I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Stovall at 3:30 pm.

II. VALUES STATEMENT

_I, as a citizen of SMU community, commit myself to upholding the values of intellectual integrity, academic honesty, personal responsibility, and sincere regard and respect for all SMU students, faculty, and staff._

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. FIRST ROLL CALL

| President Rainey                      |
| VP Fletcher                            |
| Secretary Jones                        |
| GAO Potter                             |
| Speaker Stovall                        |
| Parliamentarian DeVera                 |
| Senator Adams                          |
| Senator Beckman                        |
| Senator Bixby                          |
| Senator Cantrell                       |
| Senator Casey                          |
| Senator Charkhkar                      |
| Senator Dalton                         |
| Senator Dow                            |
| Senator Farr                           |
| Senator Frederick                      |
| Senator Gordon                         |
| Senator Gutierrez                       |
| Senator Hartley                        |
| Senator Healey                         |
| Senator Ibad                           |
| Senator Jajan                          |
| Senator Klein                          |
| Senator Lightner                       |
| Senator Lucci                          |
| Senator Manley                         |
| Senator Martinez                       |
| Senator McLaughlin                     |
| Senator Ovenshire                      |
| Senator Reppond                        |
| Senator Samuel                         |
| Senator Santoyo                        |
I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend the agenda and add a report under Parliamentarian DeVera. Motion approved.

Motion to amend the agenda and add a report under Chair Presley. Motion approved. Motion to approve the agenda as amended. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes. The minutes from the last meeting of the 102nd Student Senate were approved.

III. SPEAKER’S PODIUM

a. None.

IV. MOTION TO ALLOW MEDIA IN THE CHAMBER. MOTION APPROVED.

V. SENATOR LUCCI RAISED A POINT OF ORDER ON THE ORDER OF REPORTS. POINT OF ORDER WAS OVERRULED.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. S-103-2: Relating to the Dissolution of the Webmaster Position
   1. President Rainey: Makes the most sense to remove this position as a paid role because the duties have fallen under the communications chair in the past.
   2. Chair Hermeling: Other members of the committee have been doing the work of the Webmaster even though he was being paid.
   3. Questions:
      i. VP Fletcher: Friendly amendment line 8 from “payed” to “paid.”
      ii. Senator Cantrell: Is the money that has been allocated to this position being dissolved or is it going to another member of senate?
(1) Parliamentarian DeVera: It is being dissolved.

iii. Chair Ehmcke: When does this go into affect?

iv. Follow up: Who is the Webmaster?
   (1) John Sullivan

v. Senator Santoyo: How much was the person being paid?
   (1) Chair Hermeling: $600.

vi. Follow up: Would it be necessary to add the amount on here?
   (1) DeVera: It’s not necessary but it’s not unnecessary either.

vii. Chair Ehmcke: Is the webmaster the equivalent to the assistant comptroller or a chair?
   (1) President Rainey: No.

viii. Follow up: Are they ever expected to be in senate?
     (1) Parliamentarian DeVera: No, never in senate or a committee meeting.

ix. Chair Presley: I hire this person

VII. OLD BUSINESS
a. None.

VIII. OFFICER REPORTS
a. President Rainey:
   1. I heard retreat went well, I hope everyone who attended got something out of it.
   2. Expectations
      i. Come to senate every Tuesday and put your outside life aside. Come ready to work.
      ii. I have a sheet coming around with sign up times for one on ones. Please sign up for one
   3. Chief-of-Staff Vacancy
      i. I have the power to appoint any vacancies, to make the process as fair as possible, anyone interested please email me at brainey@smu.edu. Please attach your resume, why you should be chief of staff, why you want to be chief of staff, and three goals for the year. Then we will have interviews and will confirm my selection next week.
   4. As it stands in the by-laws everyone must participate in an office hour weekly. We are going to wait to introduce the Legislation Committee next week, and I would like to have a meeting so we can edit it to your liking. The idea is to take that office hour that hasn’t been used productively and making it into something productive.
   5. I need to appoint someone to the University Committee
      i. Yield my time to Senator McLaughlin
         (1) You’re approving new classes to the university curriculum. About an hour and half every other week.
         (2) Yield back to President Rainey.
      ii. Every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. please email me if interested.

b. Vice-President Fletcher:
   1. Senate Liaison Program
i. Gathering turnover information, once I get all the updated info I will turn that information back over to you so that you can have a cluster of orgs to be a liaison to. More info to come.

