I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Stovall at 3:35 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           | E     |
| Chief of Staff Reppond |     |
| Speaker Stovall      |       |
| Parliamentarian DeVera |   |
| Senator Adams        | E     |
| Senator Aggarwal     | E     |
| Senator Beckman      | E     |
| Senator Berestka     |       |
| Senator Blakley      |       |
| Senator Brooks       |       |
| Senator Burns        |       |
| Senator Catlin       | A     |
| Senator Chi          |       |
| Senator Cox          |       |
| Senator Crosswell    |       |
| Senator Dalton       |       |
| Senator Davila       |       |
| Senator Farr         | E     |
| Senator Fuller       | E     |
| Senator Garner       |       |
| Senator Gilchrest    | T     |
| Senator Gutierrez    |       |
| Senator Halliburton  |       |
| Senator Healey       | E     |
| Senator Hyde         |       |
| Senator Ibad         |       |
| Senator Klein        |       |
| Senator Kolon        |       |
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**THIS WEEK IN SENATE**

- We passed S-103-15.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next Chamber is 03/21/17!
I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Ibad: motions to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

III. SPEAKER’S PODIUM

a. Ms. Chris Regis, Vice President for Business and Finance at SMU
   1. Been at SMU for nine and a half years.
   2. Presentation on the Vice President’s Office.
      i. See attached document.
      ii. If you ever need me call my assistant Lisa.
   3. President Rainey: Can you touch on the increase in tuition and what you are doing to keep that down?
      i. We were increasing tuition at about 8% per year when I first came to SMU. We are now at about 4.25% per year. Our budget is typically supported 70% by tuition. We’ve done a couple of things. The OE2C efforts were one of these where we shaved a lot from the administrative
side and reinvest into the education. We are now in the process of looking at how to generate revenue for the university other than tuition. We have a significant endowment we will manage. We presented a new investment strategy from our operating funds to gain some revenue. We are working very hard to make sure that we don’t see the head count creep back up in the staff and faculty on campus.

4. Parliamentarian DeVer: Where does the tuition increase put us in relation to our cohort schools.
   i. Our rate increase is in line with some of our cohort schools going into next fall.

5. Senator Wells: Can SMU’s financial statement be made available to us?
   i. The audited statements are on the university website. We issue debt and so all of our information must be submitted to EMA.

b. Jennifer Jones
   1. I am here on behalf of the Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Vogel.
   2. She is fully dedicated to providing resources to the student center.
   3. Dr. Vogel will at least be matching our investment amount in the student center if not more.

IV. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES WITH NEW OR OLD BUSINESS
   a. Finance
      1. New Business:
         i. Biology (Vogel/Wise Research Group)..........................$3875/4275
         ii. East Asian Student Association.................................$895/2250
         iii. Program Council.........................................................$2960/3560
         iv. Muslim Student Association..........................................$28,050 /28,050
         v. Diversity Committee.........................................................$150 /150

   2. Old Business:
      i. Men’s Polo Club...............................................................$1685/1685
      ii. Women’s Polo Club..........................................................$2100/2100
      iii. Society of Automotive Engineers....................................$4500/4500
      iv. Mock Trial.............................................................................$4462 /4462
      v. Lyle Ambassadors...............................................................$0 /2745
      vi. Alpha Phi Omega......................................................................$208/504.80

   3. Senator Lucci: When will Hassan be on campus?
      i. Same weekend as Relay for Life.


   5. Last year Nathan passed legislation that said logo must be on all advertisements for events otherwise they cannot receive funding from us. A formal complaint was filed by a committee member against PC, CHAS, and the Embrey Human Rights Student Leadership Initiative.

   6. Chair Hermeling: In the legislation it only says advertisements not all advertisements. I think this should be clarified because it because a little bit much to have it on every single photo posted on Facebook and Instagram for an event. On posters and the actual event pages sure. This is new, let’s let them learn and do better next time.

   7. Parliamentarian DeVer: The actual bill says that if there is a failure to uphold the rules in the bill that appropriate actions would be taken and the information
would be brought to the senate. This isn’t to formally punish the organization, just a way to keep orgs accountable.

8. My committee really wants to know your opinion and see how you feel about its implementation. My ideal situation would be that someone would recommend these complaints be dismissed.

