icho - Maybe work with Fizz student workers
- Senator Morentenson - how fizz operates on campus
- Chair Vail - Drop in the US News rankings
 - President Alarcon - factors retention rate for pell eligible students and first gen students
 - Dean Sutton - Alumni giving got taken out
 - This is affecting all private institutions
 - Chair Vail - are we still placing weight on US news rankings
 - Senator Cheeves - STILL AHEAD OF TCU
- Senator Young - Future of intramural sports at risk with students fighting curious for questions
 - Senator Strickland - How Refs have been treated
 - Slurs being slung out Deadman workers
- Senator Cheeves - give the refs the power to kick people out
- President - take points away
- Senator Horn - an adult at the games
- Senator Tonkin - it is an issue people have been suspended maybe communicate with the orgs themselves not just individual
- Senator Young - cultural problem
- Speaker Ferguson - BURT form
- Senator Robb - Senate funds Intramurals



- Chair Prabu - BURT team is effective and helpful especially hate speech
- Senator Cheeves - maybe send police officers trash talk problem
- Senator Orr - less enrollment and engagement with paying to fund intramurals
- Senator Robb - explains the way the funding works
- Senator Young - Bonnie Handland and Gabe Cruz
- End of unmoderated Caucus
- Advisor Murphy
 - Campus services Advisory Panel
 - Only taking first year students
 - Comes with stipend
 - Send email abigail smith
- Announcements
 - Keaton Cheeves catch
 - Tobacco Free campus
 - Chair Prabu birthday last chamber
- Adjournment