



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

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64th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Cody T. Vasut, Off-Campus
Paul Boehm, Rules and Regulations Chair

Action Taken

PASSED
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Duly Approved:

Jeff Pickering
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The Executive Branch Committees, Commissions, and Other Offices Act *Special Designation: Act of the Senate*

"An act establishing statutes necessary for carrying into execution the duties and powers of the committees, commissions, and other offices of the Executive Branch."

Whereas(1): The Constitution has been recently amended, vesting power in the Student Senate to establish executive branch committees, commissions, and other offices, subject to the veto of the Student Body President; and,

Whereas(2): A statute is necessary to provide for the organization and structure of the committees, commissions, and other offices of the executive branch as they currently exist, providing for maximum flexibility to these entities.

**Therefore
Let it be**

Enacted(1): That this Act shall take effect on February 20th, 2012; and,

**Let it be
Further**

Enacted (2): That Title V Chapter 104 of the Student Government Association Code is added to read as follows:

TITLE V – THE STATUTES OF THE SENATE



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SUBTITLE 1 – THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

CHAPTER 104 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER OFFICES

Added by S.B. 64-XX

ARTICLE I. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION I. Legislative Intent and Purpose

- (a) The purpose of this Chapter is to establish, organize, and provide for the removal of executive branch committees, commissions, and other executive offices, to ensure excellence in service to the student body, and to ensure maximum flexibility and delegation to these entities.

SECTION II. Definitions

- (a) Unless otherwise indicated in the context of this act, the following words shall be ascribed the following meanings:
- (1) “Executive branch committee” shall be defined as a committee under the executive branch established pursuant to the Constitution. Executive branch committees exist primarily to provide a program or service to the student body.
 - (2) “Executive branch commission” shall be defined as a commission under the executive branch established by the Student Senate pursuant to the Constitution. Executive branch commissions exist primarily to administer or oversee some governmental or quasi-governmental program or service.
 - (3) “Committee chair” shall be defined as the student appointed pursuant to a process outlined in the Executive Branch By-Laws, who oversees an executive branch committee.
 - (4) “Commissioner” shall be defined as the student appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate membership present and voting at an announced meeting, who oversees an executive branch commission.
 - (5) “Finance chair” shall be defined as the student appointed through a procedure outlined in the executive branch committee or commission’s by-laws who shall be charged with maintaining the executive branch committee or commission’s finances and with preparing the executive branch committee or commission’s budget pursuant to the SGA Allocations Regulations Act (Title V Chapter 501).
 - (6) “Committee member” shall be defined as any student appointed by a committee chair to serve as a general member or officer of the executive branch committee through a procedure outlined in the executive branch committee’s by-laws.
 - (7) “Commission member” shall be defined as any student appointed by a commissioner to serve as a general member or officer of the executive branch commission through a procedure outlined in the executive branch commission’s by-laws.

ARTICLE II. GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL PROVISIONS

SECTION I. ORGANIZATION. All executive branch committees and commissions shall be organized, at minimum, in the following manner:

- (a) Committee Chairs and Commissioners
- (1) MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. All executive branch committees shall be led, managed, and overseen by a single committee chair. All executive branch commissions shall be led, managed, and overseen by a single commissioner.



