



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 70-41

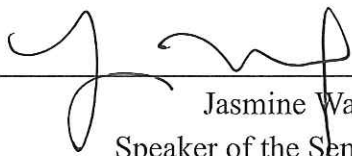
The Student Senate  
70th Session  
Texas A&M University

**Introduced By:** Rachel Keathley, Operations Executive Vice President

**Sponsored By:** Benjamin Johnson, Rules and Regulations Chair, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Caucus

**Action Taken** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certified By:** \_\_\_\_\_

  
Jasmine Wang  
Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby Brooks  
Student Body President

## Student Fees Review Committee Act

*"A bill establishing a student fees review committee"*

**Whereas(1):** The Student Government Association serves as the representatives of the student body and is called upon to provide their opinion on matters affecting students. and;

**Whereas(2):** Student Senate recognizes that multiple avenues of assessing student fees has caused competing priorities and confusion over the appropriate action to be taken; and;

**Whereas(3):** It would be beneficial for SGA to have an ad-hoc committee consisting of members of all three branches to assess student fee proposals and provide their recommendations to the branch leaders.



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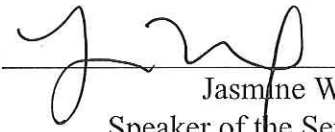
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Further

Enacted(1): That V S.G.A.C. §906.3 be added:

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## Section I. Legislative Intent of this Particular Article

- a) The Student Senate intends this Act to set forth guidelines for a committee tasked with assessing proposals for student fees and providing recommendations on a plan of action to be addressed by the branch leaders or their representatives with administration.

## Section II. Definitions

- a) For the purposes of this Article, the following words shall be ascribed the following meanings:
  - 1) “Committee” shall refer to a group of individuals as outlined in this act who will be called upon because of their position to address the issue of student fees.
  - 2) “Student fee proposal” shall refer to any proposal or idea brought by administration or university entities with the purpose of adjusting student fees to fund an entity that affects students

## Section III. The SGA Student Fee Review Committee Policy and Proposal

- a) The Student Senate will review all fee increase requests brought to the student government association.
- b) The Texas A&M Student Senate and Executive Cabinet will have a standing SGA Fee Review committee to review all proposed fee increases.
- c) This article shall call for a panel to meet at least once per semester, at a time called for by the student body president to assess and review all proposed student fee changes in a centralized manner.
- d) The panel shall, at a minimum, consist of the following people:
  - a) The Executive Vice President
  - b) The Vice President for Legislative Relations
  - c) The Vice President for Academic Affairs

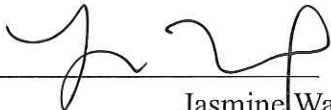


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~~d) The Vice President for Student Services~~  
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- e) Speaker Pro-Tem of the Student Senate
  - f) Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee
  - g) Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee
  - h) Chair of the Student Services Committee
  - i) Chief Justice of the Judicial Court Chair of Finance Committee
- e) The panel may not convene without a quorum of at least 6 of the required members.

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- f) The chair of the SGA Fee Review committee will be chosen by a majority of the senate from the required members of the committee through the process outlined for the election of other senate chairs.
- g) Other members may be appointed to the committee by either the Student Body President or Speaker of the Senate, pending confirmation from the student senate, so long as the 50+ majority by senate is maintained.
- h) The committee will create a SGA Fee report that takes a position on proposed fee increases on an individual basis in an all-inclusive report, with justification for such positions.
  - a) Any entity requesting a fee increase must give a full presentation to Senate prior to the first meeting
- i) The panel shall convene at an announced time, with presentations by each of the entities occurring prior to the last meeting in October in a special session.
  - a) For the special session, the time limits for the presentations will be determined by the Internal Affairs committee. Any motion to extend or amend the time limits is out of order.
  - b) At the senate meeting following the special session, the committee will give a preliminary presentation to the student senate for feedback from the body
  - c) At the second meeting following the special session, the report will be presented to senate in a final form. Senate will then vote on each fee increase proposal on an individual basis to approve or reject the committee's position. This is debatable but not amendable.
  - d) Parties concerned with the student fee assessments may be allowed to submit any additional information necessary for assessment, and shall do so with at least 48 hours notice to the committee.

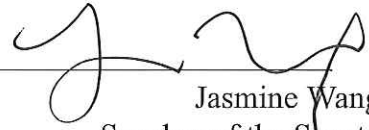




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- j) ~~The committee shall assess any proposal or idea brought by administration that has not previously been addressed within the calendar year. Proposals for students fees may be brought up to this panel for discussion, but are not prohibited from going through regular senate channels.~~

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- k) Following all assessment of documents, testimony, and gather opinion, the panel shall collectively provide recommendations of action to the Student Body President and Speaker of the Student Senate in the form of a comprehensive document. =
- l) Recommendations may include, but are not limited to:
- a) Action by senate to either support, remain neutral, or oppose any potential student fees
  - b) Action to be taken to lobby administration for funding and financing to university entities in lieu of student fees
- m) The committee's recommendations shall in no way represent the official stance of SGA or the students of Texas A&M, but rather provide suggestions for action to be taken by the student senate and the executive cabinet.
- n) The committee may also meet at additional times throughout the semester as deemed necessary by the Student Body President to assess any outstanding issues relating to student fees.
- o) The Speaker, the Student Body President, and Chair of the SGA Fee Review committee shall prepare a letter of recommendation for the report. This letter should detail the overall recommendations highlighted in the report and significant concerns brought forward in debate. These letters, along with any applicable legislation shall be sent to the President's Office, CFO's office, office of the provost, office of the vice president for student affairs, and student fee review committee as well as the applicable departments. These letters should detail the overall recommendation by the senate as well as significant items of debate brought forth during the debate period regarding individual components of fee increases for any fee recommendation legislation.

## Section IV. Execution of this Particular Article

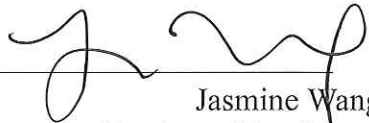
- a) Execution of the provisions of this article shall fall on the Student Body President.



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**Enacted(2):** A copy of this bill be sent to:

**Benjamin Johnson, Rules and Regulations Chair, College of Agriculture  
and Life Sciences Caucus**

**Michael Zimmerman, Executive Vice President**

**Bobby Brooks, Student Body President**

**Jasmine Wang, Speaker of the Student Senate  
Chairs & VPs**