I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Stovall at 3:36 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 De Vera |   |
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| Senator Reid      |   |
| Senator Schlinkert| A |
| Senator Shirzad   |   |
| Senator Spencer   |   |

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**THIS WEEK IN SENATE**

- We passed S-103-13!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next Chamber is Valentine’s Day!
I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Lucci: motions to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Kosub: motions to approve the minutes. The minutes from the previous meeting of the 103rd Student Senate were approved.

III. SPEAKER'S PODIUM

a. Grant Wolf, SMU Young Americans for Freedom
   1. President of YAF
   2. You may have heard that our organization was originally against this bill. I would like to explain these sentiments. I would also like to now give support for this bill.
   3. We agree that racism and discrimination is incorrigible. We saw parts of this bill have some similarities with other actions across the nation that stifled free speech.
   4. What precedence is set for this bill? We acknowledge isolated occurrences of discrimination, but none yet committed by an organization, see as IFC and PanHell are excluded. This bill does not provide an appeal process.
   5. There is amendment supporting free speech, as well as the outside approval of the Conduct Office before suspending a charter.
   6. Does this bill directly target acts of discrimination?
   7. President Rainey: Will someone motion to amend the agenda as our speaker suggested during debate?
   8. Chair Cox:
      i. I have no objection to your amendment as a co-author.

b. Darien Flowers
   1. President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and Vice President of the National PanHellenic Council.
2. Reading of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
3. I believe this legislation does nothing but further the goals of this Bill of Human Rights. I do not see anything that oppresses freedom of speech. We must separate hate speech and free speech.
4. I ask that we pass the bill as is. I would support the amendment that was stated however. Though I am weary of the appeal process and how that would take place.
5. I do not feel that additional accountability is something that would be frowned upon. If you are doing your due diligence whenever you are doing something and following the University’s rules then there is nothing to fear from this.
6. Please vote in favor of this bill. I believe this is a landmark piece of this legislation. We want to ensure that there are no backwards steps in the diversity and inclusivity of this school.
7. Senator Kosub:
   i. Why are you weary of the appeal process is and what does your ideal process look like?
      (1) I am weary of a student led appeal. Making sure that there is proper representation on the appeals committee.
   ii. Follow up: How can senate be more accountable to the minority communities on campus?
      (1) This is a great start. Make sure to listen to members of these communities. I want to make sure anyone seeking knowledge or diversity is not disheartened by hate speech or actions on campus.
8. Chair Lucci: May I yield my time to a visiting individual?
   i. I yield my time to the gentleman in the back.
      (1) Student: What specific instance prompted this legislation and how is this bill tailored to these instances?
         (a) I feel that we alienate the individual; we want to create a process for this. We can talk about various Indian parties, black face parties, the flyers that were posted this semester. The fact that I can list several incidents is a problem. This is a proactive step more than it is a reactive step though.

IV. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES WITH NEW OR OLD BUSINESS
   a. Finance
      1. New Business:
         i. Association of Public Interest Law.............................$3070/6023
         ii. Program Council......................................................$1457/2913
         iii. SMU College Republicans.........................................$10,000/10,000
         iv. Men’s Lacrosse..........................................................$2639/15,250
         v. Young American’s for Freedom.................................$10,000/10,000
         vi. Embrey Human Rights Student Leadership Initiative......$0/300
         vii. Student Senate Scholarship Committee.......................$85/85
      2. Old Business:
         i. Association of Black Student.................................$6000/6000
         ii. Biology Department...............................................$2660/2760
         iii. Mustang Fitness......................................................$300/850
         iv. Cox MBA Rugby......................................................$4960/20125
         v. SMU Ballroom.........................................................$0/130
3. GAO Potter: Motion to see old business in block. Approved.
4. GAO Potter: Motion to approve old business. Approved.

b. Organizations Committee
1. New Business
   i. Recommend for Temporary Charter
      (1) Student Mobilization
      (2) German Club
   ii. Recommend for Full Charter
      (1) Young Americans for Freedom
      (2) Liberty in North Korea

