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      |   |
| Chief of Staff Reppond |   |
| Speaker Stovall |   |
| Parliamentarian DeVerá |   |
| Senator Adams  |   |
| Senator Beckman | E |
| Senator Bixby   |   |
| Senator Blakley |   |
| Senator Cantrell |   |
| Senator Catlin  |   |
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| Senator Cohen   |   |
| Senator Dalton  |   |
| Senator Dow     |   |
| Senator Farr    |   |
| Senator Fuller  |   |
| Senator Gordon  | E |
| Senator Gutierrez |   |
| Senator Healey  |   |
| Senator Hyde    |   |
| Senator Ibad    |   |
| Senator Jajan   |   |
| Senator Klein   | E |
| Senator Lightner |   |
| Senator Lucci   |   |
| Senator Manley  |   |
| Senator McLaughlin |   |
| Senator Ovenshire |   |
| Senator Samuel  |   |
| Senator Santoyo |   |

\[ THIS WEEK IN SENATE \]

- Congrats to all the newly sworn in senators!

\[ UPCOMING EVENTS \]

Chamber next week, 09/27/16, business professional!
I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to add Jake Torres to Speaker's Podium. Motion to approve the agenda as amended. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes. The minutes from the previous meeting of the 103nd Student Senate were approved.

III. SPEAKER'S PODIUM
   a. Erica Zamora
      1. I have transitioned to the OMSA office; we have a retreat coming up called Mustang Intersections over fall break, the intersection of diversity and leadership. It is two nights, and we will be talking about social change.
      2. We wanted to extend a special invitation to members of senate, because our focus is on change.
      3. We are partnering with Community Engagement and Leadership as well as RLSH, to invite commons council and such, people who can bring about change.
      4. October 7-9th.
      5. Senator Samuel: Did you know I was at this event last year and unless you are 100% competent in diversity I'd encourage everyone to try and attend.
      6. Senator Santoyo: Are there any fees?
         i. No.
   b. Jake Torres
      1. I served in this body as an undergrad, thank you for your hard work.
      2. I am the Student Rep. to the Board of Trustees.
      3. sitorres@smu.edu
      4. Please reach out to me if you are interested in any of the open committee positions, and email me with any concerns you have on campus.
5. Chair Hermeling: Is it all right if I share your email address?  
   i. Yes
6. President Rainey: You used to be involved with the student senate in your day, what was the position?  
   i. I was student body president in 2010-2011.

IV. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS
   a. President Rainey: I yield my time to chair Presley.
   b. Chair Presley: Presentation of the vacancies applicants.
      1. Madisen Reid – Meadows
      2. Cory Mitchel – Lyle
      3. Jason Waller - Lyle
      4. Tripp Worley - Dedman
      5. DeAngelo Garner - Meadows
      6. Philip Spencer - Cox
      7. Shashank Aggarwal - International
   c. Motion to seal the chamber. Motion approved.
   d. Filling 7 vacancies. We still have 2 vacant seats in Simmons.
   e. Motion to see the committee’s recommendation in block. Motion approved.
   f. Motion to approve the committee’s recommendation in block. Motion approved.
   g. Motion to unseal the chamber. Motion approved.
   h. Swearing in of the vacancy applicants.

V. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES WITH NEW OR OLD BUSINESS
   a. Finance Committee
      1. New Business
         i. Perkins School of Theology……………………………………$645/$809 11-0-0
         ii. Perkins School of Theology……………………………………$260/$440 11-0-0
         iii. Delta Sigma Pi…………………………………………………$515/$1315 11-0-0
         iv. Lyle Ambassadors……………………………………….$696/$3649 10-1-0
         v. SMU Rugby Club………………………………………..$500/$500 9-2-0
         vi. Engineers Without Borders……………………………..$2000/$3055 11-0-0
         vii. Pre-Major Senators……………………………………….$150/$150 11-0-0
      2. Old Business:
         i. Club Tennis………………………………………………...$780/$780 11-0-0
         ii. Women and LGBT Center. Spectrum, OMSA…..$5000/$5000 11-0-0
         iii. Senate Diversity Committee…………………………..$161/$625.54 8-1-1
      3. Senator Lucci: Why did two vote against Rugby Club?  
         i. They were bringing 30 students; we had funded 7 rooms for 2 nights in their budget. They needed two more rooms for two more nights to send the rest of the team. The dispute was returning members of the finance committee had qualms about the truth of their request.
      4. Chief of Staff Reppond: Was there a reason we didn't fund DSP's airfare?  
         i. No. We want for events like this for students to have a buy in so students don't get plane tickets for free from us and then don't go to the conference they said they would.
         ii. Follow Up: If they selected certain people on the trip, could you possibly fund the airfare for the event?
(1) No, because the committee was not comfortable funding the value in full.
5. Parliamentarian DeVeera: Did you know that Rugby had a larger incoming class than last year?
   i. Yes.
6. Senator Cantrell: Did you know that part of the reason the Finance Committee didn’t fund DSP in full was because of the balance in their checking account?
   i. Yes.
7. Senator Gordon: Did you know that you make some good points?
   i. Follow up: Would someone motion to see this separately and fund in full?
   (1) We aren’t voting on this today.
8. I will not be accepting friendly amendments today. We hold all organizations to the same standards, and those organizations who have more representation in the chamber should not see special treatment.
9. Motion to see old business in block. Motion approved.
10. Motion to approve the committee’s recommendation in block. Motion approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Consideration of the President’s Appointment of Lyle Senator Matthew Lucci to the Position of Student Center Committee Chair.
      1. Motion to suspend the rules and see New Business as Old Business.
      2. Motion to approve President Rainey’s recommendation.

