I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Stovall at 3:34 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 DeVera |
| Senator Adams     |
| Senator Aggarwal  |
| Senator Beckman   |
| Senator Bixby     |
| Senator Blakley   |
| Senator Brooks    |
| Senator Cantrell  |
| Senator Catlin    |
| Senator Charkhkar |
| Senator Cohen     |
| Senator Dalton    |
| Senator Dow       |
| Senator Farr      |
| Senator Fuller    |
| Senator Garner    |
| Senator Gilchrest |
| Senator Gordon    |
| Senator Gutierrez |
| Senator Hartley   |
| Senator Healey    |
| Senator Hyde      |
| Senator Ibad      |
| Senator Jajan     |
| Senator Klein     |
| Senator Kosub     |
| Senator Lightner  |

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**THIS WEEK IN SENATE**

- We passed 4 pieces today!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Last Chamber this semester! Good luck on finals and have a great break, see you in the new year.
I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Beurkle: motion to add new business under Organizations Committee. Senator Kosub: motion to approve the agenda as amended. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Ibad: motion to approve the minutes. The minutes from the previous meeting of the 103nd Student Senate were approved.

III. SPEAKER'S PODIUM

a. Jennifer Jones

1. Please enjoy refreshments outside.
2. Senator Kosub: motion to recess for ten minutes. We will reconvene at 3:49.
3. Chair Lucci, Point of Order: our recess ended four minutes ago. Sustained.

IV. CONFIRMATION AND SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

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A – absent; T – tardy; E – excused
a. President Rainey
   1. Senator Kosub: motion to seal the chamber.
   2. I yield my time to Chief of Staff Reppond.
      i. Senator Shirzad:
         (1) Can you take me through more of your reasoning for Membership Chair?
            (a) Incredibly involved in high school, fantastic resume, and most qualified person for the position.
            (b) I yield my time back.
            (i) President Rainey: I was very hesitant at first, but after her interview I was beyond impressed.
      ii. Senator Adams:
          (1) What was something specific on her resume?
          (2) Secretary Jones: Point of Order
             (a) Debatable. Sustained
      iii. Senator Ovenshire: motion to confirm the nominations. Second.
      iv. Senator Adams: motion to enter debate. Approved.
          (1) Chair Lucci, Point of Order: Article 8 of Policies and Procedures outlines that there is a complaint process when it comes to the appointment of vacancies. This can be suspended and we can debate them. We are out of order because this is not old business. The motion on the table is invalid.
      v. Senator Schlinkert: motion to suspend the rules and treat new business as old business.
      vii. Senator Kosub: Motion to confirm the Membership Chair nominee. Seconded.
      viii. Motion to enter into debate. Seconded.
          (1) President Rainey: We had some reservations with Senator Wells. We were looking for someone to be completely committed to the process. Based on his record as a senator I did not feel like he could handle the position. He hasn’t attended most of my collaboration groups. He signed up to attend summer senate, and he didn’t attend any of the meetings. He was tasked with coming up with the survey for toilet paper, he wanted responsibility, and it took a month and half of me following up with him and me calling in Nathan.
             (a) Chair Lucci: Point of Personal Privilege on the behalf of Senator Wells.
             (b) He would do a good job yes.
          (2) Senator Kosub: I have met Gabrielle and I think she would do amazing, and I think we should trust Chief of Staff Reppond. They went through an interview process that we didn’t.
          (3) Senator Adams: My reservation that is as a freshmen she can’t handle the position.
          (4) Chair Ehmcke: Do we have a plan for her turnover? Caroline Street is amazing and I interviewed her as a Senator.
          (5) Senator Farr: The freshmen seems vetted, I know there are worries that she is a freshmen. This membership job doesn’t seem
to hard. I can be apathetic, and so can other people. If we have someone who hasn’t seen the apathy in the chamber, she may be inspired to just do the job well. She will have to blaze her own path. Davis does know a lot of people. I think they made a good decision.

Senator Gutierrez: Regardless if Gabriella is appointed, please keep your opinions to yourself because she deserves that.

Senator Shirzad: I would like to defend some things about Davis. He has been in charge of toilet paper, which is not necessarily very inspiring. He was an AARO leader and he probably shouldn’t have volunteered. I think a big part of the decision was adding someone new to the chamber, and I think the other two candidates weren’t new but had better reach on campus.