V. NEW BUSINESS
a. None

VI. OLD BUSINESS
a. S-103-11 by Messrs. Kosub and DeVeria, relating to the Use of Laptop Computers in Chamber
   1. This lays out the ability for senators to be more accountable to their constituents.
   2. This rule will be inserted into Student Senate Policies and Procedures.
   3. This only applies to active Senate members who are Senators.
   4. We also laid out a process for you to receive permission if you absolutely need it.
   5. We need to be more involved in senate and as senators we need to talk more and be more open with our opinions. Even if you are a laptop user please just allow yourself to be fully engaged.
   6. Senator Healey: Do you think that this convolutes the process when we need laptops to be useful?
      i. I don’t think day to day minute to minute you are using your computer for senate only.
   7. Chair Lucci: As both a senator and a committee chair it is not clear if I can use my computer?
      i. This isn’t something that is going to be policed, but it’s there so that if it becomes a true distraction we have a rule to call a point of order to. You can get permission from the executive committee.
      ii. Follow up: Are you aware that the reason I don’t sit on that side is that several hundred of my constituents voted me to sit here and I think it is a greater honor to sit here?
   8. Senator Ovenshire: motion to enter into debate. Approved
      i. Senator Kosub: I think if we have small technical issues they can be easily worked out. We aren’t going to constantly be on people for this but it’s for when we need a rule.
      ii. GAO Potter: I urge everyone to vote no on this bill. The vast majority of people are not doing other things, it’s not distracting.
      iii. Senator Healey: I believe this is unnecessary. I don’t want to have to ask chairs or other people. I believe that since this was drafted is enough of a wake up call. I have received constituents’ emails in the past.
      iv. Chair Lucci: Earlier this year we were given an electronic copy of the By-Laws, and many of our documents are on the Dropbox, and we can’t do our jobs properly without having access to this. I have also received constituent emails in the past. I would encourage you to vote against this
bill, but I do appreciate bringing this forward and highlighting that we
aren't effectively utilizing technology.

v. Senator Gilchrest: I don’t think this is necessary, please vote no.

vi. V.P. Fletcher: I don’t necessarily agree but something I urge Kosub and
maybe someone else, to look into maybe not having computer’s during
speaker’s podium or debate.

vii. Senator Worley: Being

(1) Senator Farr: Communication is key. I was just talking with
Senator Shirzad and if we can’t communicate correctly on things
like the upcoming legislation we might not be in the best position
to vote.

viii. Senator Ovenshire: motion to call the question. Approved.

ix. Senator Kosub: This bill is enforceable because it is in the Policy and
Procedures and we can call a point of order. This idea has been brought
up many times and that speaks to why this is a problem for Senate. I saw
it sitting in the back. Senate time is for Senate work, if you are using your
time for something else there is a problem. If you are spending your time
doing things outside of chamber you are not representing the people who
voted you in. If you are using your computer for Senate work and it is
necessary you can use it, as it says in the bill. You don’t need to have your
computer open the entire time. I encourage you to vote for this bill. It will
increase accountability, if you are using it for Senate work you can use it,
but if you are not using it for Senate we have a rule to rely on.

x. Bill was not approved.

xi. Senator Blakely: motion to reconsider. Seconded.

xii. Parliamentarian DeVera: Once we have voted its passed time to go into
debate.

xiii. Senator Blakely: request for information. Can you explain the point in
policies and procedures that this motion nullifies the previous vote?

xiv. Motion did not pass.

b. S-103-13 by Mr. Rainey, et. al., relating to By-Law Changes to Establish
Institutionalized Ad-Hoc Committee on Campus Inclusion and To Establish Charter
Freezes

1. I want to go through the language that was added. First, none of the charters
freezes has any power over Greek life, only those orgs chartered under us are
affected. This bill is aimed directly at discrimination. We have added to lines (88)
that any ruling by the Organizations committee must be approved

2. The Ad-Hoc committee is meant to put Senate in the position to respond to any
event against discrimination on campus. It has no powers other than to release
statements, host discussions, or other events. This committee has no authority to
investigate or discipline; that is not our role. It is our responsibility to respond to
the concerns of the students, which is what this bill does.

3. GAO Potter: Motion to extend time by 3 minutes. Approved.

4. Another point, the organizations committee has always had the power, authority,
and responsibility to revoke the charters of those orgs who violate the non-
discrimination clause. To my knowledge, the Organizations Committee has never
had to recommend a charter revocation for breaching the discriminatory clause.
The only thing new about this is it gives the option of a temporary charter freeze,
which is less severe than revoking, what the Organizations Committee can do. It
is an attempt to close the loopholes for orgs revoked for violating discrimination clauses to turn around and reapply for charter or receive weekly funding. This is not an attempt to attack free speech. This bill clearly supports free speech and defines that discriminatory acts is more than insensitive speech that cause people to be uncomfortable.

