



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-78

The Student Senate  
68th Session  
Texas A&M University

**Introduced By:** Kasey Khoobiar, Liberal Arts, '17  
Finance Chair Joseph Hood, Off-Campus '17

**Sponsored By:** Campus Climate and Inclusion Committee Chair, Ja'Cory Clark, '19  
Speaker Pro Tempore, Aubre Dean, '16

Action Taken

**PASSED**

Certified By:

Handwritten signature of Aaron Mitchell '16 in red ink.

Aaron Mitchell  
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Handwritten signature of Joseph Benigno in black ink.

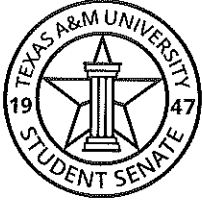
Joseph Benigno  
Student Body President

## The "Memorialize Matthew Gaines" Bill

*"A bill advocating for the exploration of ways to honor former Texas Senator Matthew Gaines on Texas A&M University's main campus"*

**Whereas(1):** Matthew Gaines was a former slave who served as a Texas state senator in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> legislatures, representing Washington County. Senator Gaines was a firm supporter of education and worked tirelessly to pass legislation that enabled Texas to take advantage of the Morrill-Land Grant Act, an Act of U.S. Congress that provided grants of land to states to finance the establishment of colleges specializing in "agriculture and the mechanic arts". This legislation legally established the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas – making Senator Gaines a key player in the establishment of modern-day Texas A&M University; and,

**Whereas(2):** There are several statues and memorials on Texas A&M University's campus that honor important persons contributions to the University and the Aggie Spirit



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(2) Corps residence hall- Competition for the two (2) at-large seats shall be divided among members of the Corps of Cadets living on campus

(3) The off-campus Corps members shall vote for and elect off-campus Senators.

(c) Off-Campus representatives-The thirty-one (31) seats shall be thirty-one (31) off-campus residents at-large.

(d) Freshman representatives-The two (2) seats shall be two (2) students of freshman classification at-large.

(e) No apportionment bill may be accepted that provides for fewer than two (2) Senate seats for any caucus, without removing that caucus from the Senate.

### **Let it be Further**

**Enacted(4):** That this bill be sent to:

Rules and Regulations Chair Carlos Sonka  
Chief Justice Jake Smith, Judicial Court