

Texas A&M University  
73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Student Senate  
September 2nd, 2020 7:00pm  
Online – Zoom

- I. **Opening Remarks -Call to Order @ 7:03pm**
- II. **Opening Roll Call (tx.ag/902opening) -Pro Temp Spurr**
- III. **Invocation & Pledges of Allegiance -Samuel Blackmon**
- IV. **Mission Statement & Aggie Honor Code- Senator Wood**
- V. **The Spirit of Aggieland**
- VI. **Open Forum**
  - A. **Kathryn Wolf on behalf of COSGA**
- VII. **Approval of 07.08.20 Meeting Minutes -Approved by general consent**
- VIII. **University Committees Confirmations - Nidhi Nagireddy**
  - A. **Awaiting list from Speaker McCue**
  - B. **All nominees are confirmed and sworn in to various positions**
- IX. **New Business**
  1. **S.B. 73-02: The Summer Cleaning Omnibus Act (tx.ag/7302b)**
    - a) **Period of Presentation-** Chair Hein
    - b) **Period of Question and Answer**
      - (1) None, Period is closed
    - c) **Sent to the Rules and Regulations Committee**
  2. **S.R. 73-11: Recognition of the United States of American’s Independence Resolution (tx.ag/7311r)**
    - a) **Period of Presentation-**Senator Wood & Senator Martin
    - b) **Period of Question and Answer**
      - (1) Chair Syed
      - (2) Senator Marrufo
      - (3) Senator Chunga Pizarro
      - (4) Chair Syed
    - c) **Period of Debate Against**
      - (1) Senator Marrufo- *Motion to amend Whereas 2 to We recognize the value of our founding principles and seek to live up to them in our daily lives as residents of this great country; and,*
        - (a) Seconded
        - (b) Period of Debate Against
        - (c) Chair Teague- *Motion to move to previous question*
        - (d) This Amendment Passes by general consent
      - (2) Senator Dang
      - (3) Point of Order- Chair Teague, Previous question was made with qualifications
    - d) **Period of Voting**
      - (1) **Passes 33-6-10**
  3. **S.R. 73-14: Condemning Anti-Semitism Resolution (tx.ag/7314r)**
    - a) **Period of Presentation-** Chair Feldman

**b) Period of Question and Answer**

- (1) Chair Syed
- (2) Chair Oldag
- (3) Chair Ahmed
- (4) Chair Syed
- (5) Senator Marrufo
- (6) *Senator Ferro- Motion to extend Q&A for 2 minutes*
  - (a) *Seconded and passed by general consent*
- (7) Senator Marrufo
- (8) Senator Hernandez

**c) Period of Debate Against**

- (1) *Senator Flores- move to add as a sponsor*
  - (a) *Out of order*
- (2) *Chair Ahmed- Point of Information*
- (3) *Chair Feldman - motion to amend Whereas 6 to add "The vandalism of a New Mexico Holocaust Museum on August 5<sup>th</sup>, Indiana High School students forming a human Swastika and utilizing Nazi salutes in late August, a bomb threat at a Virginia synagogue on August 21<sup>st</sup>, a South Carolina Holocaust Memorial was vandalized in late July, the resignation of USC's Student Government Vice President due to Anti-Semitic bullying, an Anti-Semitic banner hung over the 405 Freeway in Los Angeles on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, a bomb threat at Brandeis University on August 20<sup>th</sup>, the vandalization of a West Hollywood Synagogue in early August; and "Hitler was right flyers" posted throughout Arizona State University on August 31<sup>st</sup>; and,"*
  - (a) *Chair Teague- Point of Order*
    - (i) Speaker is out of order
  - (b) Seconded
  - (c) *Chair Hein - Point of Order*
  - (d) Period of Debate Against
    - (i) Senator Wood
    - (ii) *Chair Syed- amend*
      - (a) Withdrawn
  - (e) Period of debate for
    - (i) Seeing none voting is one sided
  - (f) Voting for Amendment
    - (i) Passes 28-0