VII. OLD BUSINESS
   a. S·103·3 by Rainey, Jones, DeVeera, Shipman, and Shirzad: Relating to the Reformation of Office Hours.
      1. President Rainey: This does two things: updates them to reflect our new online appointment system and adding collaboration groups as an option in lieu of office hours. You can meet about anything senate related. Friendlies: extend time required for each collaboration group from 15 to 30 minutes and requiring one member of each group submit a 2-3 sentence report for every meeting.
      2. Senator Lightner: Did you know that you mentioned changing office hours time constraint and it is not in the bill?
         i. That falls under the purview of the Secretary.
      3. Senator Manley: The time stamped photo must be sent once a week?
         i. It is suggested, not mandatory.
      4. Senator Samuel: Was one of the concerns with the submission of a report each week that it “set undertones of mistrust in the chamber?”
      5. Senator Kosub: On line 44 it can be a picture, but it is not limited to a picture, what other ways are acceptable?
         i. It can be anything.
         ii. Follow up: Should we move to a more standardized way of accountability?
            (1) Secretary Jones: Yes. We just do not have that standard yet. If anyone has any ideas please reach out to exec, we want to find a standard accountability system in the future.
      6. Senator Samuel: Is it true that since previous office hours were a swipe or scan that is why just sending an email would not work?
         i. Secretary Jones: Correct, an email or a sign in can be faked. I am not saying anyone would od such a thing, but still.
7. Motion to enter into debate. Motion approved.
8. Motion to divide lines 147-153 from the motion. Motion is divided.
9. Senator Shirzad: The best way to go forward with fixing office hours is adding these collaboration groups. All my office hours have been spent alone, and this allows you to work with others on a regular basis.
10. Senator Shipman: This is only adding flexibility, it is not mandating anything.
11. Motion to call the question. Motion approved.
12. Concluding Statement, V.P. Fletcher: This is a way to give you all more freedom and increase productivity. We don’t want you to sit in an office hour if it is wasting your time.
13. Motion to pass resolution S-103-3 excluding lines 147-153. Resolution passed.
14. President Rainey: We chose to add this because it allows a higher standard of accountability as well as keeping everyone up to date on who is doing what.
15. Senator Lucci: Are you aware that there are no repercussions stated in this section?
   i. Yes, but in the total bill, it would result in an unexcused tardy. The focus was not punishment.
16. Senator Kosub: Have you considered the secretaries bias in judging when something is productive?
   i. He is not judging anything he is using the report to send out to the chamber so everyone knows what is going on.
17. Senator Dow: If a committee submitted a picture but not a report would incite a tardy?
   i. Secretary Jones: No, I would just reach out to you.
18. Senator Samuel: Are you aware that this is a great way to keep communication open to everyone?
   i. Yes.
19. Chief of Staff Reppond: In the past we will go through a meeting and no ones will be sure what happened last meeting, this is a great way to resolve this. Did you know this is a good way to structure meeting?
20. Senator Kosub: If there is no punishment how is it keeping people accountable?
   i. Punishment should not be held over your head to be accountable. If something is required it is required.
21. Motion to enter into debate. Motion approved.
22. President Rainey: This is not about accountability specifically, though it encourages accountability, it is more about communication.
23. Senator Gordon: If the original intent of the bill is to encourage more productivity, I believe this deviates from the bill.
24. Senator Shirzad: This amendment has good intentions but I don’t support it. This is just setting up more requirements and hoops people jump through which will make everyone less productive. I think this should be encouraged but not required to do it.
25. Point of Inquiry: Senator Catlin: Must you debate only against a bill?
   i. No you can respond in favor.
26. Senator Ovenshire: I would encourage you to vote in favor for this bill. We are getting more freedom, so I think it is perfectly understandable to add something into this bill to make sure that freedom is not abused. I don’t see how this is not keeping us accountable to our constituents.
27. Senator Kosub: I was not concerned about the punishment, but it doesn’t ever specifically say that it facilitates communication. I urge the chamber to vote against it.

