



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 66-65


**The Student Senate
66th Session
Texas A&M University**

Introduced By: Community Relations Chair Brandon Clingman, Off Campus
Student Services Chair Hannah Weger, Off Campus
Senator Lauren Felder, Liberal Arts
Senator Elora Arana, Geosciences

Action Taken _____

PASSED

Certified By: _____

 112 3/25/14

Christopher Russo
Speaker of the Senate

**The Communication with the Community Bill
*Special Designation: Senate By-Law Bill***

"A bill that requires the Community Relations committee to submit press releases with information about what is occurring in the Student Senate to local media."

Whereas(1): There is a lack of communication about current events in Student Senate to the Bryan College Station community; and,

Whereas(2): Student Senate could really benefit from sharing what is going on inside of Student Government Association to the community; and,

Whereas(3): There is currently no process in Student Senate that enforces a way for press releases to be given to local media on a regular basis; and,

Whereas(4): The community relations committee is designed to be a bridge from Student Senate to the community.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Russo', is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher Russo
Speaker of the Senate

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the Community Relations committee will be responsible for composing a bimonthly press release to be sent to The Eagle, KBTX, The Battalion, and the Student Body President. The 65th Session bylaws on the committee process are added to the current Senate bylaws:

ARTICLE I. COMMITTEE PROCESS

SECTION I.

Legislative Committees

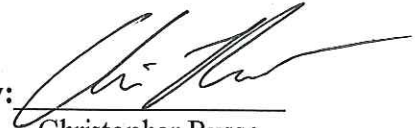
- (a) **MEMBERSHIP.** Each Senator may only be a member of one (1) of the Legislative Committees. Senators may switch committees no more than two (2) times during a session and only with the approval of a majority of the Senate officers.
- (b) **SPEAKING PRIVILEGES.** Any Texas A&M University student may attend the meetings of, and shall have speaking privileges on, all Senate Legislative Committees.
- (c) **THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.** The Legislative Committees of the Texas A&M Student Senate shall be assigned by the Speaker to consider legislation as outlined in this Subsection, and may retain or release such legislation to the floor as they so determine, as outlined in Subsection (d) of this Section. The Legislative Committees and their duties are outlined herein:
 - (1) **THE RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE:** The Rules and Regulations Committee shall be chaired by the Senate Rules and Regulations Chair. This committee shall be assigned to consider all legislation pertaining to the operations of the Texas A&M Student Government Association and the Student Senate, including but not limited to proposed amendments and additions to the SGA Constitution and the Senate Bylaws, Statutes not reasonably related to any other legislative committee, and standing Rules of Order, as well as any other legislation that might affect the rules, regulations, or procedures of the SGA and its affiliates or subcommittees.



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- (2) THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE: The Community Relations Committee shall be chaired by the Senate Community Relations Chair. This committee shall be assigned to consider all legislation pertaining to interactions between the Student Government Association and the local government, as well as legislation pertaining to issues of community relations, outreach and student involvement in local issues. The Community Relations committee shall also compose a bimonthly press release, informing local media about legislation passed and introduced in the Student Senate.

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2): That this committee procedure goes into effect immediately.