**d) Period of Debate For**

- (1) Pro Tempore Spurr

**e) Period of Debate Against**

- (1) *Senator Wood- motion to add self and others as sponsor*
  - (a) Seconded and passed
- (2) *Chair Syed- amend to strike "Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor."*
  - (a) Period of debate against
    - (i) Chair Feldman
  - (b) Period of debate for
    - (i) Chair Syed
  - (c) Chair Syed moves to withdraw amendment
    - (i) Passes by general consent
- (3) *Chair Syed- amend whereas 7*
  - (a) *No seconds, withdrawn*

**f) Period of Debate For**

- (1) Chair Teague- Motion to previous question
    - (a) Seconded
    - (b) Fails 14-11
  - g) **Period of Debate Against**
    - (1) Chair Jefferis- point of information
    - (2) *Chair Ahmed- Amend Therefore let it be resolved 4 to read “ The Texas A&M Student Senate will task (encourages) The Diversity and Inclusion Commission and Committee to explore steps to reduce Anti Semitism on campus and within the Bryan-College station area, and educate on the history of anti-semitism and the dangers its resurgence presents in the contemporary period, including education on the Holocaust and its horrors into its regular curriculum, and tasks the committees and commission with deterring any anti-semitism to present itself within the Texas A&M Student Government Association or on campus; and,”*
      - (a) Debate Against
        - (i) Chair Teague- Point of Privilege
      - (b) Debate for
        - (i) Chair Ahmed
      - (c) Debate against
        - (i) Pro Temp Spurr- moves to split amendment
          - (a) Fails 10-19
        - (ii) Debate for
          - (a) Debate is one sided
        - (iii) Period of Voting
          - (a) Passes 19-13
  - h) **Period of Debate For**
    - (1) *Chair Teague- Previous question*
      - (a) *Passes by general consent*
  - i) **Period of Voting**
    - (1) **Passes 48-0-3**
- 4. S.R. 73-15: Fake Hate Crime Resolution (tx.ag/7315r)**
- a) **Period of Presentation-** Senator Allen
  - b) **Period of Question and Answer**
    - (1) Senator Hernandez
    - (2) *Chair Syed - Point of Information*
    - (3) Senator Hernandez
    - (4) Senator Myles
    - (5) Senator Garcia
    - (6) Senator Julia Garcia
    - (7) Senator Marrufo
    - (8) *Chair Jefferis- Motion to extend q&a by 2 minutes*
      - (a) *Seconded and passed general consent*
    - (9) Chair Syed
    - (10) Senator Chunga Pizarro
    - (11) Senator Viswanath
    - (12) Senator Julia Garcia
    - (13) *Chair Syed- extend q&a*
      - (a) Out of order
    - (14) *Senator Marrufo - point of information*
    - (15) *Chair Syed- motion extend q&a to exhaust speakers list*
      - (a) Seconded
      - (b) Passes
    - (16) Senator Myles

