



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-12

The Student Senate
64th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Senator Cody T. Vasut, Off-Campus
Senator Mark Womack, Off-Campus

Action Taken

PASSED
10-5-11

Certified By:

Tanner Wilson
Tanner Wilson
Speaker of the Senate 112

Duly Approved:

Jeff Pickering
Jeff Pickering 10-12-11
Student Body President

The Students in Vision 2020 Act *Special Designation: Act of the Senate*

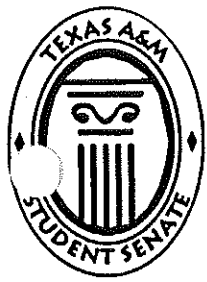
"An act calling on the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to amend or supplement Vision 2020 to include the student body as a constituent group under Imperative 10 ("Enlightened Governance and Leadership")."

Whereas(1): Texas A&M University established a strategic plan in 1999 entitled "Vision 2020" that called, as one of its imperatives, for "enlightened governance" at Texas A&M University through ensuring that faculty and staff at the university were appropriately included in the decision making processes of the university; and,

Whereas(2): President Dr. Robert Gates instituted "shared governance" at Texas A&M University during his presidency, proactively including students in addition to faculty and staff in the decision making processes of the university; and,

Whereas(3): Imperative 10 ("Enlightened Governance and Leadership") of Vision 2020 continues to exclude students from the list of constituency groups Texas A&M University administration should ensure participate in the university's decision making processes; and,

Whereas(4): Shared governance, or enlightened governance, at Texas A&M University should include appropriate levels of student involvement in the decision making processes at Texas A&M University as an official university policy; and,

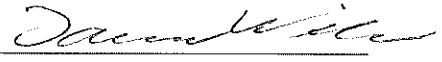


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Whereas(5): The Statutes of the Senate should include a statute promoting such a policy that will not expire at the conclusion of a session of the Student Senate, but will only expire when the policy is achieved by the Student Body President, ensuring that future Student Body Presidents continue to faithfully seek to remedy this issue without any need for further Senate action passing or renewing policy bills.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That Title V Chapter 902 Article II of the Student Government Association Code is created to read as follows (underlining reflecting new provisions of the Code):

CHAPTER 902 – ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICIES AND PROPOSALS

Created by S.B. 64-XX, Amended by S.B. 64-XX

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ARTICLE II. THE STUDENTS IN VISION 2020 ACT

SECTION I. Legislative Intent of this Particular Article

- (a) The Student Senate intends this Article to establish an official Student Government Association policy in favor of including the student body at Texas A&M University as a constituent group under Imperative 10 of Texas A&M University’s Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

SECTION II. Students in Vision 2020 Policy and Proposal

- (a) Students Expressly Included in Imperative 10 of Vision 2020
- (1) It shall be the official permanent policy of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of Texas A&M University, that the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents or the administration of Texas A&M University, whichever is vested power to amend Vision 2020, should amend the text of Imperative 10 of Texas A&M University’s Vision 2020 Strategic Plan to expressly include the terms “student(s)” or “student body” within the list of constituency groups who are called upon to participate in the administrative decision making processes at Texas A&M University under “enlightened” or “shared governance.”
- (i) Any amendment to the text of Imperative 10 of Vision 2020 should, at minimum, be made in the following manner (bold denoting additions and {} denoting subtractions): “And finally, the university administration must make decisions through a process



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*characterized by openness and appropriate faculty {and}, staff,
and student participation.”*

- (b) Students Expressly Included in a Supplement to Imperative 10 of Vision 2020
- (1) Alternatively, it shall be the official permanent policy of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of Texas A&M University, that the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents or the administration of Texas A&M University, whichever is vested power to amend Vision 2020, should supplement the text of Imperative 10 of Texas A&M University’s Vision 2020 Strategic Plan with a document expressly stating that the student body of Texas A&M University should be included as a constituency group who should be called upon to participate in the administrative decision making processes at Texas A&M University under “enlightened” or “shared governance.”

SECTION III. Execution of this Particular Article

- (a) The Student Body President, or his or her designee, shall faithfully execute the policies described in Section II, and shall report to the Student Senate annually during the month of September on the status of the execution of the policies contained in Section II.
- (b) The Student Body President, or his or her designee, shall also, at minimum, forward the policies described in Section II annually, and in written summary form, during the month of April to the President of Texas A&M University, the Speaker of the Texas A&M University Faculty Senate, the President of the Texas A&M University Staff Council, the Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, and the members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

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Further

Enacted(2): That the Student Body President summarize the alternative policies contained in enaction clause (1) of this bill (Title V Chapter 902 Article II Section II) in a written letter submitted within fourteen (14) days to the President of Texas A&M University, the Speaker of the Texas A&M University Faculty Senate, the President of the Texas A&M University Staff Council, the Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, and the members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.