



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 71-01

The Student Senate
71st Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Speaker of the Senate Mitch Parker, College of Engineering Caucus
Speaker Pro-Tempore Tate Banks, Off-Campus Caucus
Chair Karina Wilson, Rules and Regulations, CEHD Caucus

Sponsored By: Senator Breiana DeGrate, College of Education
Senator Kaylyn Roberts, College of Liberal Arts
Senator Adel Quntar, College of Engineering Caucus
Senator Zach Huebschman, Off-Campus Caucus
Senator Alejandra Moreno, CEHD Caucus

Action Taken _____

Certified By: _____

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Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved: _____

Amy Sharp

Amy Sharp
Student Body President

The Diversity and Inclusion Representation Act

"A bill to create a Unity Committee in the Student Senate with the mission of promoting diversity, inclusion, and equality"

Whereas(1): Diversity and Inclusion is and has been a very prominent topic at Texas A&M University, including as it relates to the Student Government Association; and,

Whereas(2): The Texas A&M University Student Senate claims to represent ALL students in order to enhance the Texas A&M experience within our university and communities through research, legislation, and advocacy in accordance with the core values of our institution; and,



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Whereas(3): The Texas A&M University Student Senate currently has no official committee for the facilitation and discussion of affairs relating to the topics of diversity, inclusion and equality.

Whereas(4): Diversity in the context of Texas A&M University includes but is not limited to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): Let Article III, Section III.a. of the Student Senate Bylaws read: "The Officers of the Senate shall consist of the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker Pro-Tempore, the Senate Chair for Academic Affairs, the Senate Chair for Community Relations, the Senate Chair for Legislative Affairs, the Senate Chair for Rules and Regulations, the Senate Chair for Student Services, the Senate Chair for Finance, the Senate Chair for Constituency Affairs and the Senate Chair for Unity. In addition to their senatorial responsibilities of representing their constituents, officers will be responsible for the following:"; and,

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Enacted (2): Let there be an Article III, Section III.a.9. added to the Student Senate Bylaws which reads:

"(4) Unity Chair

The Unity Chair shall:

(i) Preside over the Unity Committee. The Unity Chair is responsible for facilitating ideas for the members of the committee concerning all policies relating to diversity and inclusion affecting Texas A&M Students.

(ii) Disseminate all necessary information to members of their committee and to all Senators

(iii) Hold regular meetings with members of the committee

(iv) Enforce the committee absence policy"; and,



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Enacted(3): Let Article IV, Section VI.1.e be amended to read:
“(e) Each Senator must serve on exactly one (1) of the Legislative Committees (Rules and Regulations Committee, Student Services Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Community Relations Committee, Constituency Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, and Unity Committee).

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Enacted(4): Let an Article VII, Section I.c.8 be added to the Student Senate Bylaws which reads:
“(8) THE UNITY COMMITTEE: The Unity Committee shall be chaired by the Senate Unity Chair. This committee shall be assigned to consider all legislation pertaining to interactions between the Student Government Association and the faculty and administration of Texas A&M University as it relates to issues of diversity, inclusion and equality on campus.”; and,

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Enacted(5): Let Article IX, Section VI.1.i of the Student Senate Bylaws be amended to read:
“(i) The order of responsibility for conducting this new Senator development day is as follows: the Rules and Regulations Chair, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the Senate, the Constituency Affairs Chair, the Academic Affairs Chair, the Community Relations Chair, the Legislative Affairs Chair, the Student Services Chair, the Finance Chair, and the Unity Chair.”; and,



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Enacted(6): Let Article IX, Section I.b.4 of the Student Senate Bylaws be amended to read: “(vii) To vote on matters concerning the Student Senate such as but not limited to: absences, formation of subcommittees, and other internal matters concerning the Student Senate. If there is an even number of members of the Internal Affairs Committee present and voting and a tie occurs, the Speaker Pro-Tempore will not vote.”; and,

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Further**

Enacted(7): A primary charge of the Unity Chair shall be to work with the diversity commissioner in the executive cabinet to generate and facilitate awareness and emphasize issues concerning diversity and inclusion across campus.

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Further**

Enacted(8): Let a copy of this bill be sent to:
Michael Young, Texas A&M University President
Dr. Daniel Pugh, Vice President of Student Affairs
Karina Wilson, Rules and Regulations Chair
The Battalion