

Texas A&M University
64th Session of the Student Senate
Committee Reports
September 7, 2011

Academic Affairs

During the Summer, S-RATE was postponed indefinitely by Deputy Chancellor Kimbrough and Dr. Lisa Crumpton Young was appointed to be the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies.

The Seven Solutions were brought to light by the presentation of the Dr. Jaime Grunlan who spoke before the BOR in June 2011. Crystal Usher and I met with him following his presentation and he explained the faculty position on the Seven Solutions through his perspective.

I have currently spoken with Dr. Pam Matthews in regards to a new degree plan initiative that will be headed by the University Advisory Committee and student volunteer. I also spoke with Dr. Matthews in regards to Howdy and the possibility of using Howdy to promote this degree initiative and to allow for data on teacher evals to be put on Howdy so students can judge the professors before choosing them basically putting a portal akin to MyEdu on Howdy which we have the coding to do.

I have also have a meeting with Dr. Brian Perkins of the Faculty Senate to discuss a need for more professors in high demand sections that will occur on September 8, 2011 at 2:30pm in BSEN building.

I am meeting Karen Watson on September 26, 2011 in Rudder Tower in regards to the THECB and a possible law school here at Texas A&M.

I have a meeting with Joe Pettibon on September 8, 2011 at 4:30 in Henderson Hall to discuss modifications to the Howdy portal.

I assigned my committee to do research briefs on subjects relevant to academic affairs such as q-drops and differential tuition, etc. They will be a part of the academic agenda in Senate this year.

Committee meetings will be held on alternating Monday's at 8pm

Appropriations

Howdy!

Here is a short and sweet update on the Appropriations Committee!

Kevin and I have done a lot of work over the past few weeks and over the summer to get the appropriations process rolling like they should be. The budget meetings will begin Thursday the 8th and go through Monday the 19th. All of these meetings are open. Feel free to come by and sit in one with us to see what we're all about! Dress is college casual (look nice) and be a few

minutes early. It's just the polite thing to do.

Here's the schedule:

Appropriations Meeting Times

Thursday, Sept. 8 Koldus 127

3:00 - 3:45 Muster

3:45 - 4:30 CARPOOL

4:30 - 5:15 GUIDE

5:15 - 6:00 Texas Aggies Making Changes

Monday, Sept. 12 Koldus 144

3:00 - 3:45 Fish Aides

3:45 - 4:30 Traditions Council

Tuesday, Sept. 13 Koldus 144

3:00 - 3:45 Replant

3:45 - 4:30 The Big Event

4:30 - 5:15 Alternative Spring Break

5:15 - 6:00 EIC

6:15 - 7:00 TBA

Wednesday, Sept. 14 Koldus 144

3:00 - 3:45 TBA

3:45 - 4:30 Legislative Relations

Monday, Sept. 19 Koldus 127

3:45 - 4:30 Development

4:30 - 5:15 TBA

Over the next few weeks we will be working on the budget so please bear with us! As Kevin said, we want to give out as much money as we have to give. Don't fight us on this please! That's about it from Appropriations! Let me know if you plan on making it to any of our meetings! It'd be great to see all of you!

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Thanks, and Gig 'Em!

Rachel E. Thornburg '12
Appropriations Chair
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Community Relations

Community Relations is currently looking in to ways to effectively lobby in conjunction with the executive branch on voting 'NO' on Prop. 1. Furthermore, we continue to work with the BCSAA on housing inspections.

Constituency Affairs

No report.

Legislative Affairs

The Legislative Affairs Committee will be meeting on Sunday at 7 PM in Koldus 146 (across from the Governance Room). We will be talking about structure, goals, and plans for the coming year.

Rules and Regulations

Over the Summer the RR committee as with the rest of Senate had an opportunity to prepare itself for the up and coming year. With things like The Student Regent resolution and Chief Justice, we had an opportunity to look at how rules and regulations effect students and need to be ratified for future clarification. For the upcoming year we will continue to improve our own Senate bylaws in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order as well as the Executive, Judicial and The Constitution of SGA. Along with focusing internally we will work on helping other organizations realize the importance and usefulness of RR within their specific organizations by doing RR consulting. This will be accomplished through not only the knowledge of parliamentary procedure but also implementation outside of the senate and koldus. We will be having our first committee meeting on Wednesday September 14 at 7pm. This will be our first meeting of the year and we will already have legislation to discuss as well as our game plan as a committee. Please feel free to come and give input on the legislation that we will receive on the September 7th meeting. If you have any question about the committee or Rules and Regulations please feel free to contact me at Pboehm125@gmail.com. Thanks and Gig 'em.

Student Services

We are really looking forward to another great year in Student Services. I want to personally welcome each and every new member to our committee. We will be addressing issues such as the student health center fee cap, as well as text book purchasing issues, campus beautification, dining services and many more. We will meet every other Wednesday opposite of senate at 7:00pm on the couches in the SGA Lobby right by the SBP office. Come casual, its pretty chill. Thanks yall and Gig Em!

Sincerely,
Thomas McNutt,
Student Services Chair