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- (2) COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY. The committee chair or commissioner shall be ultimately responsible for the compliance of the executive branch committee or commission with all statutes enacted by the Student Senate, all executive orders of the Student Body President governing executive branch committees or commissions, the Constitution, or any Texas A&M University rule or procedure.
 - (3) SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS. Unless otherwise provided for within the context of this Chapter, all committee chairs shall be appointed through a procedure outlined in the Executive Branch By-Laws, or in the absence of such a procedure, by the Student Body President. Committee chairs are not required to be confirmed by the Student Senate.
 - (4) SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS. Unless otherwise provided for within the context of this Chapter, all commissioners shall be appointed by the Student Body President and shall be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate membership present and voting at an announced meeting.
 - (5) OATH OF OFFICE. All committee chairs and commissioners shall take the oath of office under the Constitution prior to assuming any duty or power of his or her office.
- (b) Committee and Commission Finance Chairs
- (1) SELECTION. All executive branch committees and commissions shall, at minimum, have a finance chair as an officer of the executive branch committee or commission who shall be appointed or elected according to the applicable executive branch committee or commission's by-laws.
- (c) Members
- (1) COMMITTEE MEMBER SELECTION. All executive branch committees may have as many committee members and officers as the committee chair deems prudent. All committee members shall be appointed by the committee chair through a procedure outlined in the executive branch committee's by-laws.
 - (2) COMMISSION MEMBER SELECTION. All executive branch commissions may have as many commission members and officers as the commissioner deems prudent. All commission members shall be appointed by the commissioner through a procedure outlined in the executive branch commission's by-laws.
- (d) Anti-Discrimination Policy
- (1) No member or officer of any executive branch committee or commission may violate the anti-discrimination policy found in Article X of the Constitution when selecting members or officers.
- (e) Terms of Office
- (1) COMMITTEE CHAIRS, COMMISSIONERS, AND FINANCE CHAIRS. The terms of office of all committee chairs, commissioners, and finance chairs may not exceed the length of one session of the Student Senate without re-appointment. A committee chair, commissioner, and finance chair may be re-appointed an indefinite number of times.
 - (2) MEMBERS. The terms of office of all committee or commission members or other officers shall be for as long as the committee or commission member or other officer remains in good standing with the applicable executive branch committee or commission pursuant to the executive branch committee or commission's by-laws.
- (f) Removal of Committee Chairs, Commissioners, Finance Chairs, and Members
- (1) COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMISSIONERS. All committee chairs and commissioners may be removed at any time for cause by the Student Body President pursuant to an established removal process provided for in the Executive Branch By-Laws.
- FINANCE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS. Committee or commission finance chairs, members, or other officers may be removed at any time for cause by the applicable committee chair or commissioner



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pursuant to an established removal process provided for in the applicable executive branch committee or commission's by-laws.

SECTION II. DUTIES AND POWERS. All executive branch committees and commissions shall have, at minimum, the following duties and powers:

- (a) GENERAL RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY. Unless otherwise indicated within the context of this Chapter, all executive branch committee chairs and commissioners are hereby authorized to enact all rules and procedures necessary and proper for organizing and operating the committee or commission, including establishing its membership, and carrying into execution all duties and powers vested in the executive branch committee or commission by any statute enacted by the Student Senate or by any Executive Branch By-Law.
- (1) This general rule making authority shall be construed broadly by the Judicial Court.
 - (2) All such rules and procedures, however, shall not conflict with the Constitution or with any statute enacted by the Student Senate.
 - (3) All such rules and procedures shall be enacted by the applicable committee chair or commissioner through a signed committee chair or commissioner order amending the applicable executive branch committee or commission's by-laws.
 - (i) The initials of the committee chair or commissioner shall be present on each page of the order which do not bear his or her signature. The date of the committee chair or commissioner order shall also be present on the page that contains the committee chair or commissioner's signature. The name of the executive branch committee or commission shall also be prominently displayed on the first page of the order.
 - (ii) COMMITTEE CHAIR ORDER NUMBERING. Committee chair orders shall be numbered according to the session of the Student Senate during which they are signed and shall bear an increasing numerical designation across all executive branch committees restarting at the beginning of each session of the Student Senate (e.g., CC.O. 64-1, CC.O. 64-2, CC.O. 64-03, etc...).
 - a. The Student Body President shall assist the committee chairs with ensuring that all committee chair orders are numbered sequentially. - (iii) COMMISSIONER ORDER NUMBERING. Commissioner orders shall be numbered according to the session of the Student Senate during which they are signed and shall bear an increasing numerical designation across all executive branch commissions restarting at the beginning of each session of the Student Senate (e.g., CM.O. 64-1, CM.O. 64-2, CM.O. 64-03, etc...).
 - a. The Student Body President shall assist the commissioners with ensuring that all committee chair orders are numbered sequentially.
 - (4) ARCHIVES CROSS REFERENCE. All committee chair and commissioner orders shall be provided to the Archives of the Student Senate pursuant to the provisions of the SGA Records Act (Title V Chapter 801). All committee chair and commissioner orders shall also be provided to the Student Body President within five (5) days of their issuance.
 - (5) EFFECTIVE DATES OF ORDERS. No committee chair or commissioner order shall take effect until at least five (5) days after it is submitted to the Archives of the Senate and the Student Body President.
- (b) WEBSITES. All executive branch committees and commissions shall maintain a website whose web address is provided to the Student Body President for linking to the Student Government Association website. The website shall contain, at minimum, the executive branch committee or commission's mission statement under this Chapter, an up to date copy of the executive branch committee or commission's by-laws,



