



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

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The Student Senate
69th Session
Texas A&M University


Introduced By: Tyler Mogford, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Sponsored By: Chair Cameron Rozean, Rules and Regulations Committee
Tyler Nelson, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Grayson Blair, College of Liberal Arts

Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:


Joseph Hood
Speaker of the Senate

Subcommittee Improvement Act
Special Designation: By-Law Act

"An act adding further defining the Subcommittee Process."

Whereas(1): Current Senate Bylaws do not provide clear procedures for the creation and restrictions on subcommittees; and,

Whereas(2): Only the Chair of the Student Services Committee may appoint Subcommittees, even subcommittees under other Chairs; and,

Whereas(3): The process to join a subcommittee is not defined and unclear,

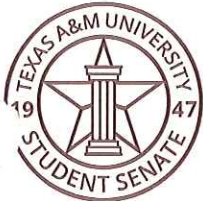
Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That Article III Section 3 Paragraph 3-9 of the Senate Bylaws;

(3) Rules & Regulations Chair

The Rules & Regulations Chair shall:



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(i) Preside over the Rules & Regulations Committee. The Rules & Regulations Chair is responsible for facilitating ideas for the members of the committee concerning the Student Government Association's Constitution, Executive Branch By-Laws, Judicial Court By-Laws,

Student Senate By-Laws, and the Election Regulations. The Rules and Regulations Chair acts as the chief interpreter of the Senate ByLaws, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, and the Statutes of the Senate

- (ii) Train all Senators in meeting procedure and rules
- (iii) Aid the Speaker Pro Tempore in vacancy development days
- (iv) Disseminate all necessary information to members of their committee and to all Senators
- (v) Hold regular meetings with members of the committee
- (vi) Stay in communication with the Election Commissioner
- (vii) Enforce the committee absence policy
- (viii) Update the governing documents including the SGA Code
- (ix) Organize and appoint subcommittees related to the duty and purpose of the Rules and Regulations Committee.

(4) Academic Affairs Chair

The Academic Affairs Chair shall:

- (i) Preside over the Academic Affairs Committee. The Academic Affairs Chair is responsible for facilitating ideas for the members of the committee concerning all academic policies affecting Texas A&M Students. The Chair works directly with the Academic Affairs Chair of the Faculty Senate and their counterpart in the Executive Branch of Student Government Association
- (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
- (v) Work directly with the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Chair, the Executive Branch's Student Advocate for Academic Affairs, and the Aggie Honor Code Office.
- (vi) Assist with Honor Council interview and selections.
- (vii) Serve as a representative on the Faculty Senate and Academic Operations Committee.
- (viii) Organize and appoint subcommittees related to the duty and purpose of the Academic Affairs Committee.



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(5) Community Relations Chair

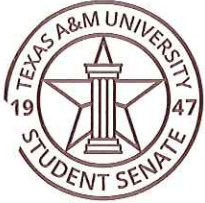
The Community Relations Chair shall:

- (i) Preside over the Community Relations Committee. The Community Relations Chair is responsible for facilitating ideas for the members of the committee concerning proposed or current ordinances or other actions by the Cities of Bryan and College Station. The chair works directly with the member or members of the Executive Cabinet charged with overseeing advocacy to local governments.
- (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.
- (v) Attend Bryan and College Station City Council meetings as a representative of the Student Senate when pertinent issues require her or him to do so.
- (vi) Nominate a student liaison to attend all College Station City Council meetings and serve as a continuous resource to College Station City council and city employees. This liaison nominee shall be subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Senate.
- (vii) To stay in regular communication with the appointed College Station City Council student liaison and City of College Station communications department members.
- (viii) Organize and appoint subcommittees related to the duty and purpose of the Community Relations Committee.

(6) Legislative Relations Chair

The Legislative Relations Chair shall:

- (i) Preside over the Legislative Affairs Committee. The Legislative Affairs Chair is responsible for facilitating ideas for the members of the committee concerning proposed or current legislation or other action by state and federal governments, as well as monitoring activities at other universities and maintaining communications with their respective governing bodies. The chair works directly with the member or members of the Executive Cabinet charged with overseeing advocacy to state and national governments.
- (ii) Disseminate all necessary information to members of their committee and to all Senators.
- (iii) Hold regular meetings with members of committee. Enforce the committee absence policy.



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(iv) Organize and appoint subcommittees related to the duty and purpose of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

(7) Student Services Chair

The Student Services Chair shall:

(i) Preside over the Student Services Committee. The Student Services Chair is responsible for facilitating ideas for the members of the committee concerning but not limited to issues such as parking, bus operations, students with and campus safety. The Chair works directly with all appropriate members in the Executive Branch related to student services issues and all directors and vice presidents within the Office of the Vice President for Administration

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

(iii) Hold regular meetings with members of committee

(iv) Stay in constant communication with the appropriate administrators related to projects and policy changes

(v) Enforce the committee absence policy

(vi) Organize and appoint subcommittees related to the duty and purpose of the Student Services Committee.