28. Point of Inquiry: Senator Santoyo: Is it true that if this is not approved it is done?
   i. If someone wants to write a new piece of legislation with this same stuff they can but it would be a whole new bill.

29. Senator Samuel: There was sentiment of exec vs. us. This is not true, none of this is about us, it is about students. Do you think it is worth it to give our students 3 sentences to know what we are up to? I strongly encourage people to vote for this.

30. Senator Klein: It is not exec vs. us this is us to the student body. You are seeing this as work and not a tool, but that is what this is, a tool. I urge to vote in favor.

31. Chief of Staff Reppond: I would urge everyone to vote in favor of this. This is working towards the end of having everyone do what they want to do and sharing that.

32. President Rainey: I agree with the sentiments of Senator Samuel, Klein, and Ovenshire, this bill is already passed and we are just debating these lines. I would say that if you would like to make it stronger I’d urge you to vote in favor so we can amend it in the weeks to come.

33. GAO Potter: If you can’t commit to writing three sentences that is shorter than the average text message you shouldn’t be here.

34. Senator Reid: I think it is so sad that is has gotten to the point that we have to pass legislation to make us do our job. We need to see more people at that podium with legislation, not the same people over and over, and this could help foster that.

35. Senator Shirzad: The point is I am taking a principles stance, we should just do our job, not have it mandated in the by-laws. I urge to vote against this.

36. Senator Shipman: In general committee meeting committee takes notes. This is the same train of thought. At first I was very against mandating something, but that is why I like this so much is because there is no punishment. Someone should be taking notes anyway, so you could just send those notes to the secretary.

37. Senator McLaughlin: I think Senator Shirzad has the right idea, there needs to be a cultural shift. That being said, this sets the bar for us. A cultural change will not come about from choosing to send three sentences.

38. Senator Kosub: I agree with the sentiment that we should be communicating with our students. Everyone has said that we should be communicating with our students but nowhere in these lines is that mentioned.

39. President Rainey: Motion to call the question. Motion approved.

40. Senator Samuel: I am concerned with Shirzad’s “to come” statement. Should it not be a good thing that people will be doing this for years to come? This is becoming more and more about us not our students. This argument is about us doing things on our own will.

41. Senator Adams: I am extremely uncomfortable with passing something without repercussions to back it up.

42. V.P. Fletcher: Think about what will come about from this bill for our students.

43. Final Authorship: If you are voting against because it is not strong enough, id encourage against that. This can be amended in the future after passing it.

44. Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: If someone is on the list before the question is called don’t they have to be recognized? Senator Gordon was not recognized.
i. Yes. You are recognized.

(1) There is nothing in this bill about communication to the students.

45. Voice vote to pass the divided lines 147-153. The aye’s have it.
46. Motion for division vote. Motion approved. Bill is passed by vote of 37 ayes 5 nays.

VIII. OFFICER REPORTS
a. President Rainey:
   1. Please let me know if you haven’t had a one on one.

b. Vice-President Fletcher:
   1. All those opinions were going towards good things. That was great.
   2. Welcome to the new senators.
   3. Laptops:
      i. I know we have them out sometimes, the time they absolutely cannot be
         open is speaker’s podium.
   4. Coming and going: if you are gone for more than 20 minutes you will be counted
      absent. Be aware as you are coming and going.
   5. Calendar site, we are on track to launch it in the foreseeable future, upon the
      clearance of various SMU offices. I am cutting off the ability for organizations to
      give me their dates until it is up and running which they can edit and add later.
   6. Senator Cohen: Can I keep my laptop open for Skimm?
      i. Yes.

c. Secretary Jones:
   1. Do your meet and greets!

d. Chief of Staff Reppond:
   1. Slack is a messaging app for teams, and we are discussing bringing that into
      senate. It is really cool.
   2. Chairs, if you haven’t met with me please lets have a one-on-one.

e. GAO Potter:
   1. No Report.

f. Parliamentarian DeVera:
   1. No Report.

g. Speaker Stovall:
   1. I am so thrilled with the body today. I am so proud to be apart of this today.
      Thank you for your hard work and attention. You put the Texas House to shame.
   2. I got almost everyone’s written report. Thank you.
   3. It is your job to keep exec and chairs accountable.
   4. On the last page of the agenda is a blank resolution. Fill that out and meet with
      your group or whatever and hand it to me.

h. Executive Director Jones:
   1. I am amazed at what you did today. This is what this is about, friendly debate,
      having an opinion, voicing your opinion, and making change.
   2. Some problems to you may be very small, but to your constituents is huge.
      Hypothetically, people are saying this place is going down, because one building’s
      trash is not being picked up the entire building and the stench is awful. This has
      only happened in the past month or so.
   3. I want to invite everyone to the fish fry on Friday, and yours truly has cooked all
      300 pounds of fish for 21 years straight.
   4. Senator Kosub: Where is information about the fish fry?
i. It is on the family weekend schedule.