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- information on services or programs that the executive branch committee or commission provides, and a link to the Student Government Association website.
- (c) MISSION STATEMENTS AND PRIMARY CHARGES. All executive branch committees and commissions shall strive, at minimum, to fulfill or perpetuate their mission statements and primary charges provided for by statute. All executive branch committees and commissions are authorized to pursue any program or service that is reasonably related to the executive branch committee or commission's mission statement or primary charge that is otherwise not prohibited or substantially regulated by statute.
- (1) All executive branch committees and commissions may summarize or modify their mission statements when displaying their mission statements in their by-laws or to the general public, provided that all such summaries or modifications shall not alter the substance of the mission statement provided for by statute.
- (d) BRANDING ACT CROSS REFERENCE. All executive branch committees and commissions shall comply with the SGA Branding Act (Title V Chapter 704).
- (e) OFFICE SPACE. All executive branch committees and commissions shall be provided office space within the Student Government Association Office located in the John J. Koldus building as deemed reasonable and possible by the Student Body President.

ARTICLE III. GENERAL REMOVAL PROVISIONS

SECTION I. SUNSET COMMISSION CROSS REFERENCE. All executive branch committees, commissions, or other executive offices, excluding the Sunset Commission, are subject to review by the Sunset Commission pursuant to the Sunset Commission Act (Title V Chapter 403).

SECTION II. All executive branch committees, commissions, or other executive offices, however, may only be removed by a statute repealing or removing the executive branch committee, commission, or other executive office's Section from Article IV, V, or VI of this Chapter, whichever is applicable. Such a statute must be passed by a majority vote of the Student Senate membership present and voting at an announced meeting, and may only be passed into law over the veto of the Student Body President by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Student Senate membership present and voting at an announced meeting, pursuant to the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEES

SECTION I. The Aggie Recruitment Committee (ARC)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as the "Aggie Recruitment Committee (ARC)."
- (b) Mission Statement
- (1) The Aggie Recruitment Committee shall perpetuate the livelihood of Texas A&M University by striving for excellence in facilitating and coordinating recruiting efforts by Texas A&M students. ARC shall provide potential Aggies with first-rate recruiting conferences and presence in high schools across the state and nation while upholding the Aggie Code of Honor and maintaining a charismatic commitment to promoting a positive image of Texas A&M. ARC members shall embody the strength and character and integrity true of Texas Aggies, and shall seek to contribute to the greater good of Texas A&M through the premise of their dedication to recruiting future generations of Aggies. The Aggie Recruitment Committee shall always remain proud of the past, but committed to the future.
- (c) Primary Charge



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- (1) A primary charge of the Aggie Recruitment Committee shall be the recruitment of high school students inside and outside the State of Texas to attend Texas A&M University.

SECTION II. Alternative Spring Break (ASB)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "Alternative Spring Break (ASB)."

(b) Mission Statement

- (1) The Alternative Spring Break Committee exists to move enthusiastic, giving students from being heartfelt volunteers toward becoming active, life-long citizens and leaders for social change, committed to social justice.

(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the Alternative Spring Break Committee shall be to provide students with an interactive, fun, volunteer experience that teaches participating students about cultural and social issues by connecting them with a new and different community, by involving them in services to that community, and by asking them to reflect on their experiences when making future choices to support their community.

SECTION III. The Big Event

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "The Big Event."

(b) Mission Statement

- (1) Through service-oriented activities, The Big Event promotes campus and community unity as students come together for one day to express their gratitude for the support from the surrounding community.

(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the Big Event Committee shall be to organize and operate a one-day student-run service project that supports the Bryan/College Station communities.

SECTION IV. Building Young Leaders Together (BYLT)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "Building Young Leaders Together (BYLT)."

(b) Mission Statement

- (1) The Building Young Leaders Together Committee members build themselves as leaders by creating developmental opportunities for high school students to learn, improve, and grow into quality leaders themselves.

(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the BYLT Committee shall be to host leadership programs or conferences for high school students in the Bryan/College Station communities, as well as other communities.

SECTION V. Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives (CARPOOL)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives (CARPOOL)."

(b) Mission Statement

- (1) The CARPOOL Committee shall facilitate a safe and reliable commuting environment in the Bryan/College Station area by providing free, non-judgmental rides home to intoxicated patrons and/or patrons rendered incapable of transportation due to other circumstances.

(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the CARPOOL Committee shall be to organize and operate a safe-ride program in the Bryan/College Station area for patrons rendered incapable of transportation, and to assist other universities or institutions in adopting similar programs.



