**Call to Order 7:04 p.m.**

**Pledge:**

*“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”*

*“Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”*

**I. Roll Call**

* Rosalyn Hollingsworth, Senate Clerk

**II. Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes from January 22nd
  + No Discussion
  + 43 approved, 0 against, 0 abstain
* Minutes from January 29
  + No Discussion
  + 43 approved, 0 against, 0 abstain

**III. Old Business**

* Bill 89.11
  + President Hecox explained that Bill 89.11 originally proposed that Student Government would buy one charging station for the library but the library will not be buying a second one so now we will be splitting the cost.
  + The cost will now be $336.50 and if any senators have ideas on where to place it, please let us know.
  + Senator Woods motioned to amend Bill 89.11
  + Discussion Opened
  + Senator Amponsah asked why the library backed out of the original deal
  + President Hecox noted that there was not a good reason presented and that is why we asked them to pay for half.
  + 43 approved, 0 against, 0 abstain

**IV. New Business**

* Senator Confirmations
  + Senator Smolka and Senator Kretschmer
    - Senators introduced themselves and why they wanted to join Student Government
    - Non voting members and members of the public asked to leave the room

* + - Senator Abarca motioned to approve the senators
    - Discussion opened
    - Vice President Mullen explained why they are now being sworn in instead of at the first meeting
    - 43 approved, 0 against, 0 abstain
    - Senators sworn in
    - Senator Means motioned to allow new senators voting privileges
    - No Discussion
    - 43 approved, 0 against, 0 abstain
* Bill 89.12
  + Title: Budgeting $250 for RamFam Scholarship
  + Senator Dunlap read Bill 89.12 for the Senate
  + Senator Abarca motioned to vote on Bill 89.12
  + Discussion opened
  + Senator Brennan: Where is this money coming from?
  + Vice President Mullen: This is coming from the overall committee budget
  + Senator Brennan: What is this for? Where did this estimate come from?
  + Senator Woods: If the committee needs money to host events
  + Secretary Smith: Last year, they had to pay Chartwells for cupcakes, etc. If they do not use it all, we can put it back
  + Senator Grimsley: The Office of Development will match the $250?
  + Senator Woods: No, what ever donations we receive through fundraising will be matched by the office
  + President Hecox explained how the RamFam Scholarship got started and noted that the committee used approximately $250 last year which is where the estimate came from
  + Senator Means spoke on behalf of the Scholarship
  + 45 approved, 0 against, 0 abstain
* Bill 89.13
  + Title: Recognition of Resident Assistant Appreciation Week
  + Senator Abarca read Bill 89.13 for the Senate
  + Senator Dunlap motioned to vote on Bill 89.13
  + Discussion opened
  + Senator Parker: Why is this a week instead of a day?
  + Senator Woods: The third week of February is the national week of Resident Assistant Appreciation
  + Senator Lee: If we do an appreciation week for one group of student workers but not the others, will it seem that we are favoring?
  + Senator Woods: It’s an important job. They work 24/7 and even on holidays.
  + Senator Means: How does that differ from other jobs? I’ve seen other jobs on campus that have to stay for holidays as well. Resident Assistants do a lot of work but so do many other student workers.
  + Senator Gibbons: It is not that deep. They’re all different jobs. Resident assistants do a job that a lot of us could not do.
  + Senator Grimsley: What does appreciation week entail?
  + Vice President Mullen suspended Robert’s Rules in order to allow Senator Woods to speak again on behalf of Bill 89.13
  + Senator Woods: We are going to get in touch with businesses to cater a lunch for housing. We will also work with housing to decide on events. We will not use our budget.
  + Senator Abarca: Resident assistants are swamped and this would be a good way to show appreciation for a stressful job. This could also be a gateway to appreciate other groups on campus.
  + Senator Amponsah: To clarify, this will require no money from Student Government?
  + Senator Woods: No, I will not touch the budget.
  + President Hecox: We do have plenty of money so please do not stress about that issue
  + 41 approved, 3 abstained, 1 opposed
* Guest Speaker Jarett Lujan
  + On November 1st, Tristan Fielder sent an email to the homecoming coordinator with concerns on how homecoming was done last year
  + In the past, homecoming committee was not allowed to participate in homecoming but those rules were suspended this last year
  + Jarett asked for the Senate’s opinions on this issue
  + The email received states that there could be biased on the activities that the committee is in charge of and they also participate in
  + President Hecox: Our election commission cannot support a running team. I personally do not think they should be allowed to participate, the same way the election commission cannot
  + Senator Stokes: They should be able to because they put in the hard work
  + Senator Means: I was apart of the homecoming committee. It helped calm down students when you told them the committee was not being biased because they couldn’t even participate. We should go back to not allowing them to participate
  + Senator Lyckman: In any sport, the referees don’t play.
  + Senator Lambert: There are some activities that they should be able to participate in, for instance, the king and queen
  + Senator Larsen: If you’re serving on a committee, there is less biased and less drama if students do not participate
  + Senator Grimsley: They’re serving ASU as a whole and they should serve as a whole and not a person
  + Senator Parker: I was on the committee and homecoming queen, it is tough to be put in that situation. It’s important to remember you’re apart of the homecoming committee, not as your organization. Due to my past experience, it’s better not to be allowed. It creates too much backlash
  + Senator Dunlap: What decisions and impact does the committee actually have?
  + Lujan: They have no access to homecoming queen and king but what they do see is the point system as it continues. They’re the first ones to know that these extra points will be available and they tell their organizations first
  + Senator Spies: If it can generate controversy, then it will. All it takes is one person and we have 10,000 students at ASU
  + Senator Noria: Have there been any other complaints?
  + Lujan: The majority has come from staff, not as much students. Their concerns tie more into the committee. They think we’re setting up our students for more backlash
  + Senator Smolka: It is human nature to be biased. For that reason, they shouldn’t be allowed to compete.
  + Senator Means commented again on behalf of a past homecoming committee member
  + Senator Parker: Allowing committee members to compete just adds more stress
  + President Hecox: Last year, there were concerns that the rules weren’t being followed and bent for certain organizations so I hope for this year, it will be better
  + Lujan: I’m a rule follower and we’re going to fix the rules so that it states very clearly what the rules are
  + Senator Smolka: What’s your opinion on it?
  + Lujan: my biggest concern is the amount of backlash the volunteers were going to get. I feel that I need to protect my volunteers

