



The Student Senate

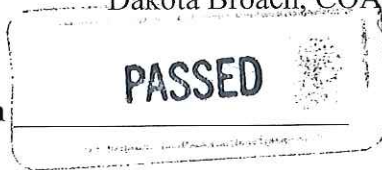
Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-55

The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Academic Affairs Chair Nicholas Page
Student Services Chair Zach Carlson
Dakota Broach, COALS Caucus

Action Taken



Certified By:

Aaron Mitchell '16
Aaron Mitchell
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Joseph Benigno '16
Joseph Benigno
Student Body President

The Senate-Executive Branch Counterpart Establishment Act

Special Designation: Act of the Senate

"An act establishing the Vice President of Student Services, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Constituency Affairs."

- Whereas(1):** The Texas A&M Student Government Association is the official voice of the student body and exists to serve students in a joint capacity; and,
- Whereas(2):** Codifying positions that the Executive Cabinet has recently used will help ensure the continuation of success that having Senate-Executive counterparts brings; and,
- Whereas(3):** Creating a new position, the Vice President of Constituency Affairs, will help to bring together branches for more effective joint constituency outreach operations.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That V S.G.A.C. §104.6 (2) through V S.G.A.C. §104.6 (7) be amended to read as follows:

SECTION II. The Vice President of Student Services

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There shall be a position on the Executive Cabinet known as the "Vice President of Student Services."
- (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.



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- (1) The Vice President of Student Services shall serve alongside the Student Senate Student Services Committee Chair as the Student Government Association's liaison to the Texas A&M University administration, faculty, and staff in order to work towards implementing any priorities established by Student Senate resolution or Statute of the Senate that relate to student services issues or the establishment of a new student service.
 - (2) The Vice President of Student Services shall give a report to the Student Senate at the last Senate meeting of each semester updating the Senate regarding the progress of implementing Student Senate legislation.
- (c) APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE
- (1) The Vice President of Student Services shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
 - (2) Until the Vice President of Student Services is appointed and confirmed, the responsibilities of this position shall be executed by the Student Body President.
- (d) TERM.
- (1) Vice President of Student Services shall serve a term that corresponds with each session of the Student Senate.

SECTION III. The Vice President of Finance

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There shall be a student on the Executive Cabinet assuming the duties of "Vice President of Finance." This position shall be synonymous with the "Cabinet Position in charge of Finance" established elsewhere in the S.G.A.C.
- (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.
- (1) The Vice President of Finance shall serve alongside the Student Senate Finance Committee Chair as the Student Government Association's liaison to the Texas A&M University administration, faculty, and staff in order to work towards implementing any priorities established by Student Senate resolution or Statute of the Senate that relate to student fees and tuition, funds sought by or provided to the Student Government Association, donations made to any entity of the Student Government Association, and the allocation of the Student Government Association budget.
 - (2) The Vice President of Finance shall give a report to the Student Senate at the last Senate meeting of each semester updating the Senate regarding the progress of implementing Student Senate legislation.



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(c) APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE

(1) The person discharging the duties of Vice President of Finance shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.

(2) Until the Vice President of Finance is appointed and confirmed, the responsibilities of this position shall be executed by the Student Body President.

(d) TERM.

(1) Vice President of Finance shall serve a term that corresponds with each session of the Student Senate.

SECTION IV. The Vice President of Academic Affairs

(a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There shall be position on the Executive Cabinet known as the “Vice President of Academic Affairs.”

(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.

(1) The Vice President of Academic Affairs shall serve alongside the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee Chair as the Student Government Association’s liaison to the Texas A&M University administration, faculty, and staff in order to work towards implementing any priorities established by Student Senate resolution or Statute of the Senate that pertain to interactions between the Student Government Association and the faculty and academic administration of Texas A&M University, as well as legislation pertaining to issues of academic advocacy, curricula, grading assessment, research, and student involvement in the academic sphere.

(2) The Vice President of Academic Affairs shall give a report to the Student Senate at the last Senate meeting of each semester updating the Senate regarding the progress of implementing Student Senate legislation.

(c) APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE

(1) The Vice President of Academic Affairs shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.

(2) Until the Vice President of Academic Affairs is appointed and confirmed, the responsibilities of this position shall be executed by the Student Body President.

(d) TERM.

(1) Vice President of Academic Affairs shall serve a term that corresponds with each session of the Student Senate.



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SECTION V. The Vice President of Constituency Affairs

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There shall be a student on the Executive Cabinet assuming the duties of “Vice President of Constituency Affairs.”
- (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.

- (1) The Vice President of Constituency Affairs shall serve alongside the Student Senate Constituency Affairs Committee Chair as the Student Government Association’s liaison to the Texas A&M University administration, faculty, and staff in order to work towards implementing any priorities established by Student Senate resolution or Statute of the Senate that pertain to relations between the Student Government Association and the student body.
- (2) The Vice President of Constituency Affairs shall give a report to the Student Senate at the last Senate meeting of each semester updating the Senate the progress of implementing Student Senate legislation.

(c) APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE

- (1) The student discharging the duties of Vice President of Constituency Affairs shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- (2) Until the Vice President of Constituency Affairs is appointed and confirmed, the responsibilities of this position shall be executed by the Student Body President.

(d) TERM.

- (1) Vice President of Constituency Affairs shall serve a term that corresponds with each session of the Student Senate.

SECTION VI. Students serving on Texas A&M University and System Committees are not considered other executive offices under the statutes.

SECTION VII. During the selection process of the executive positions mentioned in V S.G.A.C. §104.6, if at any point candidates for the positions are contacted for interviews, the person in primary charge of setting up the interviews shall contact, prior to the candidates, the direct Senate counterpart for said executive position. He shall notify the Senate Chair of the potential day(s), time(s) and location(s) of the interviews and invite him to sit in the interview as an interviewee, unless it is a one-on-one interview, in which case he should be invited as an observer. The Senate Officer may decline this offer, but should he wish to participate, a reasonable effort shall be made to find a time



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when he is available. This applies regardless of the number of interviews or candidates for the counterpart position.

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2): This act, upon passage, be sent to:

David Sonka – Senate Rules and Regulations Committee Chair