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SECTION VI. Conference on Student Government Associations (COSGA)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as the "Conference on Student Government Associations (COSGA)."
- (b) Mission Statement
 - (1) The COSGA Committee shall passionately serve a community of student leaders who strive for professional growth. The COSGA Committee shall be committed to leadership and its mission: to achieve the highest quality student government conference in the world.
- (c) Primary Charge
 - (1) A primary charge of the COSGA Committee shall be to organize and operate a national or international student government conference focused on providing personal and organizational development, as well as communication between the various student governments across the United States and the world.

SECTION VII. Environmental Issues Committee (EIC)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as the "Environmental Issues Committee (EIC)."
- (b) Mission Statement
 - (1) The Environmental Issues Committee shall actively strive to provide and support: programs which enhance environmental education and awareness and programs which reduce the community's impact on the environment, in order to improve quality of life.
- (c) Primary Charge
 - (1) A primary charge of the EIC Committee shall be to provide educational programs and service projects for the students of Texas A&M University to improve the quality of the community's environment.

SECTION VIII. Freshman Programs (FISH AIDES)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "Freshman Programs (FISH AIDES)."
- (b) Mission Statement
 - (1) The Fish Aides Committee exists to develop Texas A&M University's leaders of tomorrow through integrity, motivation, confidence, and service.
- (c) Primary Charge
 - (1) A primary charge of the Fish Aides shall be to assist the various entities of the Student Government Association with their operations, programs, and service projects, while also developing its freshmen members' integrity, motivation, confidence, and service skills.
- (d) The Fish Aides shall serve as the Student Government Association's Freshmen Leadership Organization (FLO).

SECTION IX. Gilbert Leadership Conference (GLC)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as the "Gilbert Leadership Conference (GLC)." This conference shall be named in memory of David Gilbert '07, former member of the Student Government Association.
- (b) Mission Statement
 - (1) The Gilbert Leadership Conference exists to serve the students of Texas A&M University by providing freshmen the opportunity to develop themselves as leaders, to network and interact with one another, and to understand the leadership opportunities that are available across campus to them in their time at Texas A&M University. In keeping with the traditions of the Student Government Association and Texas A&M University, the conference shall focus on character, service, and involvement as well as to help better the student body of Texas A&M University.



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(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the Gilbert Leadership Conference shall be to organize and operate a leadership conference for freshmen at Texas A&M University known as the "Gilbert Leadership Conference."

SECTION X. GUIDE

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "GUIDE."

(b) Mission Statement

- (1) GUIDE shall seek to build meaningful mentor relationships between upperclassmen and freshman at Texas A&M University. The GUIDE Committee shall serve as a basis of support for freshman during their time at Texas A&M University, shall serve as an aide in the development of their Aggie Spirit through knowledge of traditions, and shall assist in the transition of freshman from high school to college.

(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the GUIDE Committee shall be to organize and operate programs that support the freshman transition at Texas A&M University.

SECTION XI. Muster Committee

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as the "Muster Committee."

(b) Mission Statement

- (1) The Muster Committee exists to perpetuate the tradition of Muster at Texas A&M University and across the world.

(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the Muster Committee shall be to organize and operate the observance of Muster at the Texas A&M University campus on April 21st of each calendar year, to assist the fifty-year reunion class with their homecoming activities, and to inspire current students to carry on the Muster tradition when they leave Texas A&M University.

SECTION XII. Parent's Weekend Committee

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as the "Parent's Weekend Committee."

(b) Mission Statement

- (1) The Parent's Weekend Committee exists to organize and operate the Parent's Weekend festivities.

(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the Parent's Weekend Committee shall be to organize and operate the various activities, programs, and service projects related to Parent's Weekend.

SECTION XIII. Replant

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "Replant."

(b) Mission Statement

- (1) The Replant Committee exists to organize and operate Replant Day, a one-day environmental service project which strives to improve the Bryan/College Station community, to bring students together through tradition, and to provide an avenue for environmental service and action through a yearly tree planting event.

(c) Primary Charge

- (1) A primary charge of the Replant Committee shall be to organize and operate all activities, programs, and service projects related to Replant Day.



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SECTION XIV. Texas Aggies Making Changes (TAMC)

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "Texas Aggies Making Changes (TAMC)."
- (b) Mission Statement
 - (1) The TAMC Committee exists to serve the needs of the Texas A&M Community by creating positive change on campus.
- (c) Primary Charge
 - (1) A primary charge of the TAMC committee shall be to organize and operate an on-campus beautification project and other programs aimed at improving the quality of Texas A&M University's campus.

