



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 65-77(R66)

The Student Senate
66th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Academic Affairs Chair Tyler Mandry, Engineering

Sponsored By: Senator Matt Green, General Studies
Senator Aaron Mitchell, Freshman Caucus
Academic Affairs Chair Tyler Mandry, Engineering (Renewal)

Action Taken _____

Certified By: _____

Chi Russo '12
Christopher W. Russo
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved: _____

T. Reid Joseph Jr.
T. Reid Joseph
Student Body President

Building a Better College Station Tomorrow Bill

"A bill in support of bringing a high-speed gigabit fiber Internet connection to Aggieland."

Whereas(1): Texas A&M University, one of the premier Tier 1 research universities in the country, is a place rife with innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurialism; and,

Whereas(2): Having gigabit speed internet would continue and extend the tradition of leadership of Texas A&M University in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and,

Whereas(3): Texas A&M University has received enormous nationwide attention and excitement over its brand and its unique culture over the past year, and is expected to continue to do so; and,

Whereas(4): Any announcement of bringing a new gigabit-speed internet option to Aggieland would mutually benefit both the service provider and Texas A&M University with positive press and increased interest toward their respective brands; and,

Whereas(5): College Station is one of the nation's most educated cities and is home to Texas A&M; and,



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Further Certified By: *Chris Russo* '12

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Whereas(6): The Bryan/College Station area is an ideal location for laying new fiber infrastructure due to its size as well as the culture and community created in part by Texas A&M University; and,

Whereas(7): The Internet is a crucial part of the economy of the United States, expected to make up over \$100 billion of the country's Gross Domestic Product in 2016[1], and of the world; and,

Whereas(8): Having gigabit speed internet would place the Bryan/College Station area in a position of leadership in this rapidly growing field, promoting nationwide interest and economic growth; and,

Whereas(9): Gigabit speed internet would enhance the quality of education in primary schools in the area, while saving money if the existing precedent of giving free gigabit connections to schools is sustained; and,

Whereas(10): Additional internet providers in the Bryan/College Station area would bring sorely needed competition to the area, which is good for all consumers; and,

Whereas(11): The Texas A&M Student Government Association is the official voice of the Texas A&M University student body.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the Texas A&M University student body fully supports any and all efforts to bring a gigabit internet provider, such as Google Fiber, or any other provider with equivalent or superior pricing and corporate culture, to the Bryan/College Station area; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2): That the Texas A&M University Student Government Association implores the university and the cities of Bryan and College Station to actively and immediately support and pursue efforts to bring a gigabit internet provider to the Bryan/College Station area; and,



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Let it be

Further

Enacted(3):

That a copy of this legislation shall be sent to

- Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President
- Dr. Pierce Cantrell, Vice President and Associate Provost for Information Technology
- Nancy Berry, Mayor of College Station
- Jason Bienski, Mayor of Bryan
- The College Station, Texas City Council
- The Bryan, Texas City Council

[1] Palis, Courteney. "Internet Economy: How Essential Is The Internet To The U.S.?" *The Huffington Post*. The Huffington Post, 20 Mar. 2012. Web. 17 Apr. 2013.