9. Senator Lucci: Can you share the details?
   i. Embrey had an event that we funded through weekly, a letter writing event to government officials, and they did not include us in an email.
   ii. CHAS held an event last week that had posters everywhere and this was their first event this semester. Program Council has been working well with this rule over the past semester and they successfully complied for Nelly. They however didn’t comply fully with 24 Hour Musical and the Facebook Event.

10. Parliamentarian DeVera: Motion to dismiss the complaints. Approved.

b. Motion to recess for 45 minutes.

c. Membership Committee:
   1. President Rainey: motion to seal the Chamber. Approved.
   2. New Business:
      i. Senate Vacancy Seat Recommendations
         (1) Meadows – Claire Hermeling
   3. Old Business:
      (1) Hispanic – David Davila
      (2) First Year – Charlotte Schodowski
      (3) African America – Cecily Cox
      (4) Cox – Charles Woodside
      (5) Cox – Margaret Schmidt
      (6) Pre · Major – Hunter Kolon
      (7) Pre · Major – Ian Rintala
      (8) Pre · Major – Noah Berestka
      (9) Pre · Major – Helena Burns
      (10) Dedman – Hayley Halliburton
      (11) Dedman – Ligon Crosswell
      (12) Dedman – Benjamin Chi
      (13) Simmons – Cayenne Price
      (14) Student Center Chair – Fairooz Adams

4. President Rainey: Motion to see new business as old business. Approved

5. Senator Lucci: Motion to see old business in block. Approved.

6. Senator Lucci: Motion to approved old business. Approved.

7. Senator Lucci: Motion to unseal the Chamber. Approved.

8. Senator Klein: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: Did we just approve the election code?
   i. No, we will be swearing in the new senators first.

9. Chair Gonzalez: I yield my time to President Rainey.
   i. Swearing in of new senators.

    i. Changes:
       (1) Allow for coalitions and endorsements, with further clarification and stipulations on the coalitions
       (2) Deleted polling places section
(3) Pre-Major Senator Seat wording  
(4) Added 3 new seats  
(5) Added in office hour/collaboration group policy  
(6) Former student senate chairs or senators will not be allowed to re-run for re-election after quitting the chamber  
(7) Deleting collation and endorsement clauses  
(8) Commons Council wording change  
(9) Adding in 24-hour policy to drop out of the election

ii. President Rainey: motion to see all recommendations not affected by coalitions in block (Sections: 2.05, 3.01, 3.05, 3.06, 3.08, 3.09, 4.06, 9.08, 13.02). Approved.

iii. Secretary Jones: motion to see all recommendations not affected by coalitions in block (Sections: 2.05, 3.01, 3.05, 3.06, 3.08, 3.09, 4.06, 9.08, 13.02). Approved.

iv. Parliamentarian DeVera: Motion to enter into debate on all other business. Approved.

(1) Chair Gonzalez: Coalitions would allow for Student Body Officer candidates to utilize non-verbal endorsements for another.  
(2) Chief of Staff Reppond: This has been contentious amongst a lot of people. I would urge you to not pass this. This allows for student to verbally endorse candidates. This creates more division in the Chamber than necessary. There is a lot wrong with coalitions. The initial intent was that a same ticket ballot would come about. This was an attempt to get close to this and fails miserably. This would be a travesty for our election.

(3) Senator Lucci: I am not in favor of this. I believe down ticket ballots would benefit more from this than up ticket. I don’t think a SBO candidate should be able to endorse other candidates. If we were to go to any sort of endorsement I think they would be much better suited to allow lower ballot races to endorse each other and then upticket. I am voting no.

(4) Chair Troy: What does sharing poster mean? Also COS Reppond has been in Gabriella’s position so heed his words wisely.

(5) Parliamentarian DeVera: There is the inevitable situation that oppositely endorsed candidates are going to win and there will be even more division and stress between the candidates.

(6) Parliamentarian DeVera: We have fair and equal elections with as little animosity as possible. It has been years since coalitions have been a thing and they have not come up in years.

(7) President Rainey: I second what everyone has already said.

(8) Senator Ovenshire: Motion to call the question. Approved.