Parliamentarian DeVer: No matter who would be in that position. The training process would be the same no matter who was picked. Gabriella is great, she has been in student government when she was in high school, for four years. She is salutatorian. We asked her how she would reach out to the student body for the position. She made it seem like she would go into every single classroom. She talked about going to every dean, not just on Facebook, without any knowledge of how they work already.

Senator Samuel: It doesn’t make sense to ask for a proven record because then we would have to throw the resume out of. We have a great candidate outside, and no one who was debating were in the interviews and I feel as if it is pointless to debate if you weren’t at interviews because you do not know the true value of each candidate.

Chair Cox: I had zero involvement on campus and no experience, and I feel like I am doing a good job. I am so passionate about this position I think that it makes up for what experience I lacked.

Chair Hermeling: Elections last year, people were under the wrong schools, etc. so many problems. I think someone who has been on campus and has seen it will and has experience will be better. It is not the time to be bringing in new talent in such an important position. Davis knows so many people on this campus. Caroline was the membership chair for Tri-Delt. The other two candidates know so many more people and have so much experience but I truly believe we need someone older.

Senator Santoyo: motion to call the question. Seconded. Approved.

Chief of Staff Reppond: I don’t see this as a downside. I was a freshmen membership chair. I didn’t know anything about senate. With the turnover we have I was able to get up to speed. We brought her in very early, she has a bigger buffer than the chair normally does. I think she can handle this position more than anyone. I support Davis as a friend, but I think he is great in his role right now and this position is not for him. I think she had an amazing interview and had great ideas. I am also friends with
Caroline, yet she is taking on President of Tri Delta and she agrees that that would be too much.

(14) Chair Lucci: I respect your decision, I would like to propose a solution. Can we consider appointing her as Vice Chair and then giving the position to someone better experienced to train her.

(15) President Rainey: I apologize to Senator Shirzad for interrupting him. I agree with Chair Hermeling's argument going into the interview but afterwards my concerns melted away. Her record, enthusiasm, new ideas, she is outstanding.

(16) Gabriella Gonzalez was approved.

(17) Chair Lucci: motion to unseal the chamber.

3. Cox – Natalie Pliura
4. Membership Chair – Gabriella Gonzalez

b. Swearing in of the new senator and chair.

V. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES WITH NEW OR OLD BUSINESS

a. Finance

1. New Business:
   i. None.

2. Old Business:
   i. Engineers Without Borders .............................................$4000/5000 11-0-0
   ii. Relay for Life ..................................................................$66/276 11-0-0
   iii. Student Senate .................................................................$385/385 6-4-1
   iv. International Student Fellowship .................................$2000/2000 11-0-0
   v. Senate Diversity Committee ...............................$2784/3843.75 9-2-0
   vi. Sisters Supporting Sisters .................................................$0/950 9-2-0
   vii. National Society for Black Engineers .........................$425/1119.60 11-0-0
   viii. Not on My Campus ..........................................................$242/242 8-0-0

3. We have new standards which will be utilized as of January for chartered organizations going through weekly.
   i. Advertising - $25
   ii. Banner - $75
   iii. Food - $150
   iv. Entertainment - $375
   v. Decorations - $75
   vi. DJ - $300

4. Senator Kosub motion to approve the committee's recommendation in block.
   Motion to approve.

5. Chair Cox: how are we letting orgs know about these standards?
   i. I will be hosting finance meetings that are optional come the spring.

6. V.P. Fletcher: Did you know that this would be a great way to liaise with your organizations?

7. Chair Cox: For Diversity committee you gave me more than I was emailed?

8. Senator Kosub, point of order: it’s already approved.

b. Investments Committee Recommendations for Approval

1. Senators Shirzad and McLaughlin.

2. Old Business:
   i. Recommend to buy
      (1) AutoZone (NYSE:AZO)
(2) Aramark (NYSE: ARMK)
(3) Garmin (Nasdaq: GRMN)
(4) Welltower (NYSE: HCN)

ii. Recommend to sell
   (1) Southwest (NYSE: LUV)

iii. Senator Gutierrez: motion to approved the committee’s recommendation. 
    Approved.