(vii) Attend meetings as a member of the Dining Services and Transportation Services Advisory Councils, as well as any other boards deemed appropriate

(8) Constituency Affairs Chair

The Constituency Affairs Chair shall:

(i) Preside over the Constituency Affairs Committee. The Constituency Affairs Chair is responsible for all constituency relations issues

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

(iii) Hold regular meetings with members of committee

(iv) Keep in communication with the other chairs in Internal Affairs

(v) Enforce the committee absence policy

(vi) Establish and maintain a Facebook page

(vii) Establish and maintain an online AgInput to collect student body input. The online AgInput should be put on TAMU websites (e.g. campus, howdy, the Batt online, www.tamu.edu, etc.).

(viii) Organize the Student Opinion Booths

(ix) Develop and implement methods of constituent communication

(x) Report survey findings to all appropriate stakeholders



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(xi) The Constituency Affairs Chair shall report to the Student Senate, every last Student Senate meeting of both the fall and spring semesters, on all issues, concerns, or ideas received in writing through the AgInput suggestion boxes. These reports must be presented during regular Senate meetings, and shall not include Special Sessions called by the Student Body President. The presentation of the report cannot exceed twenty (20) minutes, unless extended by the Student Senate according to its bylaws. The report must be sent to the Speaker Pro-Tempore for submission to the membership of the Senate before the presentation begins. The presentation shall begin at the discretion of the Speaker in consultation with the Constituency Affairs Chair. If the Constituency Affairs Chair is not available for the meeting, a designated committee member of the Constituency Affairs Committee shall be appointed by the Constituency Affairs Chair to present at the Student Senate meeting. The Constituency Affairs Chair shall make all written suggestions available for public view at the conclusion of each month in the fall and spring semesters. The Constituency Affairs Chair shall have the authority to designate members of the Constituency Affairs Committee to retrieve the suggestion notes from the AgInput boxes and to ensure notepads are available at each box location.

(xii) Organize and appoint subcommittees related to the duty and purpose of the Constituency Affairs Committee.

(9) Finance Chair

The Finance Chair shall:

(i) Preside over the Finance Committee. The Finance Chair is responsible for overseeing the rates and allocations of tuition and student fees at Texas A&M University, donations made to any entity of the Student Government Association, and any other funds sought by or provided to any entity of the Student Government Association. The Finance Chair is also responsible for overseeing the allocation of Student Government funds and the formulation of the annual Student Government Association budget.

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

(iii) Hold regular meetings with members of committee

(iv) Stay in constant communication with the Speaker of the Senate, the Student Body President or his or her cabinet member in charge of the budget, SGA Advisor(s), the SGA Committee Chairs and Finance Chairs, the SGA Commissioners, and the SGA Business Coordinator.



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- (v) Enforce the committee absence policy
- (vi) Appoint and oversee liaisons to other Texas A&M University departments as are necessary and proper to facilitate communication with the Senate Finance Committee about tuition and student fees
- (vii) Call such public budget hearings as are necessary to formulate the budget and further allocate funds with at least twenty-four (24) hours notice to the committee
- (viii) Organize and appoint subcommittees related to the duty and purpose of the Finance Committee

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(2): That Article VII the Senate Bylaws be amended to include the following section;
Section VII. Subcommittee Process

- (a) Subcommittee Chairs
 - (i) Subcommittee Chairs shall be selected by the appointing Committee Chair and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of Senate
 - (ii) Organize and hold regular meetings with members of the Subcommittee
 - (iii) Attend University Committee meetings relating to the purpose of the subcommittee.
 - (iv) Disseminate all necessary information to members of their committee and to all senators.
 - (v) Assist the parent committee Chair with the selection of subcommittee members
 - (vi) Fulfill additional duties as delegated by the appointing Committee Chair
- (b) Subcommittee Members
 - (i) Membership of subcommittees shall be open to all students enrolled at Texas A&M University
 - (ii) Subcommittee members shall be appointed by the Subcommittee Chair and the Committee Chair, and approved by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of Senate.
 - (iii) Attend subcommittee meetings, and assisting the Subcommittee Chair with fulfilling the task of the subcommittee



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Enacted(3):**

A copy of this bill be sent to:
Speaker Joseph Hood
Cameron Rozean, Rules and Regulations Chair
Dakota Broach, Academic Affairs Chair
Chad Loving, Finance Chair
Caroline Turpen, Legislative Affairs Chair
Ben DeLeon, Community Affairs Chair
Ethan Riojas, Constituency Affairs
Spencer Krumholz, Interim Student Services Chair