

**Texas A&M University**  
**66<sup>th</sup> Session of the Student Senate**  
**Agenda**  
**April 30, 2013**  
**Koldus 144 – Governance Room**  
**7:00 PM**

**I. Opening Remarks**

Read by Speaker Russo

**II. Opening Roll Call**

Read by Speaker Pro-Temp Hurley

**III. Invocation & Pledges of Allegiance**

Read by Senator Flores

**IV. Open Forum\***

Mr. Welsser

**V. Mission Statement & Core Values**

Read by Senator Flores

**VI. Special Presentation: Texas Aggies Making Changes**

It is the first food stamp program on campus. It was first introduced under President John Claybrook. It is a program to help providing food for our fellow Aggies. Collecting boxes in the summer, and continuing to operate in the fall semester.

Question by:

Chair Sosa

Senator Gordon

Chair Pattison

Chair Cheshire

Chair Sosa

Speaker Russo

Chair Cheshire

**VII. Executive Cabinet Confirmations**

1 Paige Melendez VP of Finance

Question by

Senator Flores

Senator Benigno

Debate:

Against:

Senator Woolsey

For:

Senator Benigno

Against:

Senator Woolsey

For:

Senator Gordon

Chair Weger

Senator Dunn

Senator Flores  
Senator Benigno

Favor to move to a period of voting

**VIII. Judicial Court Confirmations**

- 1 Travis Burdick
- 2 Parker Reed
- 3 Brenton Cooper
- 4 Alice Schneider

Question by:

Chair Sosa

Chair Cheshire

Debate:

Against: Travis Burdick

Senator Hillen

Senator Flores

For:

Chair Weger

Senator Benigno

Against:

Chair Sosa

Favor to move to a period of voting

Against: Parker Reed

Against: Brenton Cooper

Against: Alice Schneider

**IX. Senate Finance Committee Confirmations**

Presented by Chair Cheshire

Question by:

Senator Woolsey

Debate: None

**X. Senate Operations Team Confirmations**

- 1 Hoa Nguyen Executive Director of Operations
- 2 Nicole Elmurr Director of Legislative Research
- 3 Brad Head Director of IT
- 4 David Yu Director of Archives

**XI. Emergency Legislation (Pending IA)**

S.B. 66-02 The University Advancement Fee Increase Proposal Opposition Bill

Question by:

Senator Gordon

Senator Flores

Senator J. Wood

Senator Hillin

Senator Benigno

Senator Hillin

Debate: None

Motion for voice vote...Bill passed

**XII. Old Business (Second Reading, voted on at this meeting)**

S.B. 66-01 Residence Hall Explicit Items Bill (NOT CONSIDERED - Retained in SS Committee)

**XIII. Renewed Legislation**

S.B. 65-53(R66) The Go Google Bill

Question by:

Senator Garcia  
Senator Benigno  
Senator Hillin  
Senator Flores  
Senator Garcia  
Senator Benjamin  
Senator Jackson  
Senator Flores

Motion to ending the question and answer

Debate:

Against:

Senator Flores

For:

Chair Mandry  
Chair Springer  
Chair Pattison

Motion for voice vote...Bill Passed

S.B. 65-54(R66) Fairness and Equivalence in Make Up Responsibilities Bill

Question by:

Senator Woolsey  
Senator Flores  
Senator J. Wood  
Senator Jackson  
Senator Woolsey  
Senator Jackson  
Senator Valentin

Motion of closing the question and answer

Debate:

Against:

Senator Jackson  
Senator Aguirre

For:

Chair Mandry  
Senator Woolsey

Motion for voice vote...Bill passed

S.B. 65-77(R66) Building a Better College Station Tomorrow Bill

Question by:

Senator Woolsey

Senator Leask

Senator Flores

Senator Bassler

Senator Jackson

Motion to close the question and answer

Debate

Against: none

Motion for a voice vote...bill passed

#### **XIV. Resolutions (Consent Agenda)**

S.R. 66-01 Freshman Leadership Organization Appreciation Resolution

Debated one-sided

Motion for a voice vote...bill passed

#### **XV. Open Session**

Senator Sosa: Academic Building Restoration Bill

#### **XVI. Committee Reports**

- 1 Fernando Sosa Rules and Regulations
- 2 Tyler Mandry Academic Affairs
- 3 Keith Pattison Constituency Affairs

He will put on a Google form and everyone can see what everyone's opinion on the Caucus leadership. Outreach this summer: people who want to go to A&M will have a chance to ask senators questions. He said we should use the site.

Question by:

Senator Woolsey

- 4 Brandon Clingman Community Relations
- 5 Cary Cheshire Finance
- 6 Austin Springer Legislative Affairs
- 7 Hannah Weger Student Services

She explained the dorm bill ?

#### **XVII. Executive Reports**

- 1 Reid Joseph Student Body President

He wanted to thank you 66<sup>th</sup> for the great process of question and answer. He said his email is always open so if anyone has any question, they should go directly to him. He would answer them and also give more information. We will have more to accomplish. He will be here in the summer after June 23rd so if anyone want to talk, he would love to meet them. He also wished everyone happy summer.

Question by:

Speaker Russo

- 2 Charles Arvin Chief Justice of the Judicial Court

3 Christopher Russo Speaker of the Student Senate

He wanted to thank you everyone for a productive meeting. Thank you for asking good questions. He encouraged everyone to continue doing this. The Caucus leader would be very good and should be come back in the fall semester. If you are a student senator, you would go to your student organizations meeting. It would help making student senators and the student organizations become closer.

Question by:

Senator Parks

4 Maci Hurley Speaker Pro-Temp of the Student Senate

She wanted to thank you for confirming the Operation committee. She explained the committee meeting: even if you miss one committee meeting, one has to email her and the chair of the committee. Good luck on finals, and hope everyone will have a good summer. She will send emails to remind everyone in the summer about other businesses.

**XVIII. Closing Roll Call**

Read by pro-temp Hurley

**XIX. Adjournment**

*\*Open Forum speeches having to do with confirmations will be considered out of order*