2. Committee Budget Request
   i. At the end of the semester I will submit the budget to y’all, in the next few weeks the chairs need to be thinking about their budget for next semester.

3. Student Senate Reception
   i. We did this last semester; it’s a great way to make connections.
   ii. Doing this in this semester so you can utilize those connections through the year. More info to come.

c. Secretary Jones:
   1. Email me if you aren’t in the dropbox!
   2. Fill out contact info google doc.

d. GAO Potter:
   1. No Report.

e. Parliamentarian DeVera:
   1. My job is to be your Sergeant-at-Arms.
   2. Chief-of-Staff Position
      i. Check the governing documents for the duties of the Chief-of-Staff.
      ii. The way this position was filled last semester was by nominations and secret ballot from a senator already in the chamber.
      iii. In the by-laws, there are no instructions as to what the protocol is when a Student Senate Officer seat is vacated. My interpretation of the by-laws is that when this occurs it is at the discretion of the President who is fills the position, unless otherwise stated by the by-laws (such as an empty senate seat, that falls under the Membership Chair).
      iv. If interested email President Rainey, make sure to read up on the governing documents, you’ll submit all stated earlier plus in person interview.
      v. After President Rainey makes his decision the chamber will approve it.

f. Speaker Stovall:
   1. Please write out your reports, as is the example in the agenda.
   2. I renamed the “Diligence” folder on Dropbox to “Chamber”.

g. Executive Director Jones:
   1. Welcome to the Chamber.
   2. The retreat was great, you missed out on the semi homemade cookies if you weren’t there.
   3. Last semester, at our first meeting, we had a senate contract. If you were not able to submit a contract please fill one out and turn it in to me before you leave.
   4. Be aware:
      i. Health Center is up and running. Official opening on September 16th.
         (1) If available at 11:45 a.m., please be there.
         (2) Free food and a concert happening.
      ii. National Night Out
         (1) Talk about safety and a flyover, a dorm burn, and a skit that talks about an active shooting. It will be contained on the Dallas Hall Lawn if you’d like to participate.
(2) October 4\(^{th}\), from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Umph will be serving their meal outside that day.

(3) We can all go after chamber together.

5. Acknowledgment of our Dean of Students in the chamber Dr. Vogel.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Communications:
   1. We are going to be doing a lot more social media, and capturing a lot more stuff.
   2. Everyone should be following and liking everything.

b. Diversity:
   1. Event Thursday 9/29 at 7:30 in HT Commons, more info to come.

c. Endowment:
   1. No Report.

d. Finance:
   1. I gave a presentation at the retreat, and you missed a lot of good info.
   2. I’m in the comptroller’s office every Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., come see me so you can get all the info!
   3. You must know this:
      i. Student Senate does not have a checking account.
      (1) You can’t spend money if it isn’t already appropriated!
      ii. Senators don’t have budgets!
      (1) But you can fund things as a senator! You will come into a weekly funding meeting held Thursdays at 3:30.
      iii. It takes 15 days for funding to be officially approved.
      iv. We don’t reimburse things.
      v. Contact Info: behmcke@smu.edu, 712-899-2431

4. Senate Weekly Finance will meet for the first time this Thursday. I need 8 of you to please volunteer to help JUST this week. We start at 3:30 p.m. and will probably be done by 4:30 p.m.
   i. Senator Davis
   ii. Senator Cantrell
   iii. Senator Manley
   iv. Senator Ovenshire
   v. Senator Reppond
   vi. Senator Santiago
   vii. Senator Santoyo
   viii. Senator Shipman

