



110th Student Senate Meeting Minutes 9/26/2023

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

- Roll Call
- Speaker's Podium
 - ABS, ASA, AC, HOLA
 - Continued conversation regarding Special interest senator vacancies
 - Proposed solution
 - Advisors for each community should be able to decide for themselves who represents them in the Senate for the none special interest seats.
 - Questions
 - Define special interest senator positions
 - Do all members of the communities part of the community
 - No but vast majority
 - Proposed
 - The organization will bring a person to student senate as a recommendation with advisor approval
 - How likely are they to appoint someone outside the organization
 - How can someone support the community if they are not in the organizations
 - Chair Prabu - What about town halls
 - Chair Prabu - SASA conversation about what is it about memberships that helps them understand the community more than those that are still in the community but not the org
 - Answer - those part of the organizations can better understand who is being represented
 - Answer - HOLA not worried about someone not apart of the org they would be willing to talk to someone outside the org
 - Senator Hall - Experience with exec boards in the past that have been negative it is important
 - ASA - Question about if the senate is painting special interest boards as malicious. If you can't deal with a bad leader or bad exec, are you fit for the senate? Why is it too much for special interest to give a recommendation?
 - HOLA - Willing to have conversations
 - Chair Lugo - Points of information
 - Constitution is not an easy thing to change



- Many people do not feel comfortable joining some special interest organizations.
- Perkins and Dedman still an election in those schools
 - ABS - Asking why senate is painting them as malicious the students would not be the ones involved in the election the advisors would be overlooking
 - HOLA - Apologies to chair Lugo for the negative experience. Good point with who should be able to
 - Chair Vail - Question regarding timelines with this new system.
 - ASA - willing to work with membership to iron out details
 - ABS, ASA - not attacking Jazmon this just happens to be something the community would like to address for the future.
- Finance Committee New Business
 - Pre-physician Assistant club, Mock Trial Rice, Program Council Night Market, Asian council, Epic Tie-dye, Society for Russian Studies, Mustang skiers
 - Recommendations Fund in full for Mock Trial, Program Council, Society for russian studies, Mustang Skiers. Others have cuts based on standard, Asian Council recommended 0 due to the massive cost.
 - Motion to see New Business as read
 - Approved
- Finance Committee Old 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
 - AED and HOLA are requested to be stripped
 - Motion to see in block
 - Passed
 - Motion to approve old business
 - Passed
- Orgs New Business
 - Phi Chi Theta and BlockChain Club
 - Recommendation to approve both
 - Motion to see as read
 - Approved
- Orgs Old 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



- Motion to see in block
 - Passed
- Motion to approve old business
 - Passed
- Officer Report - President
 - HOR today
 - Student Survey conversation
 - Dr. Pryor
 - First Gen initiative
 - Book and Tech Fund
 - Parking
 - Working on censors
 - Thank to those who tabled
- Officer Report - Vice President
 - Senator Responsibilities
 - First Years
 - Senators meet with respective deans
 - Premajors
 - Retreat
 - This thursday 7-9 truckyard
- Officer Report - Parliamentarian
 - Legislative Clerk - Payton Deichler
 - Tabling for wear red friday
 - Raffle or tabling
 - Projects reach out to VP bombito or COS Heiden
 - Motion to amend the agenda to show Proclamation S-110-P02
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 - Recognize the life of Honor Wallace
 - Authors - Will Leathers and Grant Richter
 - Chair Vail motions to Table
 - Approved
- Finance New Business
 - Motion to see mustang skiers as old business
 - Approved
 - Motion to approve old business
 - Approved
- Officer Report - Secretary
 - None
- Officer Report - Treasurer



- None
- Officer Report - Chief of Staff Hieden
 - none
- Motion to For Unmoderated Caucus for 10 minutes (Approved)
 - President Alarcon - Thrive Scholars financial literacy
 - Senator Richter - Conversation regarding BIG
 - Senator Dickinson - Stake Sign funding conversation
 - Senator Stripe talked with Curt Herridge as a possible solution to this
 - Senator Robb loves stake signs but they are expensive and want to work more on SMU 360. Wants it off line items if possible
 - Senator Lee - likes the idea of phasing out stake signs
 - Chair Vail - trying to move away from stake signs
 - Chair Lugo - Update from David Ngyen
 - Can be blocked would be more symbolic
 - Senator Igwe-Icho - question about joining membership committee
 - Senator Igwe-Icho - wants to know if Senate can let the communities hold their own elections
 - Chair Lugo - response regarding how my SMU is plugged into elections
 - Senator Howard - question regarding how to be put on committee's
 - Senator Miller - thought regarding special interest vacancies
 - Senator Horn - thought regarding special interest vacancies
 - ASA - is not familiar with HOR
 - Senator Miller - working on HOR turnover efforts with specific orgs
 - Senator Stripe - General member questions
 - Senator Thomas - jude brought up idea regarding petitions maybe a town hall for special interest
- End of unmoderated Caucus
- Announcements
 - HOR
- Adjournment