

Texas A&M University
64th Session of the Student Senate
Committee Reports
October 19, 2011

Academic Affairs

Report 10/12/11 9pm in SGA Office- Koldus

The following Senators were in attendance:

Brody Smith (Chair)
DJ Melancon
Seth Toups
Chris Esparza
Katherine Nydegger *
Carlos Falcon (Operations)
Hunter Dansby (Fish Aide)
Tyler Mandry*
Nolan Gore
Crystal Usher (Exec AA)
Mark Womack
Jessica Castilleja
Alex Moore Van Dyke
Allison Johnston (Exec AA Advocate)
Caelyn Stephens (Director of Operations)
Kevin Markowski was not in attendance.

In New Developments,

- The Student Learning Center is currently moving into the newly refurbished YMCA building. Senator Smith will be meeting with Richard Johnson to discuss the Degree Plan Initiative over the next week.
- Dr. Lisa Crupton Young is still searching for the fourth member of the Q-Drop Taskforce which has kept SB 64-21 “The FYGE Elimination and Q-Drop Policy Reform Act” in committee at this time.
- EVP Davenport and Senator Smith met with students and faculty to discuss the proposal for differential tuition being added to the College of Education in terms of the last four semesters at a rate of \$300 in each semester.

In Old Business,

- SB 64-10 The Student Success Bill is kept in committee.
- SB 64-11 The Degree Plan Initiative Bill is kept in committee pending a meeting with SLC.

In New Business,

- SB 64-20 The PASS Certificate Program Requirement for Students on Academic Probation Act is kept in committee pending further discussion
- SB 64-21 The FYGE Elimination and Q-Drop Policy Reform Act is kept in committee pending action by Dr. Young’s Q-Drop Task Force.

The next meeting will be on Oct 26, 2011 in the SGA Office. All are welcome to attend.

*=absence forgiveness

Appropriations

No report.

Community Relations

CR: Hopefully, CR will have our first bill in committee this week. I very much look forward to meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 on in the SGA office to go over the legislation. CR has started working in defeating Prop. 1. The plans are set and the ball is beginning to roll. However, we will need manpower to get the work done. Please don't worry, Matt Cope and myself will be letting you know when we are in need of said manpower. However, if you are a person who finds block walking and speaking to organizations within the community a passion of yours, please do not hesitate to let Matt and/or myself know. The importance of defeating this proposition was recently highlighted through the City of College Station's recent increase on wastewater rates and a decrease on property tax, another disproportional burden on students.

As always, please come to me with any questions or suggestions.

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Texas A&M
Student Government Association
Community Relations Chair

Constituency Affairs

No report.

Legislative Affairs

No report.

Rules and Regulations

No report.

Student Services

We will be having our next committee at the normal place as we always do on the Koldus couches. However, due to the special fee meeting at 7:00pm when we normally have committee we will meet an hour early at 6:00pm and then stay through to the fee meeting at 7:00pm. Congratulations to all of you in Student Services for having ALL of our presented bills successfully passed this week. Next meeting we will have the Head of Dinning Services on here in Aggieland joining us to update us on what all is going on food wise on campus. He will be answering any questions we might have. If you care about Student Services on campus we would be happy to have you join us in committee.

Thanks and Gig 'Em.

Sincerely,
Thomas McNutt
Student Services Chair
Student Senate