



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-41

The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Finance Chair Joseph Hood, Off Campus Residencies

Action Taken



Certified By:

Aaron Mitchell
Speaker of the Senate

By unanimous vote 2/16/16

*The Responsibility Reorganization Act
Special Designation: Senate Bylaw Bill*

"An act reorganizing Senate officer duties to the position that best fits their description."

Whereas(1): The Speaker Pro-Tempore has a myriad of duties, some of which better fall underneath the responsibilities of other offices ; and,

Whereas(2): A reorganization of the duties of the Pro-Tempore would streamline responsibilities in the Senate and better define individual job roles.

**Therefore
Let it be**

Enacted(1): That article III Section III Subsection (a) (2) of the Senate Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

(2) Speaker Pro-Tempore

The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall:

(i) Preside over the Internal Affairs Committee and Co-Chair the Senate Operations Committee. The Speaker Pro-Tempore handles all internal operations of the Student Senate

(ii) Disseminate all necessary information to Senators

(iii) Oversee the development of new Senators

(iv) Enforce the absence policy and keep a weekly updated list of Senator absences on the website



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- (v) Manage Senator resignations
- (vi) Organize Student Government Association Banquet with the members in the Executive Branch
- (vii) Oversee the Executive Director of Operations
- (viii) Maintain all finances of the Student Senate
- ~~(ix) Be responsible for all official communications to newsletters in the Department of Student Activities~~
- (x) Serve as the Speaker in the Speaker's Absence
- (xi) Oversee the development of Senators and Senate Fish Aides as well as be responsible for both the Spring and Fall development day workshops
- (xii) Ensure the website and Student Senate Archives is updated regularly with all relevant material
- (xiii) Be responsible for all records that are considered part of the Student Senate Archives
- (xiv) Help establish the yearly Comprehensive Program Review, as described in the Statutes of the Senate
- ~~(xv) Be responsible for the compilation and distribution of a correspondence from the Senate to the Student Body detailing the activities in the last general assembly meeting. This correspondence must be delivered to the Student Body no later than seven (7) days following a general assembly meeting.~~

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(2): That article III Section III Subsection (a) (8) of the Senate Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

(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



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- (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.).
- (vii) Organize the Student Opinion Booths
- (viii) Develop and implement methods of constituent communication
- (ix) Report survey findings to all appropriate stakeholders
- (x) 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.
- (xi) Be responsible for all official communications to newsletters in the Department of Student Activities
- (xii) Be responsible for the compilation and distribution of a correspondence from the Senate to the Student Body detailing the activities in the last general assembly meeting. This correspondence must be delivered to the Student Body no later than seven (7) days following a general assembly meeting.