5. Senator Gutierrez: What should someone do about that hypothetical situation that doesn’t require legislation?
   i. I am your resource come see me.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Communications:
   1. Chairs an email has been sent to you check it out.
   2. Senate Skimm: you must unsubscribe from the email list to not see it.
   3. Check out the calendar on the website.
   4. Tell your constituents about the website.
   5. Elise and I are working on a linkedin.
   6. We have a senate photographer.
   7. President Rainey: Will you show where constituents go to make an appointment?
      i. Sure.
   8. Senator Gordon: How long has this been up?
      i. A month.
      ii. Follow up: Have we had anyone signed up yet?
         (1) No.
   9. Senator Shirzad: Why did you say in the daily campus that Boaz was a shooter playground?
      i. I was misquoted. I have been through RA training and professionals have said some things and my personal opinion is that they are not ready for some things.
      ii. Follow up: You’re quote is still there.
         (1) I was not informed it was even going on the website, so I can ask for it to be removed.
   10. Chair Silensky: Would you say this a great time to think about what our speaker said last week and join faculty senate on safety concerns?
       i. Yes.

b. Diversity:
   1. Fish fry with desert. We will be doing voter registration drive.
   2. Big event the 26th at the flagpole from 11-5 p.m. Last event October 6th.
   3. We meet from 5-6 p.m. on Thursdays.
   4. Embry Human Rights Program, working with them about bring a speaker on cultural awareness. I am looking into teachers giving students extra credit.
   5. Isolation of Greek life is a big issue, and we will be working on that.
   6. Senator Samuel: What did you mean by Greek isolation?
      i. There is a disconnect of students who aren’t Greek, and then there are members of NPHC, MGC groups that feel isolated.
   7. V.P. Fletcher: Are you aware that one good starting point would be comfy couch where we bring together some of those offices?
      i. Awesome.

c. Endowment:
   1. No Report.

d. Investments:
   1. No Report.

e. Membership:
1. I am not quitting my position until the end of my term in February. Reach out to me if you are interested in the position for next year.

2. Vacancies:
   i. 2 Simmons
   ii. One Cox
   iii. Law and Perkins spots, being filled by grad councils.

f. Organizations:
   1. No Report.

g. Scholarships:
   1. No Report.

h. Student Center:
   1. No Report.

i. Student Concerns:
   1. No Report.

X. SENATORIAL FORUM
   a. Chair Ehmcke:
      1. I have been writing down ideas you’ve been offering, there will be a task force to review the standards and the notes will be brought to the task force. The new standards don’t have to be approved by you but I will go over them with you.
         i. Chief of Staff Reppond: What happens with charities that we fund?
            (1) No conclusions. If you have something specific email me at senatefinance@smu.edu.
         ii. Parliamentarian DeVera: There is nothing in the standards about food correct?
            (1) We cannot fund food unless the purpose of the event is food. Such as Korean thanksgiving, we don’t fund food for meetings or food purposes.
            (2) Follow Up: What are your thoughts on funding one group dinner?
               (a) I am seeking knowledge not giving it.
         iii. Senator Shirzad: Can non-chartered organizations get senate funding?
            (1) Non-chartered and individuals are eligible for weekly funding!
            Type senate finance into google and the first thing that pops us is the weekly form. Only chartered are available for semester budgets.
         iv. Comments:
            (1) Senator Samuel: Have you considered funding food for those going to conferences? And can you consider a need-based process for food?
               (a) No not yet, and I will take note of that.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. Chair Hermeling
      1. I’m in Chi Omege. We have an event on Wednesday October 5th, it is Work it for Wishes, doors open at 7:30. If you would like a ticket you can get one from any of us. It is a fashion show, with raffles. We raised 150k at our last event, which granted 15 wishes. There is a wish kid there, and we normally grant at least one wish there. All money goes to make a wish North Texas.
### XII. SECOND ROLL CALL

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A – absent; T – tardy; E – excused
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the September 21nd meeting of the 103rd Student Senate was adjourned at 5:42 by Speaker Stovall.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Jones
Student Body Secretary