



The Student Senate

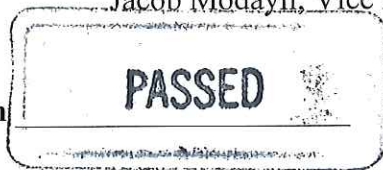
Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-17

**The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University**

Introduced By: Nicholas Page, Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Engineering
Carlos Sonka, Rules and Regulations Committee Chair, Engineering
Jacob Modayil, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Action Taken



Certified By:

Aaron Mitchell '16

Aaron Mitchell
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Joseph Benigno
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Student Body President

Responsible Student Population Growth Bill

"A bill requesting that the student population growth be limited to a responsible amount."

- Whereas(1):** Texas A&M and the College of Engineering have reached records for both freshman class admittance, whom are not guaranteed on campus housing, and student body population; and,
- Whereas(2):** University growth has outpaced growth of the Bryan-College Station community and infrastructure; and,
- Whereas(3):** Student Engineers Council survey data from the Spring of 2015 reports that of the ~2,500 students who responded in the survey, only 24% agree with the 25 by 25 growth initiative (down from 35% of ~4,400 responses in the Fall of 2014); and,
- Whereas(4):** The same survey results show that a majority of students want their fees such as differential tuition to go into hiring additional professors and decreasing class sizes rather than admitting more students and increasing sizes; and,
- Whereas(5):** The response to maintaining class sizes, as stated in growth objectives, outlines utilizing flipped classroom environments; however this inversion has often been done improperly and has been forced upon courses in which this inversion is inappropriate and detrimental to the educational objectives of the course; and,
- Whereas(6):** Neither the University nor the College of Engineering has published official



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A&M metrics or study results showing the benefit or at least lack of detrimental effects from this rapid growth, or an official plan to match growth of campus infrastructure and resources with the influx of additional students.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That Texas A&M University admit the same amount or a lesser amount of students as were admitted in the 2015 – 2016 academic year for each of the next five years; and,

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Enacted(2): After five years, a representative from the Texas A&M University Office of Academic Affairs consult with the Student Senate at-large to determine a proper rate of increase; and,

Let it further be

Enacted (3): This legislation, upon passage, should be sent to the following administrators:

Dr. Mike Young, Texas A&M University President

Dr. Karan L. Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Katherine Banks, Dean of the College of Engineering