The Student Senate
Texas A&M University

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The Student Senate
65th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Speaker Scott A. Bowen, Engineering
Former Student Regent Fernando Treviño

Action Taken [PASSED]

Certified By:
Mariana Fernandez
Speaker Pro Tempore

Duly Approved:
John L. Claybrook
Student Body President

Student Regent Selection Process Bill

"A bill ensuring that the process used to select nominees from Texas A&M for the position of Student Regent is fair and transparent."

Whereas(1): The position of Student Regent is open to any student in the Texas A&M System; and,

Whereas(2): Each system school’s Student Government Association is tasked with presenting nominees to the Governor’s office to be appointed to that position; and,

Whereas(3): It is in the best interest of the students of Texas A&M University for the Student Regent to come from this school as often as possible; and,

Whereas(4): The last two Student Regents to come from Texas A&M in College Station have not been selected through recommendation from our Student Government Association; and,

Whereas(5): This fact indicates that past Student Regent candidate selection processes have been flawed; and,

Whereas(6): The SGA must solicit applications for this position no later than November 1, and final choices must be presented to the Chancellor by January 1.
Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): That the Student Government Association, on behalf of the students of Texas A&M University, recognizes that an open, fair and accessible process for selecting nominees for Student Regent can only improve the chances that one of our nominees will be appointed to the position; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(2): That a committee comprised of the following five members of the Student Government Association shall meet during the fall semester to evaluate Student Regent applications and to interview applicants:

- The Student Body President
- The Vice President for Legislative Relations in the Executive Branch
- The Speaker of the Senate
- The Legislative Affairs Chairman of the Senate
- The Chief Justice of the Judicial Court

If any of these individuals is an applicant for the Student Regent position or is otherwise prevented from serving on this committee, he or she shall be replaced by the longest serving member of his or her branch who is able, is not an applicant, and is not already on this committee; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(3): That the committee above shall follow all guidelines and deadlines provided by the Texas A&M System. The committee shall present its two selected applicants to the Chancellor by January 1, 2013, and shall forward the remaining applications to the Office of the Chancellor as well; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(4): That the Student Body President shall publish a copy of this bill and the application for Student Regent on the Student Government Association website, and shall send a campus-wide email to advertise this opportunity no later than November 1.