5. Motion to extend speaker’s time by three minutes.
6. Chair Ehmcke: Parliamentary Inquiry, are we allowed to do that twice and can she not use first debate for this?
   i. No we are not and yes she can.
7. Senator Kosub: Can you explain what you mean in line 10 by a need for cultural change?
   i. Chair Cox: Because of the political situation of the country, hate crimes are on the rise, and I believe we need to promote a culture that will not stand for any discrimination. The bill provides guidelines that can hold organizations accused of explicit discrimination, after being seen by the offices mentioned in this bill.
8. Senator Catlin: Can you clarify what you were saying?
   i. We have an obligation as leaders to stand up against division and hatred, against attacking individuals. We should be debating and educating through free speech, and that is the culture we are promoting and hoping to move towards.
9. Senator Aggarwal: What is the need for the committee?
   i. President Rainey: The committee and the charter freezes are two completely different concepts. The committee is a tool for the Senate to be in the best position to respond to acts of discrimination on campus, mainly through statements and events. Charter freezes or revocations would never be imposed unless first contacted by the Conduct Office.
10. Senator Lucci: Can you clarify lines 49-50? Would the special interest senators to be present on the committee be only those targeted?
    i. Yes correct.
    ii. Follow up: we have little to no jurisdiction on Greek organizations, can you point out an instance when this would be used on a regular organization that isn’t a Greek organizations?
       1) If an organizations doesn’t allow someone in because they are gay or black or a woman.
11. Secretary Jones: motion to enter into debate. Approved.
    i. Whether or not racism or discrimination in these extreme forms has happened on our campus, it has happened on others. Why should we wait to establish this legislation? The Universal Human Rights Doctrine was established after World War 2 to prevent other events from happening. Like the Doctrine, this bill is preventive, why wait and be reactive?
    ii. Senator Ovenshire: I don’t see this bill as too much to ask for anyone to vote for. I think we would be really disappointed in ourselves if an organization did commit some act and we had no way to discipline them. This only helps all students on our campus be respected by our organizations on campus.
    iii. Chair Lucci: I put out an opinion poll, and the original said that 40% were in approval, and 57% were against. My core constituency of Lyle is not in favor, Cox is not, Meadows is, and Dedman is on the fence. However I do
feel that what we have now is reasonable. The issue I have is that it wouldn't change a great deal. I would urge individuals to make a proper decision.

iv. Senator Blakely: If we look at the bill closely, it makes us more responsible and makes sure that we respond to acts on campus. I urge you to vote yes.

v. GAO Potter: I urge you to vote yes for this.

vi. Chair Buerkle: I think it is important that we keep organizations accountable that we pay for.

vii. Chair Cox: A good reason to vote yes for this bill is that Senate is against discrimination.

viii. President Rainey: I want to commend Chair Lucci for that poll. I think the majority negative of that poll was because of the way it was worded, and that if those who voted nay had seen the bill now it would be different. If people had a clearer picture of what that poll entailed there would have been far less negative responses.

ix. V.P. Fletcher: I urge you to vote yes. I saw a lot of negative responses from students who are Greek because they are confused.

x. Parliamentarian DeVera: While your constituents do have a say, they also trust you to make the decisions because they do not know the governing documents and the legislation. Don't feel uncomfortable to make a decision because they trust you.

xi. Secretary Jones: I'm confused on how the polling system is relevant. It was an anonymous poll that had no way to sign in or give your information on school or who you are. Also, less than 400 people took it, which is only about a hundred over your constituency. That does not mean a majority of people on campus took this poll or are against it.

xii. Chair Lucci: I would like to say that typical opinion polls poll less than 1%. I think I did accurately represent the bill as it was originally written. I would like to see a definition of discrimination because we don't really know what that is. I thought the poll that it was a good idea. I did link the original legislation.

xiii. Senator Klein: By already designating a group of people to respond to issues, you preempt the issue of wasting time trying to figure out what to do.

xiv. Senator Farr: can you clarify discriminatory? I yield to President Rainey.

(1) I don't think it's our job to decide what is discriminatory. For any action to happen on our part, the action has to go through a whole process of determining it was discriminatory.

xv. Chair Hermeling: Can I yield my time to Naomi Samuel?

(1) No, debate is for senators.

xvi. Senator Shirzad: motion to call the question. Approved.

xvii. Senator Worley: if a person is an asshole, they're going to be an asshole.

xviii. Chair Cox: Discriminatory content is illegal under federal law. We are not trying to stop anyone from thinking these thoughts. We aren't trying to change people's opinions. We are trying to make SMU better from when
we started to when we leave. I vote in favor. I yield time to President Rainey.

(1) This ad hoc committee is not designed to deal with the assholes but the students who would be affected by the assholes.

xix. Chair Lucci: I would encourage everyone to vote for this bill.
xx. President Rainey: Whether this passes or not the organizations committee will still be able to revoke charters. This bill sends a message that the Student Senate will not tolerate discrimination in any form.
xxi. S-103-13 passed.

