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S.O. Registration



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Ready References



Travel policy changes in state legislature have affected university related travel. The Travel Policy packet keeps you up to date and has the forms you need.

Travel Policy



Regulations for forming and maintaining registered student organizations are contained in the Student Affairs Handbook, pg 11-14.

Student Affairs Handbook

# Student Org News

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## Student Spotlight

Gisela Piedra  
*Involvement = Success*

Gisela Piedra is currently a Junior majoring in Political Science with a minor in Theatre Arts. Originally from Dallas, Gisela came to Texas Tech after researching several other schools and deciding that Tech was the number one choice for her. "The TTU education programs and traditions were right for me and still happy and made the right choice. Texas Tech has really given me the opportunity to grow and outside of the student, as a leader in organizations, and as an involved community member."



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Gisela is highly involved with student organization activity; it's her way of leaving a legacy at Tech. She is a founding member of Tech Chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha Latina Sorority, secretary for the Inter-Greek Association, member of the Hispanic Student and Pre-Law Minority Societies, SOAC and campus committee representative, and a participant in the Women's Leadership Program.

Gisela Piedra learned that getting actively involved on campus can make a difference in personal life and campus community. As chairperson for the Cultural Diversity Committee in the Student Government Association (SGA), Gisela shared the following SGA goals to increase the awareness of all ethnic backgrounds and research ways of increasing acceptance and understanding. Some of the SGA key issues include:

*Building a bridge over the gaps between student organizations.*

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## STUDENT ORGANIZATION ACADEMY

**OFFICIAL Student Organization Registration Kick-off**  
**Saturday, March 29, 2003 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Student Union Bldg lower level**

This yearly event provides perfect training for new members and transitioning officers, with the added benefit of receiving the 2003-2004 Student Organization re-registration materials and information. Officer training and development sessions will round out the program. General education sessions and resources will be provided for student organization members and officers will include web site development, campus resources, SGA funding, business etiquette, recruitment and

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### S. O. Programming for Spring 2003

#### FEBRUARY

Re-Registration Meeting -- 20, 27 at 3:30<sup>PM</sup>  
S.O. Advisory Congress -- 20 at 6:30-8:00<sup>PM</sup> SUB Senate Rm  
SGA Elections -- 25, 26 -- VOTE!

#### MARCH

Re-Registration Meeting -- 6, 13, 27 at 3:30<sup>PM</sup>  
S.O. Advisory Congress -- 27 at 6:30-8:00<sup>PM</sup> Red Raider Lounge  
Student Organization Academy -- 29 at 9:00<sup>AM</sup>-2:30<sup>PM</sup>  
S.O. Registration 03-04 officially begins -- 29

#### APRIL

Re-Registration Meeting -- 3, 10, 17, 24 at 3:30<sup>PM</sup>  
S. O. Advisory Congress -- TBA at 6:30-8:00<sup>PM</sup>

#### MAY

Re-Registration Meeting -- 1 at 3:30<sup>PM</sup>

*All Events in the SUB Double T Room unless otherwise noted.  
Check the Center for Campus Life website at <http://www.campuslife.ttu.edu> for times, locations, and changes.*

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retention, financial management, meeting management, officer transition, and more.

In collaboration with the Provost's Office, the Political Science Department, and Service Learning, the Center for Campus Life is delighted in sponsoring Paul Loeb, PH.D., author of "Soul of a Citizen: Living with Conviction in a Cynical Time." We would like his visit to spur as much learning, thought, and discussion as possible on the Tech Campus.



*Guest Speaker Paul Loeb*

In his books and his numerous lectures, Loeb gets beyond prevailing media stereotypes of youth apathy to understand the struggle of this new generation to find its place in a confusing world. He looks at how ordinary citizens, of all ages, learn to take committed stands. He talks of how people get involved in larger community issues and what stops them from getting involved; how they burn out in exhaustion or maintain commitment for the long haul; how civic involvement can give a sense of connection and purpose rare in purely personal life. He explores how students and citizens in general can gain the moral, political, and intellectual tools to take responsibility for the future.

Loeb's other writings include work for The New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Psychology Today, Redbook, Parents Magazine, and many others. He has been seen in television interviews on CNN, PBS, C-SPAN, NBC, BBC, and countless others.

Appearance times:

**March 28th**

- Service Learning Poster Exhibit  
Student Union Porch 1:00 - 4:00PM
- Poster Session Appearance  
Student Union Porch 2:00 - 2:30PM
- Poli Sci Classroom Lecture  
Holden Hall Rm 104 3:00 - 3:50PM

**\*March 29th -- Student Organization Academy**

- Graduate Student Lecture  
SUB Red Raider Room 10:00 - 11:00AM
- Keynote Luncheon Address  
SUB Ballroom 12:15PM

The Student Organization Advisory Congress, the melting pot of student organization representatives that have direct communication to the Student Government Association and campus administration, have had the last word. According to SGA president Kelly Stumbo the first sessions brought several issues to the forefront and got the attention of campus administrators. Continued discussion about key issues and how SOAC members can have more control over the proceedings will be continued in the February meeting.

**SOAC Update:**

Extra room reservations have been arranged in the Student Union Bldg for SOAC committee/discussion sessions on the following dates. Official SOAC meetings are listed in the SO Program Calendar in this Newsletter.

Rooms available for committee use & discussion:	Official Student Organization Advisory Congress Dates:
Feb 13 Red Raider Lounge	February 20 SUB Allen Theatre
Feb 20 Lubbock Room	
Feb 27 Lubbock Room	
Mar 6 Double T	March 13 United Spirit Arena
Mar 13 Red Raider Lounge	
Mar 27 Red Raider Lounge	
April 3 Lubbock Room	April TBA SUB Ballroom
April 17 Red Raider Lounge	
April 24 Matador Room	

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*Promotion and building of programs to help minority students' transition at TTU*

*To make TTU a Nationally Recognized Hispanic Friendly System*

*Conduct surveys to further understand the needs of culturally diverse groups*

*Create better communication between students and the Cultural Diversity Committee.*

*Help with the retention of certain ethnic students*

"The Committee hopes to make students aware of the fact that we are here to help them regardless of ethnic background. We want to tell students that we are available and that they can reach us through the SGA office, or by emailing me at [gpiedra@ttu.edu](mailto:gpiedra@ttu.edu) with any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas for diversity that they may have."