

Texas A&M University

AN EXECUTIVE BYLAW

Clarifying the organization of the Legislative Relations team

WHEREAS, the Vice President of Legislative Relations would like to organize the Legislative Relations team in the Executive Bylaws.

THEREFORE it is ORDERED (1), that the following by-laws be changed in the Executive Bylaws.

SECTION I. Cabinet Positions

- (a) The number and titles of the Cabinet Positions is up to the discretion of each individual President.
- (b) There must be at least three Cabinet Positions, the Executive Vice President, a Cabinet Position in charge of University Committees, and a Cabinet Position in charge of Finance.
- (c) The President shall appoint the Executive Vice President to oversee the other Cabinet Positions.
- (d) The President shall appoint a Cabinet Position in charge of University Committees to facilitate the University Committee application process and other responsibilities regarding the University Committees as deemed necessary by the President.
- (e) All Cabinet Positions must be appointed by the President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- (f) The Chief Justice of the Judicial Court must swear in all Cabinet Positions prior to taking office.

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- (g) The Cabinet Positions assists in appointing the Chairs in their respective sub-branches of the Executive Branch.
- (h) The Cabinet Positions can create teams to assist in their responsibilities and job duties. These positions must be approved by the Student Body President.

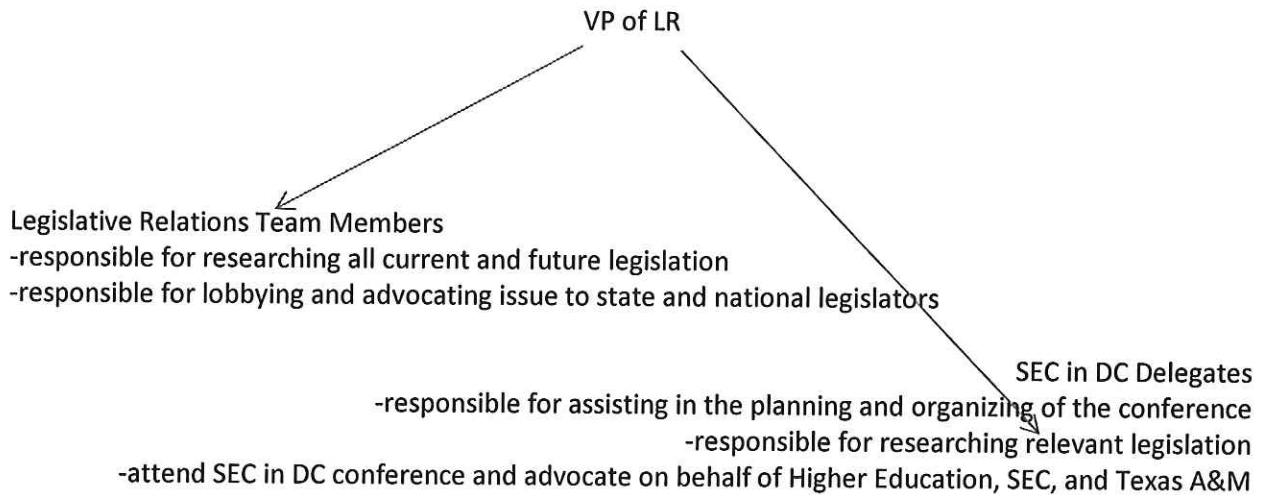
SECTION II. Committees and Commissions

- (a) A Committee or a Commission is defined as an organization in which the primary mission is to perform services that are of direct immediate benefit to the student body and to the community of Texas A&M University.
- (b) Committees should meet at least one of the following four qualifiers:
 - (1) Develop service and leadership potential
 - (2) Serve student interests
 - (3) Promote Aggie Spirit, Tradition, and Core Values
 - (4) Provide Service to Campus and Community
- (c) The Committees are as follows:
 - (1) Aggie Recruitment Committee (ARC)
 - (2) The Big Event
 - (3) Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives (CARPOOL)
 - (4) Conference on Student Government Associations (COSGA)
 - (5) Environmental Issues Committee (EIC)
 - (6) Freshman Programs (Fish Aides)
 - (7) GUIDE
 - (8) Building Young Leaders Together (BYLT)
 - (9) Alternative Spring Break (ASB)
 - (10) Muster
 - (11) Parents' Weekend
 - (12) Replant
 - (13) Texas Aggies Making Changes (TAMC)
 - (14) Traditions Council
 - (15) Gilbert Leadership Conference (GLC)
- (d) The Commissions are as follows:
 - (1) Development
 - (2) Diversity
 - (3) Elections

(4) ~~Legislative Relations~~

THEREFORE it is ORDERED (2), that the Legislative Relations team will be organized as followed for the 2013-2014 term:

Committee Structure



LR Team requirements

- Have researched designated topic of legislation on own time
- Come to meeting prepared to present researched information
- participate in a group discussion on all relevant issues
- meetings will take place once every other week (time TBD)
- members must attend all meetings
- on the 2nd unexcused absence (an absence in which a team member fails to notify commissioner) the member will be released from the team
- commissioner holds power to let go of any team member who fails to come prepared, complete work in a quality manner, lobby on issues outside of student body opinion, etc.

SEC in DC requirements

