

Texas A&M University
64th Session of the Student Senate
Committee Reports
October 5, 2011

Academic Affairs

Report 9/28/11 9pm in SGA Office- Koldus

New Senators were introduced. The following senators were in attendance:

Brody Smith (Chair)

Nolan Gore

Thomas McNutt *

Seth Touns

Kevin Markowski

Alex Moore-VanDyke

Jessica Castilleja

Cody Vasut*

Daryl Melancon

Scott Bowen*

Crystal Usher

New developments were discussed in regards to the following administrator meetings:

- Joe Pettibon- Senator Smith met with him about Howdy portal modification in regards to cost and maintenance with SB 64-11 and HB 3025
- Dr. Karen Watson- Senators Smith and Womack met with her in regards to a possible law school at Texas A&M in the future along with a core curriculum modification timeline in relation to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- Ramesh Kappanen- Senator Smith met with Mr. Kappanen in regards to SB 64-11 to analyze modifications that will happen to Howdy based on software purchased to modify it or new coding created here on campus to make the Howdy portal work for both bills.

Bills in committee are as follows:

- SB 64-10 The Student Success Bill is still in committee with modifications pending
- SB 64-11 The Degree Plan Initiative Bill is still in committee pending modifications
(Both bills were voted to remain in committee unanimously)
- SB 64-12 was passed out of committee unanimously with no amendments

Upcoming Administrator Meetings:

- Dr. Young on Oct 4th @ 11am in the Administration Building
- EIS Steering Committee Meeting on Oct 5th @ 8am
- If any AAC senators are planning on speaking to faculty in regards to legislation, be sure to CC Chair Smith and Speaker Pro Tempore Hatheway.

AAC Brief Packet will be available on Tuesday night for Senate Meeting on 10/5/11.

Meetings are off senate Wednesdays at 9pm in the SGA office. Next AAC meeting is 10/12/11.

**Not AAC member.*

Appropriations

No report.

Community Relations

Howdy,

CR will be meeting on Tuesday at 7:45 in the SGA Office. On behalf of my committee, I look forward to serving in coordination with Matt Cope in serving the students of Texas A&M. Matt and myself will be looking for a representative to serve on the Bryan/College Station apartment association's governmental relations board. If you are a Freshman or Sophomore interested in learning more about this position, please email myself and VP of CR Matt Cope to hear a little bit more about our expectations for this position. In these final days of voter registration, we encourage all of you register to vote and to spread the word to register. We are facing a very important election and student voices must be heard. Please contact me with any questions. Also a special thank you to VP of LR Bryce Bender, and EVP Davenport for their work in the absence of a VP of CR. Without their efforts, we would have not accomplished what we have thus far into the year. Gig 'Em!

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Andrew P. Barber '13
Texas A&M
Student Government Association
Community Relations Chair

Constituency Affairs

The Constituency Affairs Committee meet last Wednesday at 7pm in Koldus. The Committee established two subcommittees one for marketing and one for events that the committee will plan throughout the year. It was decided that the committee wanted to look into the idea of senate t-shirts, that task has been delegated to the marketing sub committee chair Jackie Murad. We disused the 61st session communication plan. The committee also is looking into new and better ways to get senates name out there. At our next meeting we will continue to look at the communications plan and hopefully make changes. We will start looking at dates and locations for opinion booths. And we will look at hosting regular socials for the senate in order to encourage unity among the senators.

Legislative Affairs

Our last meeting was on Wednesday, September 28th. Almost everyone in attendance was a new senator who came in on a vacancy, so we introduced ourselves and talked about the purpose and goals of the Legislative Affairs committee. A concern that was brought up in committee was Proposition 3, which is a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution that will be on the November ballot. We are looking into the possibility of writing legislation about this. Our next meeting will next Wednesday at 8PM in Koldus.

Rules and Regulations

The RR committee would like to welcome our new fish aide Megan Matter! We looked at two pieces of legislation this past week and passed them out of committee. We had a productive discussion about how the statutes will effect the future policy initiatives of SGA. For the future, the committee will be looking at the fee structure and how students are involved within that process. We also will be moving our meeting up by thirty minutes. This means that our meeting will be at 7:30 on the off Wednesdays. Gig 'em.

Student Services

No report.