(17) Senator Smith - point of information

(18) Senator Marrufo

(19) Senator Bradley

(20) Senator Wood - point of inquiry

(21) Chair Ahmed

(22) Chair Syed

**c) Period of Debate Against**

(1) Senator Hernandez

(2) Senator Merritt- Move to amend to strike resolved 2 completely

(a) Seconded

(b) Period of Debate

(i) Chair Teague- move to previous question

(a) Seconded

(b) Senator Marrufo - Point of inquiry

(c) Senator Hernandez - Point of inquiry

(d) Fails 18-22

(ii) Chair Teague- move to postpone this resolution indefinitely

(a) Chair Teague- point of inquiry

(b) Chair Syed- Point of inquiry

(c) Chair Teague- Point of order

(d) Chair Ahmed -point of inquiry

(i) Withdrawn

(e) Fails 23-24

**d) Period of Debate For**

(1) Senator Martin

(2) Chair Teague- previous question

(a) Senator marrufo - point of information

(b) Seconded

(c) Fails

(3) Senator Smith

**e) Period of Debate Against**

(1) Chair Ahmed

(2) Senator Chunga Pizarro

**f) Period of Debate For**

(1) Senator Marrufo

**g) Period of Debate Against**

(1) Chair Oldag

(2) Chair Hein- Point of Order

**h) Senator Allen- move to withdraw resolution and amendment**

(a) Chair Teague- point of order

(b) Withdrawn 22-21

**5. S.R. 73-16: Suicide Awareness Month Resolution (tx.ag/7316r)**

**a) Period of Presentation- Pro Temp Spurr**

**b) Period of Question and Answer**

(1) none

**c) Period of Debate Against**

(1) Senator Marrufo- moves to add self and others as sponsor

**d) Period of Debate For**

(1) Debate is one sided

**e) Period of Voting**

(1) Passes 46-1

**6. S.R. 73-17: Police Appreciation Resolution (tx.ag/7317r)**

- a) **Period of Presentation** -Senator Martin
- b) **Period of Question and Answer**
  - (1) Chair Ahmed
  - (2) Senator Julia Garcia
  - (3) Senator Wirth
  - (4) Senator Marrufo
  - (5) *Chair Jefferis- motion to extend q&a by 2min*
    - (a) Seconded
    - (b) Passes 23-10
  - (6) Senator Marrufo
  - (7) Senator Viswanath
  - (8) *Senator Ferro-motion to extend q&a*
    - (a) Out of order
  - (9) *Senator Ferro-motion to extend q&a*
    - (a) Second
- c) **Senator Martin- Motion to withdraw legislation**
  - (1) Fails 13-18
- d) **Period of Debate Against**
  - (1) *Chair Syed- motion to refer to Student Services committee*
    - (a) Out of order
    - (b) Point of Order
- e) **Chair Syed- motion to refer to Student Services committee**
  - (a) *Passes 21-10*

**7. S.R 73-18: Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution (tx.ag/7318r)**

- a) **Period of Presentation-** Chair Ahmed
- b) **Period of Question and Answer**
  - (1) none
- c) **Period of Debate Against**
  - (1) *Chair Feldman- amend to add whereas 15 to “ In the Spring election of 2020, Eric Mendoza was elected as the first hispanic Student Body President of Texas A&M University.”*
    - (a) Debate against
      - (i) Chair Rodriguez
      - (ii) Chair Teague
    - (b) Debate for
      - (i) Debate is one sided
    - (c) Period of voting for amendment
      - (i) Passes by general consent
- d) **Period of Debate For**
  - (1) Chair Teague
- e) **Period of Debate Against**
  - (1) *Senator Marrufo- amend to add self and others as a sponsor*
- f) **Period of Debate For**
  - (1) None, debate is onesided
- g) **Period of Voting**
  - (1) Passes 50-0-1

*Sponsoring ANY piece of legislation: (tx.ag/73sponsor)*

**X. Open Session (tx.ag/902osb)**

**A. S.R. 73-xx September 1st, 2020 Silver Taps Resolution**

1. **Period of Presentation- Pro Tempore Spurr**
  - a) *Chair Oldag- consider resolution as read*
    - (1) Passes by general consent
2. **Period of Question and Answer**
  - a) Seeing none, period has ended
3. **Debate Against**
  - a) *Chair Feldman- Self and others for Sponsorship*
    - (1) Passes by general consent
  - b) *Chair Syed- move to previous question*
    - (1) Seconded
4. **Period of Voting**
  - a) Passes 41-0-1

**XI. Chair Hein- moves to close open session, move committee reports to email, and move to closing roll call.**

- A. **Seconded**
- B. **Passed by general consent.**

**XII. Closing Roll Call (tx.ag/902closing)**

**XIII. Adjournment -10:36pm**