



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.A. 73-10

Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
73rd Session

The Awards Issuance Act

"An act to provide a structure to SGA's issuing of awards to Texas A&M University employees."

Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:

Zachary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 09-14-2021

Duly Approved:

Eric Mendoza
Student Body President

Introduced By: Sam Jefferis, Academic Affairs Chair, Engineering Caucus

Sponsored By: Meghan Hein, Rules and Regulations Chair, COALS Caucus
Kerian Tillis, Engineering Caucus

Whereas(1): The chapter of Code outlining the Student Professor Awards is no longer utilized and is considered outdated; and,

Whereas(2): There is not a defined process for the Student Senate to award faculty, staff, and professors for their hard work engaging and teaching students on behalf of the student body.



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Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): Title V, Subtitle VII, Chapter 707 be added by the following text:

CHAPTER 707 - THE AWARDS ISSUANCE ACT

ARTICLE I. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

SECTION I. The Student Government Association intends to set forth regulations to define how awards are presented, endorsed, or allocated by the Student Senate and the Executive Branch on behalf of the Texas A&M University Student Body. This chapter in no way compels any member of the Student Government Association to nominate, present, endorse, or allocate any award unless required by their duties to do so.

ARTICLE II. CONDITIONS

SECTION I. For the purposes of any award, the Student Senate and Executive Branch presents, endorses, or allocates the following conditions must be met:

- (a) The Student Senate and the Executive Branch shall have defined criteria for the recipients of any award.
- (b) The Student Government Association members involved in presenting, endorsing, or allocating an award shall make a good faith effort to consult the leadership of the other branches of Texas A&M Student Government Association prior to any action related to the award unless the award is presented, endorsed, or allocated by a bill or act of the Texas A&M Student Government Association.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION I. The primary responsibility for the enforcement of this Act shall fall to the Rules & Regulations Chair but they shall work in conjunction with the Speaker of the Senate and Student Body President of the Texas A&M University Student Government Association.



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ARTICLE IV. AWARDS AND CRITERIA

SECTION I. The awards, and criteria for each, that are recognized by the Student Government Association are as follows:

- a) Student Government Association Administrator Partnership Award
 - i) Presented by the method of executive order, resolution, or bill
 - ii) Student Government Association members have met with the administrator a minimum of three (3) times
 - iii) The administrator must have gone beyond the previous standard set forth by themselves in the past or by the previous position holder or be in a newly created position
 - iv) The partnership with the administrator must have produced some benefit for Student Government Association or the Student Body
 - v) The administrator must have not been recognized by Student Government Association with an award within the past four (4) years
 - vi) An administrator is defined as an employee of the Texas A&M University System or Texas A&M University with a title including the terms director, manager, provost, president, dean, regent, chancellor, commandant, chief of police, or any C-level title at the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University, or subset thereof.
- b) Student Government Association Administrative Professional Partnership Award
 - i) Presented by the method of executive order, resolution, or bill
 - ii) The administrative professional must have gone beyond the previous standard set forth by themselves in the past or by the previous position holder or be in a newly created position
 - iii) The administrative professional must have not been recognized by Student Government Association with an award within the past four (4) years
 - iv) An administrative professional is defined as an employee of the Texas A&M University System or Texas A&M University or a subset thereof with a title including the terms of administrative coordinator, administrative associate, executive assistant, or director thereof or performs tasks to assist with correspondence, keep records, make appointments, and carry out similar tasks.



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- c) Student Government Association Faculty Partnership Award
 - i) Presented by the method of executive order, resolution, or bill
 - ii) Student Government Association members have met with the faculty member a minimum of three (3) times
 - iii) The faculty member must have gone beyond the previous standard set forth by themselves in the past or by the previous position holder or be in a newly created position
 - iv) The partnership with the faculty member must have produced some benefit for Student Government Association or the Student Body
 - v) The faculty member must have not been recognized by Student Government Association with an award within the past four (4) years
 - vi) A faculty member is defined as an employee of the Texas A&M University System or Texas A&M University or a subset thereof with a title including the terms professor, lecturer, department head, instructor, scholar, or fellow.
- d) Student Government Association Staff Partnership Award
 - i) Presented by the method of executive order, resolution, or bill
 - ii) Student Government Association members have met with the staff member a minimum of three (3) times
 - iii) The staff member must have gone beyond the previous standard set forth by themselves in the past or by the previous position holder or be in a newly created position
 - iv) The partnership with the staff member must have produced some benefit for Student Government Association or the Student Body
 - v) The staff member must have not been recognized by Student Government Association with an award within the past four (4) years
 - vi) Staff members shall be identified as employees of the Texas A&M University System or Texas A&M University or subset thereof not falling into categories under subsection (a)(v), (b)(iii), and (c)(vi) of this section.

; and,



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Further

Enacted(2): Title V, Subtitle VII, Chapter 703: THE STUDENT PROFESSOR AWARDS PROGRAM ACT be remove, such text being the following:

CHAPTER 703 – THE STUDENT PROFESSOR AWARDS PROGRAM ACT ARTICLE I. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

SECTION I. The Student Senate intends to set forth regulations to define precisely what type of student professor awards program the executive branch may engage in on behalf of the Texas A&M University student body.

ARTICLE II. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

SECTION I. For the purposes of any Student Professor Awards Program, the Texas A&M Student Government Association, on behalf of the Texas A&M student body, will only participate in Student Professor Evaluations Awards Programs if the following conditions are met:

- (a) The Texas A&M Student Government Association, on behalf of the Texas A&M Student Body, shall retain full control in determining the name of any student professors evaluation awards program that is intended to be managed by the students.
- (b) The Texas A&M Student Government Association, on behalf of the Texas A&M Student Body, shall retain full control over which questions are used in any student professors evaluation awards program that is intended to be managed by the students.
- (c) There should be no student fee implemented or increased for the operational or awards costs of this program.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION I. The primary responsibility for the enforcement of this Act shall fall to the student assigned to manage Academic Affairs in the executive branch of the Texas A&M Student Government Association. The Student Body President shall be responsible for ensuring the compliance of the Academic Affairs individual in the executive council. ; and,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary McCue".

Zachary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

Let it be
Further

Enacted(3): A copy of this bill be sent to:

Eric Mendoza, Student Body President

Meghan Hein, Rules and Regulations Chair