



## **Congress Meeting 09-21-2011**

On September 21, 2011, Abilene Christian University's Students' Association held their second congress meeting for the Fall 2011 semester. The meeting began with the Students' Dietetic Association's request for funding from Congress. After congressional debate, a motion allocating funds to the Dietetic Association passed with a 26-5-3.

The meeting proceeded by Executive Officers warning congress members about possible impeachments. Congress members were strongly encouraged to stay on top of their office hours.

Additionally, the idea of class chapels was discussed. President Connor Best explained that these chapels are primarily the responsibility of class officers; however representatives are more than welcome to give their ideas and/or help with this initiative. Executive officers informed class officers that they're planning on sending out an email once a month to figure out how everyone is doing with their respective chapels and how much officers have spent thus far from their \$1,000 class budgets.

The last major topic for discussion was the congressional committees. Congress members were informed that each committee is capped at 16 students. President Connor Best proceeded to explain the purpose of the External Affairs Committee. External Affairs is primarily focused with community-wide initiatives. For example, this committee is responsible for organizing certain community events (such as helping to build a habitat for humanity house).

Vice President Julianne Hart proceeded to explain the responsibilities of the Internal Affairs Committee. Hart explained that this committee not only relates to the internal affairs of the SA congress but also to the internal affairs of the student body (as a whole). Hart wants to concentrate on the survey results from last year (which include, but are not limited to, the chalk and dance policies, and the meal plan situation). Additionally, this committee deals with any and all matters regarding student life and student policies. Hart encouraged congress members to look for areas in campus where the Students' Association can make a difference. Lastly, Hart expressed her wants for the affairs of congress to be more cohesive and committed.

Treasurer Carson Henley concluded the meeting by discussing the Finance Committee and its purposes. Henley explained that this committee has control of \$5,000 from the congressional budget. For example, this committee will sit in on both appropriations and conference requests.