

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-68

The Student Senate 64th Session Texas A&M University

Introduced By:

Jody Harris, Constituency Affairs Chair

Sponsored By: Amanda Hatheway, Speaker Pro Tempore

Action Taken

PASSED

November 30, 2011

Certified By:

Tonga Wilson

Tanner Wilson

Speaker of the Senate

Preserve the Senate Bill Special Designation: Senate By-Law Bill

"A bill to keep student senators in the student senate,"

Whereas(1): The Texas A&M University Student Senate exists to serve the students of Texas A&M University; and,

Whereas(2): According to Article III of Student Government Association Constitution, there must be a Student Senate; and,

Whereas(3): In order to have a Student Senate there must be Student Senators; and,

Whereas(4): Because less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Student Senate signed up to work opinion booths this semester, the opinion booths were canceled; and,

Whereas(5): Many senators will be removed from the Senate and all Senators will accrue absences if nothing is done to amend the current process; and,

Whereas(6): There is currently an item on New Business to address this issue in the spring, by creating other outlets alongside opinion booths to reach students, and initiating a point system to keep track of Senators' progress; and,

Whereas(7): The future of the current Student Senate is contingent on our ability to pass this piece of legislation.



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Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1):

That Article IX, Section XII be stricken; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2):

That Article IX, Section XIII be moved under Article IX, Section I, Sub Section

(b), Set (4), Sub Set (xiii). This section shall be re-numbered and re-lettered in

any such way that the Director of the Archives see fit; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(3):

Any senator whose name appears on the opinion booth sign-up sheet will receive

a one-fourth (1/4) absence forgiveness; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(4):

Any senator who participated in an opinion booth regardless of the cancellation

shall receive one (1) absence forgiveness per tabling hour; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(5):

Any senator who spoke before an organization about Student Senate will receive a

one-half (1/2) absence forgiveness per organization, in accordance with the

standards for absence forgiveness.