

2-22-2006

Open Forum

- A. New senators sworn in: Zach Williams and Ovi Galvan
- B. Operations committee introduced
- C. Holly Morgan spoke on encouraging senators to become Muster Hosts.

John Dean could not make it tonight

Christina Hoffman spoke on behalf of Evans Library and the hours of the library. Evans closes at midnight, but the annex stays open to 2 AM. We want to ensure that students know that the annex stays open to 2 AM. There are too many costs and risks to keep Evans open longer than 12 AM.

S.B. 06(S) 2 – this bill establishes the SOP for Operations and Constituency Affairs committee. Bill passed.

S.B. 06(S) 3 – Chair Murray – TexDot came to the city of Bryan and was looking for improvements in the road system. TexDot is going to make some bike lanes. This bill shows our support for this action.

S.B. 06(S) 5 – Purpose of this bill is to include procedures for impeaching a Senate member. Right now, if we moved to impeach, the Rules and Regulations Chair would have complete say over the procedures. We are, however, considering trimming the bill down.

Chair Murray – was this bill written in response to somebody? No, we are just a little scared of the hole in the by-laws.

Senator Weizel – Who does this apply to? Everyone that has an official title in SGA.

Habib Tai – is there any requirements to impeach someone? Yes, you must fill out a form.

Fendley - Does it have a misuse of power clause? That would be up to the interpretation of the senate.

This will not go into effect until next year.

This bill will be referred to rules and regulations committee.

S.B. 06(S) 6 – My first intent was to have a voting record for Student Senate. There should be a record for the people appointing you to your position. While voice votes speed things up, it should only be used if the votes are unanimous either way.

This bill has been referred to r and r.

Drew Jones – student research week march 27-31, graduate student council is putting it on. It will be at rudder tower. International week starts feb. 27. if you want to see a list of events, look at jim carlson's door. Relay for life, student government encourages people to register on-line. The second floor of the Msc will be turned into meeting rooms. Tpac has passed recommendation in support of the differential tuition proposals, but this currently only concerns Business students.

Will Hailey: 5 PM, Koldus 117, if you want to nominate a SSFAB committee member. If you have questions and concerns about tpac, connect Will.

Amanda Lanning: development day went over very well. I want to hear comments about legislation through the senate website.

Chair Barat: voting procedures: one of the main purposes of voting by ballet is to publish it on the website. We want to ensure that the student body has access to our voting records, so that we are held accountable for what we vote. We have an aa meeting march 5<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at the senate cube.

Chair Murray: college station city council meeting tomorrow is at 7 PM. We've had some fantastic developments in the external affairs committee. March the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 is our next meeting.

Rich Pontius: student services has been discussing with the administration about parking for students during the new construction. We are meeting for the department of food services, so if you have any comments contact us. We want healthier options on Southside.

Bicycle task force is also continuing to seek funding for new bike racks and routes. We are also voting on the physical plant report, so if you have any questions email me, Senator Longbottom. If you have a camera, take pictures of problems areas. Label those pictures and then send them to me.

Senator Freno: There's a lack of food items at the vending machines. We are trying to purchase four more vending machines.

Chair Nichols: meeting this Sunday at three. If you can't make this, send me an email if you are on my committee. We are going to discuss the impeachment process, if you have comments, come to the meeting. 5/7ths of the legislation this year has been through the rules and regulations committee.

Jennifer Faulkner: operations committee is next Wednesday night. We will have a representative going to relay for life. So if you want to go for us, contact us. We are going to have another dodgeball team. We have a fundraiser planned set for March 30 from 5:30-7:00. We will need six to seven volunteers to help with that. I would love feedback on the responsibility bill.

Campbell – Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> 8 PM is our next meeting. We had a college council roundtable, and there's minutes on the senate website.

Open Session: S.R. 06 (S) 8 – Senator Weizel – political science department just opened a program to get your masters in five years. This is open to eligible juniors. You will end up with your masters in Public Administration. We want to encourage all eligible juniors to apply. This would be a big draw for our university. Resolution passed.

S.R. 06 (S) 4 – Senator Weizel - Women's Softball beat the Hell Outta the Big XII Resolution – Resolution passed.

March 4<sup>th</sup> 7 PM, Will will be speaking.

Senator Tai – this is in concern to the newspaper article about Muslims yesterday. We have not done a very good job as Muslims sharing about our faith and ensuring that most of us are absolutely no threat to America. Rudder 410 7 pm we are talking about muslim prophets

Senator Currie – I believe that we should give respect to everyone that speaks to us.

Ovi – If you have any feedback on the senator responsibility bill, give me some feedback. If you want to sign up for dodgeball, come see me.

Senator Bathman – early voting for primaries started yesterday. I encourage you all to vote in the MSC.

Campbell – there's a mandatory candidates meeting tomorrow at 7 PM.

Senator Nix – Pi Sigma Alpha – political science fraternity – we are trying to get our active membership up, and trying to get the benefits of our organization out to political science majors.

Chair Murray – City Council elections are in May, and you have to register at least a month before to vote in the upcoming city elections.