

**Texas A&M University**  
**64th Session of the Student Senate**  
**Committee Reports**  
**November 30, 2011**

**Academic Affairs**

Academic Affairs Committee Report  
11/21/11 @ 9pm

The following Senators were present:

Brody Smith (Chair)  
Crystal Usher (Exec AA)  
Kevin Markowski  
Mark Womack  
Alex Moore-Van Dyke  
Jake Reeves  
Van Adams  
Jessica Castilleja  
Tyler Mandry (AA Advocate)

DJ Melancon, Chris Esparza, and Seth Toups were not present

**In New Developments-**

- The Q-Drop Task Force met today and discussed a variety of options in terms of the number of q-drops students would be willing to accept (4 or 5) after the abolition of FYGE and the extension of the q-drop deadline from 50 to 60 days.
- In terms of General Studies, the faculty have not yet come to a consensus on what should happen to the College of General Studies in regards to how students should remain in General Studies and if freshmen should be allowed to enter into General Studies upon acceptance to Texas A&M.
- In regards to Thanksgiving week, the faculty has received our resolution to have classes cancelled after Noon on Wednesday and the student/faculty committee to discuss getting the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week to be a holiday is yet to be formed.

**In Old Business-**

- SB 64-20 The PASS Certificate Program Requirement for Students on Academic Probation Act was tabled and remains in committee pending data from SCS and Krystin Harper.
- SB 64-21 The FYGE Elimination and Q-Drop Policy Reform Act is tabled in committee pending info from the Q-Drop Task Force after Thanksgiving.
- SB 64-33 The International and Cultural Diversity Bill and SB 64-47 The Change the Current Q-Drop System Bill are currently tabled on the Senate floor. SB 64-47 will be postponed indefinitely at the 11/30/11 Senate Meeting due to congruence with SB 64-21.
- SB 64-51 The Veterans Academic Standards Bill is tabled until updates are provided from Financial Aid and data is gathered from National Science Foundation via Virginia Tech and Ohio State University. Jeff and Ryan may need to be utilized here.

**In New Business-**

- SB 64-65 The General Studies Support Bill is tabled until meetings are had with Dr. Pam Matthews, Dr. Lisa Young, and the AOC Deans Dr. Crocht and Dr. Curtis.

The next AAC meeting will be on December 5, 2011 at 9pm in the SGA office and the next Senate meeting will be 11/30/11 at 7pm in the Koldus Governance Room.

## **Appropriations**

The Appropriations Committee will be replaced by the Finance Committee effective January 1, 2012. Chair Rachel Thornburg will automatically assume the role of Finance Committee Chair.

## **Community Relations**

For the last Community Relations report of the arduous Fall 2011 Semester, I am mildly please to report that there is little to report.

Why? Looking back on this semester, I've learned a lot of things about the Bryan/College Station community as a whole. While production from the committee was limited, I believe this was probably for the best. We learned many lessons that will not only serve us well into the spring, but will also serve the students in the realm of Community Relations in years to come. So what will I be looking for in the spring with CR? Obviously remain proactive, much like we were this semester. See problems before they arise and do everything we can do stop them. However, I'd like to see us be more proactive in this spring semester in terms of requesting things from the city on behalf of students. Students make the university and the university makes the city. We need to remind local government of this at every chance. Have a fantastic break. BTHO our pending bowl opponent.

## **Constituency Affairs**

None.

## **Legislative Affairs**

The last Legislative Affairs meeting was last Sunday in Koldus. The only bill we discussed, the Modernized Non-Discrimination Policy Bill, was passed out of committee with amendments. The Financial Aid Bill remains in committee. Have a great Christmas break and BTHO finals!

## **Rules and Regulations**

Howdy!

RR had the opportunity to meet twice in between the Senate meetings. Some members met through Skype and face time in order to provide input. We needed to meet twice in order to discuss all the bills that Senator Vasut sent to our committee. The biggest bill that we passed out of committee was the election regulation bill. We met twice with the Executive council to ensure that the bill was in good form. I want to thank Kyle Jackson, Robert Scoggins, Scott Bowen and the rest of the RR committee for their diligent work on the bill. This is the last meeting for our beloved Cody Vasut whose hard work has put SGA in a better direction for the future students of Texas A&M. As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me over the break. I hope finals go well and thank you to the RR committee for the hard work on our legislation.

## **Student Services**

10(f)14 - kept in committee

64-61 voted out

64-64 voted out

64-35 voted out