

Student Government Association

Stephen F. Austin State University



Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 29th, 2010

- I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge
- IV. Review of the September 15th Minutes
- V. F10-B002; Bill to Allocate Money for Burn Shirts
- VI. F10-B003; Bill for Debt Day 2010
- VII. F10-A001; Amendment to Article IV Section 3 (C), Article V Section 3 (B)
and Article VI Section 4 (B) of the Constitution
- VIII. Impeachments
- IX. President Andy Teel Report
- X. Vice President Sarah Feye Report
- XI. Advisor Michael Preston
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Adjournment

September 15, 2010

Senate Minutes

Approval of minutes from Sept 1.- Approved

All senators asked to come forward for induction.

All senators are sworn in by President Teel

President Teel discusses the appointment for Chief. Jeffery Jefferson has been on the court for two years now and he is capable of the job. No pro/con/questions were brought forth. He has been approved by the senate.

He was sworn in.

President Teel talks about his Justice appointments. Stein and Williams cannot attend this meeting due to approved excuses. Teel reads the appointees.

Senator of the College of Education Sherilynn Sherrouse asks why they think they are good people to be on the court.

They all go down the line saying they feel qualified and why.

No further pro/con/questions. All are approved by the senate and sworn in by President Teel.

Any cabinet appointments from Andy Teel? He has appointed Robert Torres as his SGA External officer. This position is meant to communicate with other SGA's in the state of Texas. As president, Teel would like to make sure SFA is actively involved in TSA and other conferences within Texas. Robert went with Teel to Houston to the TSA convention where he showed good leadership and was involved in the reconstruction of the Constitution. He helped plan the TSA banquet in November and will continue to be active with TSA.

Speaker Good talks about the Ethic's Committee. Alex Ranc, Sherilynn Sherrouse, Jose Pinones, Latterrious Starks, Mycal Dede have all been nominated and approved. Mycal Dede withdraws his nomination. They are asked to step out for confidential discussion of their possible appointment.

Pro by Senator Jessica Layfield for Alex Ranc- She is fair and she's also a good leader. This will be perfect for her.

Vote for Alex Ranc. Aye's have it. She is now a member of the Ehtic's Committee.

Sean Valdez and Michael Wilson has a pro for Pinones. He is sufficient for the position and he will do well with the position.

Aye's have it. Jose Pinones is now on the Ethic's Committee.

Sarah Feye has a pro for Sherrouse stating she is a good leader with good morals.

Aye's have it. Sherilynn is on the Ethic's Committee.

Laterrious Pro speech by Dede. He knows the constitution well and he is a good person of good character so he will do well. Trevor Amie also has a pro speech saying he doesn't make biased decisions. Jack Houston also says a pro speech stating his morals are what qualifies him for the position.

Ayes have it. Laterrious makes the Ethic's Committee.

Craig Bruce takes the place of Speaker as Good presents his bill to appropriate funds for Constitution Day. He asks to allocate \$120 for the event this Friday.

Dietrich asks if the funds that aren't spent will be put back in the budget.

Good says they will.

Valdes says it's a good cause and he urges everyone to vote yes for this budget.

Alex Ranc gives a pro saying that it will put SGA out there for students and that we are a big organization on campus so it's important they know we are here to educate them on big holidays such as Constitution Day.

Michael Wilson says it'll be great to spread awareness of Constitution Day.

Voting results of the Bill F10-B001- Aye's have it. The bill is passed.

Andy Teel makes his presidential report. He goes over the initiatives (Green, Health, SFA Way, Civic Engagement).

Sarah Faye sends T-shirt order forms and constitution day sign up sheets around. VP reminds senate that there will be an SFASU and Sam Houston service project in respect to the SFA v. Sam football game this year. Senators are encouraged to participate. VP will be heading a committee for a health fair to be sometime in march.

Aaron Good talks about Constitution Day (Friday). There will be raffles, free shirts, cake, and balloons. Committees are meeting next week so start thinking about what committee you'd like to be a part of. He also goes over office hours. Every senator must serve at least

one hour a week this will start next week. Senators that are late will be sworn in at the next meeting.

Sgt. Bruce says that everyone needs to be in business casual. It represents our organization so it's important to dress well.

Preston talks about the importance of being at Const. Day. It's a great opportunity as an organization to talk with students. Take your senator role seriously and ask students if they have any good ideas.

Open floor for announcements. Jose Pinones says if you're a college of business senator to visit with the dean. All college of senators to visit with their dean. Senator Ranc makes an announcement for Axe Men. They are in charge of selling tickets for the big game. If anyone would like to sit in the

Purple Haze section, please talk to Alex. She can charge it to your e-bill. If you have any questions about the game talk to Ranc.

Jose Pinones asks about retreat. It will be held Oct 2 and 3 in Pine Creek Lodge. It is mandatory.

Congrats to new senators



F10-B002 – Bill to Allocate Funds for Burn Shirts

Written By: Vice President Sarah Feye

Whereas: Student Activities Association (SAA) from Stephen F. Austin State University is holding their Seventh Annual Homecoming Burn Shirt Give-Away.

Whereas: For the past seven years, SAA has worked to promote school pride by collecting non-SFASU shirts from students, faculty, and staff members and replacing them with new SFA shirts.

