BILL REPORT SUMMARY
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Bills voted on this meeting:

S.B. 65-16  Increased Awareness of Online Teaching Evaluations Bill

- This bill requests that the teacher evaluations that are filled out by students at the end of each semester be more obviously available online
- The bill requests a link be placed on Howdy under My Record titled “Teaching Evaluations” that directs to a page where students can look up professors and find evaluations

S.B. 65-19  Foreign Language Placement Exam Exemption Bill

- This bill requests the College of Liberal Arts provide exemption waivers for tests and the fee that goes along with those tests for students wishing to register for introductory language courses
- This bill seeks to help the students who do not benefit from the tests

S.B. 65-23  The Non-Academic Student Fee Review Act

- **Special Designation: Act of the Senate**
- This bill calls for the alteration of the review process used by Texas A&M Administration, the Texas Legislature, and Texas A&M Board of Regents when reviewing non-academic fees

S.B. 65-25  The Not-So-Controversial Bike Rack Bill

- This bill requests more bike racks to be added to the various parts of Campus – including outside commons lobby

S.B. 65-26  Campus Lighting Bill

- This bill requests the increase of lighting at H2O fountain ramp and step area outside the Chemistry building

S.B. 65-27  The Cookie Crusade Bill

- This bill requests Sbisa cookies to return as dining options
S.B. 65-28  Instant Runoff Contingency Bill

- **Special Designation: Constitutional Amendment**
- This bill creates a contingency plan if runoff voting is not able to be implemented in time for the Spring 2013 elections
- Article II of the Constitution is amended to read
  - The chief executive officer shall be the Student Body President who shall be elected from the student body by an instant runoff vote
- Article XII: Special Expiring Elections added to Constitution (see bill)

S.B. 65-29  Senate Meeting Expedience Bill

- **Special Designation: Senate By-Law Bill**
- This bill requests the rules for open forum be revised by adding a subsection to Article VIII, Section V of the bylaws that states
  - Motions to reconsider, or any variation thereof, shall be considered out of order at all times
- Amendments made to Article VIII, Section IV (e) of the By-Laws (see bill)

S.B. 65-31  The Lone Star Showdown Bill

- This bill calls for the reinstating of the Texas A&M and t.u. football game every Thanksgiving

S.B. 65-32  Kyle Field Renovation Bill (Emergency Legislation)

- This bill requests that Kyle Field be renovated to seat over 101,624 (thus making it the largest in Texas) and that no student fees be used to do so

S.B. 65-37  Open Access Labs Printing Allocation Bill (Renewed Bill)

- We pay $30 a semester to print in student fees
- We have 300 single sided prints with the $30
- When printing, instead of taking out of that $30, it is charged to our student fees account
- This is trying to get all printing charged to the $30 allocation first instead of some prints being charged to the student account while some prints are deducted from our print allocations, depending on the computer used