5. Questions
   i. Matthew Lucci: Can you stress the 15 days please?

  e. Investments:
     1. Student run investments portfolio, about 20 open positions. Returned 6% since inception. Good way to learn about the stock market. We meet once or twice a month. 2-3 presentations/stock pitches a semester.

f. Membership:
   1. Reading of Chair Thomas’s Resignation Letter.
   2. Mandatory Candidates meeting immediately following this.
   3. GM apps, 70 odd people applied.
   4. Recommendations on Senate Vacancies
      i. Motion to seal the chamber. Chamber is sealed.
ii. My job is to find people to fill those vacancies, some approached me, part of the by-laws states that I can go to people who have served in senate before as well as

(1) Questions
(a) Senator Reppond:
   (i) Were there applications?
   (a) Yes.
   (b) I yield my time to Senator Reppond.
   (i) In the past we have always done interviews
   (ii) Time yielded back.
   (c) We have done this in the past, yes but we haven’t had this happen this year. The applications have been out and the student body has known, and only these two have applied.
(b) Chair Hermeling: Is the meadows seat open?
   (i) Yes.
   (a) Actually it is not.
(c) Chair Ehmcke: Would it be less shady if we waited till after the applications closed to approve these seats?
(d) Senator Gordon: Isn’t there a precedent for graduate senators?
   (i) Follow up: I find it hard to believe that no one wanted the cox vacancy, did he approach you or did he fill an application?
   (a) He was recommended to me by the MBA Student Advisory Board as the person they wanted to serve. This is the precedent for all the other graduate schools, they send their senators to us.
(e) Senator Reppond: Would you consider reopening the applications so that others can have a chance to apply?
   (i) Sure. I don’t get to just make up this list, I haven’t pulled this out of thin air.
(f) Chair Hermeling: Would you update the application on line so that it is open to cox and meadows?
   (i) Yes.
(g) Senator Lucci: Does it not say in our constitution that one seat must be reserved for a graduate student unless no graduate student applies?
   (i) No but thank you.
(h) Chair Ehmcke: Are we then opening the Cox seat to only graduate seats?
   (i) The MBA association has said this is who they want for this position but I will reach out to them to see if anyone else is interested.
(i) President Rainey: You’re going to keep the application open and update it for Meadows and Cox, can we extend the date?
(i) They don’t close till September 7th, I think there is plenty of time but we can extend it if we need too.

(j) Senator Santoyo: We were supposed to approve these seats today, can we approve the MBA position today?

(i) I think it would be better to just hold off.

iii. Motion to unseal the chamber. Chamber unsealed.

g. Organizations:
   1. We help perspective orgs come in for their temporary and then official charter.
   2. My committee will be meeting Monday’s at 1:30.

h. Scholarships:
   1. No Report.

i. Student Center:
   1. No Report.

j. Student Concerns:
   1. No Report.

X. SENATORIAL FORUM
   a. None.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. President Rainey: Thursday September 8th Fondren Library. At 11 a.m. Open house.

XII. SECOND ROLL CALL

| President Rainey   |   |
| VP Fletcher        |   |
| Secretary Jones    |   |
| GAO Potter         |   |
| Speaker Stovall    |   |
| Parliamentarian DeVera | |
| Senator Adams      |   |
| Senator Beckman    |   |
| Senator Bixby      |   |
| Senator Cantrell   |   |
| Senator Casey      |   |
| Senator Charkhkar  |   |
| Senator Dalton     |   |
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| Senator Farr       |   |
| Senator Frederick  |   |
| Senator Gordon     |   |
| Senator Gutierrez  | A |
| Senator Hartley    | A |
| Senator Healey     |   |
| Senator Ibad       |   |
| Senator Jaian      |   |
| Senator Klein      |   |
| Senator Lightner   |   |
| Senator Lucci      |   |
| Senator Manley     |   |
### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the first meeting of the 103rd Student Senate was adjourned at 4:40 by Speaker Stovall.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Jones  
Student Body Secretary