c. Scholarship Committee:
   1. We had 270 applicants for fall scholarships, we had tons of help in the review 
      process.
   2. Chair Troy: motion to seal the chamber. Approved.
   3. Giving away 14 scholarships, $36,000.
      i. Meredith Burke
      ii. Destiny Murphy
      iii. Tyler Steudel
      iv. Iqra Parupia
      v. David Shirzad
      vi. Sam Weber
      vii. Tamara Winter
      viii. Rumaldo Robles
      ix. Daniel Rosa
      x. Vivek Sanghvi Jain
      xi. Shashank Aggarwal,
      xii. Mathieu Debi,
      xiii. Gary Stollar
   4. Senator Schlinkert: motion to suspend the rules and see new business as old 

d. Organizations Committee
   1. New Business:
      i. Recommend for Temporary Charter:
         (1) SHPE 3-0-0
         (2) Undergraduate Economics Club 3-0-0
   2. Old Business:
      i. Recommend Temporary Charter
         (1) Cyber Security Club 3-0-0
         (2) Chinese Club 0-3-0
         (3) Japanese Culture Club 3-0-0
      ii. Recommend Revocation
         (1) Her Campus SMU
         (2) IEEE
         (3) Phi Tau Sigma
         (4) Play Like a Girl! At SMU
         (5) SMU ELLis
         (6) SMU Fit
         (7) Trap and Skeet Club
         (8) Coaching for Literacy
4. Secretary Jones: motion to see committee’s recommendation in block. Seconded. Approved.
5. Senator Schlinkert motions to approve old business in block.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   a. None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS
   a. S-103-7 by Ms. Samuel, et. al., relating to the Creation of a Senate Seat for Students Identifying as Members of the Athletic Community at SMU
      1. Senator Samuel: athletes don’t have a voice.
      2. Senator Kosub: how is this different from the current athlete representation in the chamber?
         i. Secretar Jones: Not always the case one of our senators are athletes
      3. Senator Fuller: Athletes are represented by current senators. What can an athletic senator do that we can’t already?
         i. Same answer as above.
      4. Shirzad: Any changes to the legislation?
         i. Jones: two little pieces changed.
      5. Senator Manley: Despite being an athlete, my first focus is not always athletic interest.
         i. Parliamentarian: debatable.
         ii. Senator Manley: Are you aware I have switched my position to supporting this legislation
      6. VP Fletcher: Athletes feel excluded despite making up a significant portion of our population.
         i. Parliamentarian Devera: Point of Order, debatable.
      7. Senator Lucci: How does it get around being a minority senator?
         i. Jones: same process as international senator was passed.
      8. Senator Ovenshire: Motion to enter into debate
         i. Passed.
         ii. First debate:
            (1) Secretary Jones: should take care of some of these issues between meetings.
            (2) Senator Shipman: athletic concerns are never brought up in chamber.
         iii. Chair Cox: Not qualified to represent some of the categories despite them having just as many issues as any other issue on campus
         iv. COS Reppond: athletes have rigid schedule that might make them coming to Senate meetings infeasible
         v. Senator Kosub: By-laws only allow us to create seats for ethnic minority students. Follow up, this will lead to too much double representation and perhaps overrepresentation
         vi. Senator Lucci: Office of registrar does not recognize these groups as ethnic groups- which violates our by-laws
vii. Senator Ovenshire: supports these because he thinks Senators will work hard if elected for those specific reasons
viii. Senator Adams: Agrees with Senator Lucci
ix. Secretary Jones: upset that no one has raised these points during the semester
x. Senator Naomi: this comes down to constitutional issues over doing what is right
xi. Secretary Jones: International students can be Caucasian from UK and still not be considered an ethnic minority. Nothing in by-laws that says we can’t do this.

xii. Chair Buerkle: We can’t really have a tangible impact on the Student Athletes issues because we don’t have the power to do that.

xiii. Senator Manley: Rick Hart said that there are enough sports teams, according to Rick Hart, that could serve in this role.

xiv. Senator Klein: Our constituents want this. We are currently not meeting their needs. Second, this is what the two week period from new business is for. I encourage you to vote for all three of these bills.

xv. Senator Shipman: Athletic Director is so supportive of this position.

xvi. Senator Samuel: This is not Diversity Committee’s job. And the reason we are not acting on these concerns currently is because there is no one in chamber who is designated to pursue them.

xvii. Chair Cecily: Athletes deserve someone there to handle them. It’s not fair to put that all on the Diversity Chair.

xviii. Secretary Jones: Motion to call the question. Passed.

xix. Senator Lucci: We must follow our own rules or change them beforehand. The registrar office does list International Students as an ethnic minority.

xx. Senator Schlinkert: Our intent goes into the creation of our laws. We have the power to do what we want.

xxi. Senator Fuller: We have the opportunity to bring people into chamber that have been underrepresented.

