

**I. Call to Order 12:15 pm**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Reading of the Minutes**

It was motioned by Senator Mendiola that the minutes had been read and it was 2nd by Senator Zamora vote: Y-9/N-0/O-0 motion passed.

**IV. Officer Reports**

a. President Garza

i. Dr. Eliot Chenaux, VP of Student Affairs

Roy Dilks was not able to come in this meeting however Dr. Chenaux VP of Student Affairs came in to talk to us about the University Center Expansion.

The speaker of the house motioned to suspend the rules so that Dr. Chenaux could have the floor; it was 2nd by Senator Mendiola vote: Y-9/N-0/O-0 motion passed.

Dr. Chenaux is retiring after being here at the university for 36 years. To select the new VP the search committee is made up of the President's cabinet, President of SGA and some of the Deans of the colleges. They had an external evaluation of student affairs and said that they are doing wonderful, even won an award in student affairs, but they need to expand to 14,000 students. Student Affairs does everything that is non-academic, he looks over all of the services, and mainly it focuses on safety, it's very important for the students to feel safe. Also to make sure students graduate Dr. Chenaux has been reading the names at graduation for 22 years.

2 years ago the University did a feasibility study about the University Center and Dr. Chenaux showed us the photos renderings of the ideas they had for the expansion of the University Center. This expansion would be done in 2 phases so the University Center can still be usable.

It was mentioned by Speaker of the House that it was unfair that the UC closes down so early and this is something that should be discussed further on the later date. We need to have a Food and Services committee to meet talk to the Food services on campus and to know what we are eating.

Need to revisit feasibility meal plan part, like having an open kitchen so students can prepare their own food.

Speaker motioned the suspension of the rules is removed and it was 2nd by Senator Zamora vote: Y-9/N-0/O-0 motion passed.

ii. Meeting Updates

President Garza meet with Dr. Killebrew and they discussed the Athletic Fee increase and the VP of Student Affairs is having a name change to VP Student Engagement and Success and they put the committee together to find a replacement for Dr. Chenaux. Discussed

SGA Meeting Agenda

February 1, 2012

UC Tejas Room 106B

having a fundraiser for money for the Hector P. Garcia. She is meeting with Terry Tatum, who is over all the computer information on campus.

b. Vice President Garcia

i. Friday Fiesta- Great Job

Great job at Friday Fiesta, we had voted on using on \$600 for prizes and we only used \$300, we can discuss what to use the remaining money on later

ii. Island Day

Next Saturday is Island day February 11th (there will another one in March) it is from 11- 1pm, need volunteers to be at the table, please let Garcia if you are able to go!

**V. Senator/Representative Reports**

a. Representative Bhatari

Met with her Dean January 27th. Study aboard to Costa Rica and Spain in the summer and Maymester. Trying to get students from Israel and Japan, next year expect more international student. Not sure what will be available to international program, if you have any questions Bhatari will direct you towards whom will be able answer your questions.

b. Senators Paret and Sanchez

February 20th is when they will be meeting with their dean, no meeting in January because there was nothing to report.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**VII. Old Business**

a. Athletic Fee Increase

Senator Zamora motioned to have 5 minutes open discussion on the Athletic Fee; it was 2nd by Senator Mendiola vote: Y-9/N-0/O-0 motion passed.

Discussed the cap of how much the fee is, the current is \$22.05 to \$23.15 per hour of classes a student takes.

The fee with help with Momentum campus and scholarship fee, it adds value to our degrees to have athletes that do well. Please think this through because it will affect a lot of different things.

Senator Zamora motion to add 3 more minutes to the open discussion and it was 2nd Senator Mendiola vote: Y-9/N-0/O-0 motion passed.

The university has to obey the Title 9 act about having equal sports and if we don't pass it they will take away funding from other places.

We need to get more people to be aware of this issue because we have to decide on this issue by around March or April but if not it has to be done by the end of the semester.

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Open Forum**

Fundraiser committee meeting will be discussed next week; Representative Bhatari will be meeting with Cameo and try to get involved with INS for Valentine's Day.

Dr. Chenaux talk to us about fees and how the university gets money through state money, donations, HEFunds(Higher Education) and Student Fees: compulsory fee (no control over), but all other fees get motioned on like the Athletic fee. If we do not approve this increase fee and it does not go through there will have to be cuts in other places' fees. As the representatives for the student body we have to makes this decision, if you have any questions please feel free to email Dr. Chenaux.

**X. Robert's Rules Tips**

Good job on following the rules

**XI. Announcements**

a. Meeting Location and Speaker

Roy Dilks will possibly be coming in next meeting, it will be held in Bay Hall 111 and the meeting shall be business attire, if he is not able to show up you will be informed.

Please send in times you will meet with your dean

**XII. Roll Call**

**XIII. Adjournment 1:50pm**