- Have researched designated topic of legislation on own time
- Come to meeting prepared to present researched information
- participate in a group discussion on all relevant issues

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- meetings will take place once a week (time TBD)
- members must attend all meetings
- on the 2nd unexcused absence (an absence in which a team member fails to notify commissioner) the member will be released from the team
- commissioner holds power to let go of/send home early from DC any team member who fails to come prepared, complete work in a quality manner, lobby on issues outside of student body opinion, etc.

Application Procedures

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Email notification to be sent out through SBP Campus wide email and application/notification posted on SGA website

Please answer these questions to the best of your ability and turn them in with the cover sheet and a resume to [redacted]. Please limit your responses to one page, typed, and single-spaced. Include only the last 5 digits of your UIN in the top right corner on your application.

1. What does Texas A&M mean to you, and why has that motivated you to serve in Legislative Relations?
2. What are the top three values that you chose to live by, and how do you exemplify these values in your daily life?

You will receive an email indicating if you have received an interview on Wednesday, October 30. If you receive an interview, you will need to sign up for a time slot by Friday, November 1 at 5:00 pm. A sign-up sheet will be located on the glass outside the SGA office. Interviews will be held, and the positions will be chosen by November 6

SEC in DC

Notification to be sent out via SBP campus wide and a stand alone campus wide email that talks about SEC in DC would also be sent out

Application and notification to be posted to SGA website where all can access

Application Materials Required

Students wishing to apply to the SEC in DC - Student Lobbying Team must submit the following application materials:

- ☑ A résumé

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- ☐ A one page written statement presenting the applicant's reasons for seeking this opportunity and demonstrating that the applicant's experiences (scholastic and non-scholastic), skills, and personality, are complementary to the purpose of the team
- ☐ A writing sample, no longer than two pages, double spaced, on a topic of your choice related to higher education, provide objective analysis concerning higher education and its implications for Texas students, using legislation from the 112th U.S. Congress
- ☐ Two professional references with current contact information, and their relationship to the applicant; with at least one being a Texas A&M University faculty/staff member
- ☐ A completed personal information form (*Please see attached form*)

All application materials should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font with standard margins. Please include only your UIN in the top right corner on your application materials. You will be notified via email or via phone if you have been selected for an interview. If selected, the interview will be conducted by a panel of faculty, staff, and Legislative Relations members.

Trip Guidelines

All trip attendees are not allowed to have alcohol consumption while on the trip in order to avoid lack of professionalism and to ensure an alert drive. In addition, the advisor will be informed of all travel plans, and a pre-event planning form will be completed prior to any trip.

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