**V. Presiding Officer’s Report**

* Vice President – Shayna Mullen
  + No report

**VI. Advisory Reports**

* Staff advisor - Dr. Clint Havins
  + Absent
* Faculty advisor - Dr. Flor Madero
  + Absent

**VII. Executive Reports**

* President - Emily Hecox
  + Joint congress is still to be determined. March 8th is still the date that we know so far. As soon as I know something, the rest of the senate will know
  + HPV vaccinations that Tristan Fielder is still working on will be on March 5th. There are already volunteers, will bring sign up sheet next meeting if anyone else is interested
    - Senator Polk: Is it three rounds of shots?
    - President Hecox: If they need their first, they have to get their second and third somewhere else. If they’ve already had one and two, they can get their third.
    - Senator Parker: Will they need approval?
    - President Hecox: My guess is they will need a shot record but am not sure. Tristan will be contacted and more information will be sent out
  + Senator Brennan, Senator Woods and I will be meeting with Travis Hunter about changing the meal plan. We will get a clear idea of what direction they’re going
  + We have lots of money so if you have an idea then please come talk to me

**VIII. Officers’ Reports**

* President Pro Tempore – Brayden Woods
  + Please make sure that absence forms are in on time by 5 on Friday
  + Committee heads please meet after meeting
    - Make sure the committee reports are getting in on time
* Parliamentarian – Michael Abarca
  + The discount program is expanding to bigger business such as Chili’s
  + If you know a business owner, ask them if they would like to be apart of the program. The discount program is a Senate program for everyone to participate in and give ideas for
* Secretary – Kasey Smith
  + The filing period for senator elections have opened. Senators need to fill out both forms and all are due on March 1st.
* Senate Clerk – Rosalyn Hollingsworth
  + No report

**IX. Committee Chair Reports**

* Academic Affairs and Document Review – Rarking Culpepper
  + We are speaking with the library this week about print credits running over to next semester
  + We will also be speaking with Chartwells about expanding the meal plan
* Special Events – Haley McGregor
  + Senator Woods spoke on behalf of Senator McGregor
  + Details of the Rammies are still in the works
* Student Services – Connor Brennan
  + We are waiting on the weather to calm down to set dates for night walks
* Public Relations – Shinae Vedder
  + Senator Means spoke on behalf of Senator Vedder
  + The PR team is working with River Ranch Apartments to get a student discount
  + If a student organization wants to work with the PR team, contact us
  + Please volunteer for the PR table on Thursday
  + This Wednesday at 5 at Double Daves we are meeting
* Health, Environment and Sports – Claire Parker
  + We are partnering with Tri Beta to start a Go Green Club
  + We are also trying to start a Rodeo Team for ASU
* Student Organization Evaluation – Nick Lambert
  + If you want any more info about the organizations that presented, let us know. They have some really great ideas
* RamFam Scholarship – Geovanny Vega
  + We need volunteers for the Valentine’s Day fundraiser from 11-3

**X. General Discussion**

* President Hecox: If you have an idea that you would like to work on, please come talk to me
* Vice President Mullen: Please vote on the organizations on the survey monkey sent out so we can meet quorum and get those organizations approved
* Senator Means: Please go speak to your departments

**XI. Adjournment – 8:03 p.m.**