

Texas A&M University
73rd Session of the Student Senate
July 1st, 2020 7:00pm
Online – via Zoom

- I. Opening Remarks - 7:04pm**
- II. Senator Roll Call (tx.ag/701roll)**
- III. Reading of Meeting Rules - Pro Tempore Spurr**
- IV. Open Forum**
 - 1. Ambrose Enfield - To move Sully into an on campus museum/library**
 - History major and Museum Studies minor
 - Wants it moved to Cushing
 - Supports those who want it removed
 - 2. Nyima Ilaja Sanneh - To move Sully into an on campus museum/library**
 - Sullivan ross represents white supremacy
 - Represents racism woven into TAMU
 - Administration is afraid of losing donations
 - Don't get rid of him for who he was, but what he represents
 - We should not get rid of history, we should condemn evil
 - 3. Jesse Miller - To remove Sully entirely**
 - Preserving it denies the idea that history is repeating
 - Act of proformative progress
 - We should not use money and resources to preserve it
 - Traditions that are harmful to others are not traditions
 - 4. Carlo Chunga - To remove Sully entirely**
 - Racism is not dead
 - These statues don't tell the full story, they seek to rewrite history
 - Removal erases rewritten history
 - 5. Elizabeth Barnes - To move Sully into an on campus museum/library**
 - Traitor to union many aggies gave life for
 - Sully had his time and it is not now
 - Move to location to understand his context included what he did for university and bad things he did
 - 6. Ryan Miller - To remove Sully entirely**
 - What is the purpose of a statue? To honor and idolize
 - Removing does not erase history
 - Sully's tenure does not outweigh previous actions
 - Sully does not represent the core value of respect
 - We should not make our fellow students of color walk in the shadow of Sully's past

7. **Shreya Rao - To move Sully into an on campus museum/library**
 - Move to Cushing
 - Don't pretend history didn't happen, but understand the full history
 - This is affecting the reputation of TAMU
 - "Old Army has died a thousand times" TAMU changes and that's okay
 - Appears TAMU is appeasing older white alumni, but current students are future alumni

8. **Chloe Edison - To move Sully into an on campus museum/library**
 - Marginalized groups have been quieted at TAMU
 - University must take a clear stance against Sully
 - Many Corps traditions, including silver Taps come from Sully, BUT he was apart of the CONFEDERATE Army

9. **Tori Davis - To move Sully into an on campus museum/library**
 - Understands contributions of Sully, but as a black women does not have reverence for Sully's contribution to racism
 - We can recognize, but not show reverence

10. **Infinite Tucker - To remove Sully entirely**
 - Was not present

11. **Grayson Kocsis - To add a contextual placard to Sully**
 - No proof of white supremacy
 - Had most diverse group under him as President of TAMU
 - Prairie View is not an act of segregation

12. **Zaria White - To move Sully into an on campus museum/library**
 - Ashamed by sugar coated narrative presented by TAMU
 - Understand contributions to university, but we must tell the full story and historical context
 - We can recognize without glorifying wrongdoings

13. **Weston Siler - That Sully remain as is**
 - Erect a Matthew Gaines Statue across from Sully, but don't tear down Sully
 - Stand together as an Aggie Family

14. **Xavier Coonrod - To move Sully into an on campus museum/library**
 - Give complete documentation
 - We must care about all students more than a bronze statue
 - Compromise is the best solution
 - This fight is not about tradition
 - Has not felt marginalized by statue, but feels sorrow for fellow aggies who do

15. **Praneel Jadav - To remove Sully entirely**
 - We are critiquing society, not removing history
 - TAMU is a political litmus test for other southern universities
 - As minority, we suffering from structural inequality that TAMU has and removal is in the right direction

16. Amoraë Shamberger - To remove Sully entirely

- Sully does not signify what Aggies truly are
- It shows pain and sorrow
- If TAMU cares about students of color, they should remove
- Does not feel proud to be an Aggie with this statue

17. David Cabrera- That Sully remain as is

- Does not believe in moving Sully
- He is soul of university
- His good deeds are being overlooked
- He played a very important part of the university

18. Andrew - That Sully remain as is

- Was not present