SECTION XV. Traditions Council

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch committee known as "Traditions Council."
- (b) Mission Statement
 - (1) Traditions Council shall be exist to preserve and promote the traditions of Texas A&M University through education and awareness.
- (c) Primary Charge
 - (1) A primary charge of the Traditions Council shall be to research Texas A&M University's traditions, educate students and the general public on the same, and promote the same through organizing and operating all programs necessary to perpetuate Texas A&M University's traditions.
 - (2) TRADITIONS SUMMARIES. The Traditions Council shall provide for summaries of all Texas A&M University traditions deemed pertinent by the committee chair for Traditions Council in its by-laws. These summaries shall, at minimum, describe the history of the tradition, its practices, and its significance historically and currently.
 - (i) The Traditions Council shall, at minimum, provide summaries for the following traditions:
 - a. Silver Taps;
 - b. Aggie Bonfire;
 - c. Parent's Weekend; and,
 - d. Muster.
- (d) Specific Programs or Services Called For
 - (1) SILVER TAPS. The Traditions Council shall organize and operate the Silver Taps ceremony on the Texas A&M University campus.
 - (2) BONFIRE REMEMBRANCE WEEK. The Traditions Council shall perpetuate the respectful memory of Aggie Bonfire through programs, activities, or service projects during bonfire remembrance week in November of each calendar year.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMISSIONS

SECTION I. The Development Commission

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch commission known as the "Development Commission."
- (b) Mission Statement
 - (1) The Development Commission exists to facilitate the fundraising activities of the Student Government Association, and its constituent entities, for the purpose of ensuring the ultimate financial independence of the Student Government Association from reliance on student fees.
- (c) Primary Charge



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- (1) A primary charge of the Development Commission shall be to raise funds to support the activities of the Student Government Association in accordance with the SGA Endowment Regulations (Title V Chapter 502).

SECTION II. The Diversity Commission

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch commission known as the "Diversity Commission."
- (b) Mission Statement
- (1) The Diversity Commission exists to creatively address the issues surrounding diversity by rebuilding the norm. The Diversity Commission shall facilitate communication, generate awareness, and emphasize the importance of these issues throughout the entire Texas A&M University campus. Through the ideals of the Aggie Family, Code of Honor, and the Core Values the commission shall strive to provide a cohesive and welcoming environment for campus interaction among the variety of students at Texas A&M University.
- (2) The Diversity Commission shall also faithfully execute any diversity policy or initiative called for by the statutes or the Student Body President.
- (c) Primary Charge
- (1) A primary charge of the Diversity Commission shall be to organize and operate programs to educate the students of Texas A&M University about diversity and to facilitate discussion on the same.

SECTION III. The Election Commission

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch commission known as the "Election Commission."
- (b) Mission Statement
- (1) The Election Commission exists to organize and oversee all Student Government Association elections in a manner consistent with the Aggie Code of Honor.
- (c) Primary Charge
- (1) A primary charge of the Election Commission shall be to organize and oversee all Student Government Association elections in accordance with the Election Regulations Act (Title V Chapter 601).

SECTION IV. The Sunset Commission

- (a) STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT. There is established an executive branch commission known as the "Sunset Commission."
- (b) Mission Statement
- (1) The Sunset Commission exists to review and audit the effectiveness of all executive branch committees, commissions, and other offices, all legislative commissions, and all judicial branch committees, commissions, and other offices. The Sunset Commission also exists to assist the Student Body President in disciplining the members of the Student Government Association, excluding Student Senators, members of the executive cabinet, and Justices of the Judicial Court.
- (c) Primary Charge
- (1) A primary charge of the Sunset Commission shall be to audit all executive branch and judicial branch committees, commissions, and other offices, as well as all legislative commissions, in accordance with the Sunset Commission Act (Title V Chapter 403), and to advise the Student Senate when removal of an executive branch or judicial branch committee, commission, or other office, or legislative commission, is warranted.

SECTION V. The Legislative Relations Commission



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- (a) The Legislative Relations Commission, as previously established by the Student Body President, is officially dissolved effective at the beginning of the 65th Session of the Student Senate. The Student Body President is encouraged to continue to provide for an executive cabinet member in charge of legislative relations to replace this executive branch Commission.

ARTICLE VI. OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICES

SECTION I. This Article is reserved for statutory provisions governing other executive offices. All executive offices not provided for within the statutes at the beginning of the 65th Session of the Student Senate shall be deemed dissolved.

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