Whereas: On the night of Friday, October 29th, 2010 half of the shirts collected are burned at the bon fire proceeding SFASU's Homecoming game against Texas State. The other half of the shirts are to be donated to various shelters around the community.

Whereas: SAA is offering different sponsorships for their Burn Shirts. The second highest being the "White Sponsorship".

Whereas: The "White Sponsorship" costs \$300.00 and includes the SGA logo on the Burn Shirt and in all paper advertisements

Whereas: It is an initiative in Student Government Association to take part in civic engagement in not only our university but in the community as well, and this is a great opportunity.

Enacted: Student Government Association will hereby allocate \$300.00 from the "Community Outreach" fund.

Aaron Good, Speaker of Senate

Date

Andy Teel, Student Body President

Date



F10-B003; Debt Day 2010

Written by: Chairman Jose Piñones and the Civic Affairs Committee

Whereas: Student Government Association members have the following obligations to fulfill in accordance with SGA's Official Code of Conduct:

a. Serve the Public Interest

1.) Exercise discretionary authority to promote the common good of the Student Body.

And,

a. Strive for Professional Excellence

1.) Accept, as a personal duty, the responsibility to keep up to date

on emerging issues and potential problems facing the Student Body of Stephen F. Austin State University

Whereas: The national debt and federal deficit are issues affecting not only the whole of the American Nation, but are issues expected to contribute to even greater financial misfortune for the younger up and coming generations of Americans (be they college educated or not) as the economic luxuries and financial opportunities available to prior generations of American citizens continue to disappear or face ever more stringent standards in their implementation.

Whereas: The members of this Student Government Association have the obligation of accepting “as a personal duty, the responsibility to keep up to date on emerging issues and potential problems facing the Student Body of Stephen F. Austin State University” and therefore maintain the implicit responsibility of educating the Student Body as to the current economic status and potential negative economic trends of their Nation, and engaging them in a productive manner as to assist them in understanding their role as both citizens with a vested interest in building and protecting their own financial assets and as citizens with a vested interest in fulfilling their civic duties to their Nation and fellow citizens.

Enacted I: The Student Government Association will implement a series of programs, with the assistance of Dr. Steven Galatas, oriented towards educating the Student Body about the national debt and federal deficit and in educating them about the responsibilities they may have to adopt with regards to building and protecting their financial assets and in establishing themselves as effective citizens in the pursuit of sound national fiscal policies.

Enacted II: This day long series of events shall take place the day of Thursday, November 4th and shall be referred to as “Debt Day 2010”. The administrations of events throughout “Debt Day 2010” shall be as follows:

-SGA will sponsor a Pine Log Ad advertising “Debt Day 2010” and our national debt. Also SGA will sponsor t-shirts outlining “Debt Day 2010”, up to \$200 will be appropriated for shirts.

-SGA will host a Freedom of Speech day Thursday, November 4th with the intent to collect informed student opinion on the national debt and federal deficit.

-SGA shall end the day by presenting I.O.USA film Thursday November 4nd and facilitate a Q&A session for the Student Body.

Enacted III: Student Government Association shall allocate \$500 dollars for the purchase of the materials necessary to implement “Debt Day 2010”, to include:

-the purchase of ¼ page Pine Log Ad

-the purchase of \$200 worth of t-shirts for SGA members

-the purchase of the materials necessary for constructing Freedom of Speech board

-the printing of the materials necessary for both static exhibits and for advertising all the events to be included within "Debt Day 2009", including the open forum, the I.O.USA screening, and the Freedom of Speech event.

Any money not utilized from the initial allocation shall be restored back to the Student Government discretionary budget.

Enacted IV: All student government members shall be present and accounted for to assist in either the implementation of the open forum, the I.O.USA screening, and the Freedom of Speech event.

Aaron Good, Speaker of Senate

Date

Andy Teel, Student Body President

Date



F10-A001; Amendment to Article IV Section 3 (C), Article V Section 3 (B) and Article VI Section 4 (B) of the Constitution of the Student Government Association at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Written By: Chairman Sean Valdez, Chairman Jose Pinones & Senator Latterious Starks.

Whereas: Article IV Section 3 (C), Article IV Section 3 (B) and Article VI Section 4 (B) reads:

Be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) semester hours and maintain those hours throughout the duration of their term. If in their final semester, the number of enrolled hours may be only what is required to finish their degree plan.

Whereas: Each article defines the requirements for membership in the executive, legislative and judicial branch of the Student Government Association.

Whereas: Undergraduate students are allowed to hold office, while at part time status, with the minimum number being six (6) hours.

Whereas: Graduate students are only allowed to hold office, while at full time status, with the minimum number being six (6) hours.

Whereas: In basic fairness, the SGA should adjust the requirements for each branch to allow for graduate membership while at part time status.

Enacted: Amend Article IV Section 3 (C), Article IV Section 3 (B) and Article VI Section 4 (B) to read:

Be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) semester hours as an undergraduate or three (3) as a graduate student, and maintain those hours throughout the duration of their term. If in their final semester, the number of enrolled hours may be only what is required to finish their degree plan.

Aaron Good, Speaker of Senate

Date

Andy Teel, Student Body President

Date