xxii. Senator Fairoz: Same argument as Lucci

xxiii. Chair Hermeling: Only debating athlete seat right now. All other arguments are irrelevant.

xxiv. Secretary Jones: Up to Parliamentarian to interpret the rules, he interpreted this as fair to do. It is responsibility of Senators to help each other.

xxv. Senator Samuel: I don’t think Senator Lucci’s concern is not legitimate because Senators are more than capable to interpret correctly.

xxvi. VP Fletcher: You should take the initiative to change the by-laws. If not vote yes.
xxvii. Senator Shashank: Just don’t think that these new senators won’t show up. And can use this as a promotional effort to other universities.

xxviii. Final debate:
   (1) Shipman: Will be really sad if we have to tell our constituents we didn’t vote yes.
   (2) Bill passes according to the opinion of the speaker.

b. S-103-8 by Mr. Jones, et. al., relating to the Creation of a Senate Seat for Students Identifying as Members of the Queer Community at SMU
   1. Will Jones: Identifying the nuances to the bill, such as registrar, and possible solutions to them.
   2. Senator Lucci: Article 2 Part 7 Section 1 is intended to ensure that we receive quantifiable data that there has been a request for this seat.
      i. Will Jones Responds: Identifies individuals in the community who have asked for this seat to be created. There doesn’t need to be quantifiable evidence.
      ii. Senator Lucci Follow up: Who will administrate this seat.
      iii. Secretary Jones Responds: It will be run by senate and spectrum will help out. The seat will be available to anyone who identifies as such.

3. Ovenshire: Motion to enter into debate

4. Debate
   i. Authors Open: (Secretary Jones) So many people are asking for this seat and now is the time to take action. This is for the members on campus who are afraid that they do not have a voice. Right now they are silent.
   ii. Senator Lucci: Having people register as being LGBTQ is a touchy subject. During the transition period, there might be issues having spectrum be an authority in the election. Will every LGBTQ member want to self identify? He asks if there might be an alternative to this bill that would get at the same solution
   iii. Senator Adams: Urges to vote in favor because there are no strong arguments against it.
   iv. Senator Schlinkert: Lets do this now. Motion to call the question. Approved.
   v. Senator Spencer: This is a good first attempt, although there are logistical problems.
   vi. Will Jones: Information is being kept on religious groupings and other minorities, why can’t we have them keep information on LGBTQ?
   vii. Senator Klien: Pass
   viii. Senator Shipman: Pass
   ix. Senator Samuel: Clarification on ability to self identify.

5. Final Debate
   i. Will Jones: Thank y’all for being efficient
   ii. VOTE
   iii. I’s have it, the legislation passes

c. S-103-9 by Mr. Waller, et. al., relating to the Creation of a Senate Seat for Students Identifying as Members of the Military Veteran Community at SMU
   1. Opening Senator Waller: This is similar to the other pieces of legislation and is equally if not more important. He errs towards the side of why not.
i. Secretary Jones: Let's get this done now.
2. Senator Schlinkert: Motion to enter into debate. Passes.
3. Debate
   i. Senator Lucci: Asks author to explain how people vote for this seat in the election.
4. Senator Santoyo: Call to question. Passes.
5. Final Debate: The election of this seat would have logistical details but needs to be passed
   i. Senator Lucci: Asks how many vets are there.
   ii. Will Jones: Last speech.
6. VOTE
   i. Legislation passes
   d. S-103-10 by Ms. Hermeling, et. al., relating to the Senate Logo
      1. Secretary Jones' motion to enter to debate. Seconded. Approved.
      3. Legislation passes.
   e. S-103-11 by Mr. Kosub, relating to the Use of Laptop Computers in Chamber
      1. More exceptions added to those who need laptops and where this will be placed.

VIII. OFFICER REPORTS
a. President Rainey:
   1. Meet and greet at West Bridge at 3 on Friday.
   2. I yield my time to Senator Santoyo:
      i. Thank you for the experiences and memories here. I came here as a transfer student in 2015. I am undocumented and we have been targeted on the state and national level. For me to be a commencement speaker and graduate is a victory for people like me. Thank you, this gave me an opportunity to give back.
   3. Speaker Stovall:
      i. I urge you all to read my written report. Please join me in standing up against any hatred against members of our community. As leaders it is our duty to draw a line in the sand.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further time remaining, the November 29th meeting of the 103rd Student Senate was adjourned at 6:00 o'clock by Speaker Stovall.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Jones
Student Body Secretary