VII. OFFICER REPORTS
a. President Rainey:
   1. Thanks for the engagement.
   2. Parking and ID has launched and app for Gitty-Up, TapRide.
   3. Hilltop Awards, we will be nominating administrator, staff, trustee, and professor to be recognized. We will be doing that at the February 28th meeting.
   4. Sign up for a 1 on 1’s.

b. Vice-President Fletcher:
   1. We are supporting Hegi’s major fair. We are trying to start a Career Ambassador program for the dorms.
   2. Take advantage of your budget.
   3. Chair Ehmcke: What are the steps for getting their meet and greet funding?
      i. I yield to you.
         (1) You each have $150 for your department. You’ll pay that out of pocket, you get a tax-exempt form, and you keep the receipts. You hand then tax exempt to Chick-Fil-A, the receipt to Nicki, and she will help you fill out the reimbursement form.
   4. GAO Potter: Do you have to have an itemized receipt?
      i. Yes.

c. Secretary Jones:
   1. Collab group on Wednesday at 3:30.

d. Chief of Staff Reppond:
   1. No report.

e. GAO Potter:
   1. Thank you for supporting the law school Finance Committee.
   2. My collab group is getting a sauna in Dedman Center, but also to fix some lighting problems on campus. If there are no lights we have a safety issue. When you approach the university and highlight the safety issues, which imply litigation, they listen.
   3. Chair Silensky: A whole stairwell is out in Mustang Garage. Can you help with that?
   4. Senator Gutierrez: I was actually attacked with a group of people on campus where it was too dark.

g. Parliamentarian DeVera:
   1. The legislation workshop worked well for the one person that came.
   2. I am going to hold another one this coming Sunday.

h. Speaker Stovall:
   1. I appreciate your diligence in vetting the legislation that came today.
2. The chamber is looking kind of empty. If there is anything else going on that someone will talk to Exec about ways we can improve Senate.

h. Executive Director Jones:
   1. Who has attended Leadershape?
      i. It is a learning experience that can't be described but must be experienced. May the 22-26th. I would like to send two people associated with Senate.
   2. Chair Cox: Where is this camp located, how do we get there, and how long does it take to get there?
      i. Glen Lake in Glenrose, Texas about an hour and a half away. Chartered bus.
   3. Send me your resumes so I can nominate you for awards.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   a. Communications:
      1. No report.
   b. Diversity:
      1. Thank you for participating in the vote.
      2. The next event for us, we are working with Senator Waller through MilVets to have a blood drive after spring break.
      3. End the R Word with Best Buddies coming up.
      4. Senator Ovenshire and Chair Silensky, agreement on how to deal with the tension that is lingering still from the election.
      5. I yield my time to Senator Ovenshire.
      i. Senator Ovenshire: We are trying to highlight that you have to be respectful of everyone around you no matter what political affiliation you have. Please email any of thus with suggestions.
   c. Endowment:
      1. Monday March 6th through Thursday March 9th expect tabling for Student-to-Student Scholarship.
      2. Founder’s Day, we are cohosting an event called Pony Preview Day. I need 30 student leader volunteers. We will be hosting about 200 5th-7th grade students on campus. We will be giving tours, led by leaders with an alumn.
   d. Investments:
      1. No report.
   e. Membership:
      1. No report.
   f. Scholarships:
      1. Apps open on Friday. Please distribute an email to your constituents. Mustang Leader Scholarship is $6500. First year scholarship is reoccurring at $12,000.
      2. Senator Aggarwal: Were the numbers in Meadows down from last year?
         i. Yes.
      3. Senator Farr: If you want to help look at apps please do.
   g. Student Center:
      1. Is anyone available on Mondays from 1-2? No.
      2. I have to have a certain number of individuals sign off on the plans for renovations.
3. I yield my time to President Rainey.
   i. If you are interested the collab group is Fridays at 3 p.m.

h. Student Concerns:
   1. Caffeine and Concerns tomorrow you can do it as your meet and greet.

IX. SENATORIAL FORUM
   a. Chair Lucci
      1. SMUber
         i. 50% if your ride starts or ends at a university approved location.
         ii. Do we want to go ahead with this?

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. Chair Beurkle: I have no senators, so if you are free at 1:30 on Mondays. They aren’t longer than 30-45 minutes. In order to approve any charters or anything we have to have 4 votes. Senator Hyde and Chair Cox volunteers.
   b. V.P. Fletcher: I’m sending out the template for liaison email. Make sure to fill in the blanks
   c. Parliamentarian DeVera: SMU Rugby is 5-1.

XI. SECOND ROLL CALL

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A – absent; T – tardy; E – excused

XII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the February 7th meeting of the 103rd Student Senate was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. by Speaker Stovall.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Jones
Student Body Secretary