(9) Recommendations did not pass.

d. Organizations Committee

1. New Business:
   i. Recommend for Full Charter  
      (1) AEM 5-0-0  
   ii. Recommend Against Full Charter  
      (1) Food Recovery Network

2. Old Business:
i. Recommend for Full Charter
   (1) Pre Dental Society 5-0-0
   (2) Ice Hockey Club 5-0-0
   (3) Engineers Without Borders 5-0-0
3. Secretary Jones: motion to see new business as old business. Approved.
4. Parliamentarian DeVera: motion to see old business in block. Approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS
   a. S-103-17, by Mr. Reppond, relating to Senatorial Resignations
      1. Allows us to create a form for Senators to resign. As is there is an informal
         process that the Senator sends resignation to the Secretary. We have been trying
         to piece together who is in her and who is not. This says that when a Senator
         resigns they fill out this form so that we have a written record. This utilizes tools
         we already have on the orgs page.
      2. Senator Lucci: Can you rework the language for the actual By-Laws that streams
         across more in line By-Laws?
         i. Only one sentence is different.
         ii. Senator Lucci: Can you rework the sentence to have a consistent voice
             with the By-Laws.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
   a. S-103-14, by Mr. Lucci of Lyle, relating to the Creation of the Student Leadership
      Historical Commission
      1. We saw this a couple of weeks ago. Chair Troy is here to talk about our collective
         vision.
         i. There was a lot of confusion and concern in how this legislation would
            function. The idea is to provide the groundwork for a very fundamental
            tool in continuing our service to the Senate.
      2. The purpose of this is to go back and see everything we have done and collect
         everything into one place, most likely a digital record.
      3. Senator Shirzad: The purpose is to focus on Senate history and not full student
         leadership history?
         i. Yes the focus is to be maintained on Senate, but other information will be
            included at the discretion of the committee.
      4. Chair Redetzke: Although laborious and time consuming, its progressive in
         moving forward for efficiency and there is no reason we shouldn’t implement this.
      5. COS Reppond: What is the scope of this committee: I could see this taking
         resources and time?
         i. The current scope is to continue to the end of the 104th Senate. The scope
            can be expanded as laid out in the bill if necessary.
         ii. Follow up: will you be setting up a process to add current and future
            legislation in the chamber?
            (1) Yes.
      6. Senator Kosub: What will the product in the end look like?
         i. The current ambiguity in the bill is meant to make the committee a
            working committee so that we can make the decisions as we go.
         ii. Follow up: is the primary audience the senate itself or other students?
            (1) The senate itself.
7. Secretary Jones: motion to enter into debate. Approved.
   i. I believe this will be what is best for students in the next few years. We urge you to vote yes.
   ii. President Rainey: Please vote for this bill. Will it be a lot of work? Yes but we have two individuals willing to take it on.
   iii. Secretary Jones: motion to call the question. Approved.
   iv. Please move forward with us.
   v. S-103-14 was approved.

b. S-103-16, by Mr. Lucci of Lyle, relating to an amendment of the Student Body Constitution to Implement Special Interest Seats and Revise Language
   1. Parliamentarian DeVera: Have you been working with Secretary Jones on the language?
      i. Yes, we worked everything out.
   2. Parliamentarian DeVera: motion to table legislation until further notice. Approved.
   3. Motion of Advisor Privilege: Please read this it is very important.

VII. SENATORIAL FORUM
    a. Nominations for Hilltop Awards
       1. Secretary Jones: motion to convene the committee as a whole. Convened.
       2. Nominations for Outstanding Faculty
          i. Lilianna Hickman Riggs
          ii. Rick Halpern
          iii. C. Paul Rogers III
       3. Nominations for Outstanding Staff
          i. Lauren Cove
          ii. Lindsey Koch
          iii. Ashley Fitzpatrick
       4. Nominations for Outstanding Administrator
          i. Joanne Vogel
          ii. Jim Bryan
          iii. Pamela D. Anthony
       5. Motion to extend Senate time to consider Nominations for Hilltop Awards. Approved.
       6. Nominations for Outstanding Trustee
          i. Jake Torres
          ii. Laura Bush
          iii. Bobby B. Lyle

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the March 7th meeting of the 103rd Student Senate was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. by Speaker Stovall.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Jones
Student Body Secretary