

- I. Call to order 12:15
- II. Roll Call
- III. Reading of the Minutes Senator Zamora motioned to approve the minutes as being read and it was 2nd by Senator Rodriguez, Vote: Y-6/N-1/O-0 motion passed
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President Garza
 - i. President, Dr. Flavius Killebrew Speaker of the House motioned to revoke the Robert Rules of order so that Dr. Killebrew could have the floor, it was 2nd by senator Rodriguez , vote: Y-7/N-0/O-0
 - last week Dr. Killebrew was invited to the white house to address the funding issue of higher education
 - During the event the house laid out the house bill which include Pell Grants
 - there was a significant cut in grants and it effects everyone in higher education
 - President Obama addressed the issue of money in his address; he said that it was a state issue
 - Dr. Killebrew went to have our voice heard
 - we are creating a program through the nursing program that helps veterans who have medical training and helps them transition to school and give them credit for the knowledge they already have. This program caught the attention of the White House!
 - We are separating our graduate studies and research programs so that they can continue to grow because they have already gotten so but. April 1st is when this division goes into effect
 - we are one of the top ten research schools in Texas
 - Separation is happening because there is only one person who is the half time dean of graduates studies and research program
 - So by dividing these programs it will cover both these programs more accurately
 - This will help us become an “ emerging research” school and grow out of just being an “doctoral research “ school
 - There are rumors of more cuts on higher educations by around 3% to as high as 7%
 - Higher education is pushed to discretionary funding, it does not have top priority
 - People blame higher education as to why the budget is so expensive
 - It is no longer seen as a public good to have higher education
 - We are #16 in the world of higher education

- Budget cuts are not equally allocated
- The UC feedback referendum passing has been very positive, we have been running out of meeting spaces
- Since we are trying to expand the university we are not going to have a cap on enrollment, we are the only selective admission college in south Texas so, we are not going to loosen the standards to just get more students
- Dr. Markwood has been involved in the LEAP program, this is to help student affairs & academics get closer together
- Building a welcome center to have perceptive students to go when they visit
- President Obama gave us \$8,000 to start the program for veterans. Also they give the veterans the GI Bills so they can pay for school
- How the Veterans acquired their credits, we are making the building blocks to have that happen
- Going to try in the future to build a bigger liberal arts building
- Speaker of the House motioned to resend that Robert Rules be put back into order, it was 2nd by Senator Rodriguez. Vote; Y-7/N-0/O-0 motion passed.

ii. **Library Issue** president Garza has been receiving a lot of complaints about the loudness in the library

- Most the complaints were about the Greeks
- This issue has been brought to the attention of the Greeks
- Senators have heard complaints & also they cannot study there because it is too loud
- There are other places that have quite areas to study
- The 1st floor & 2nd floor have quite areas in the library
- It is a library so it does need to be semi quite
- This seems to be an issue of not having a big enough library& enough study room to have conversations
- The library needs to serve the student, like letting us have food in the library
- The concern is coming from the students so this is an issue, we need a compromise
- Maybe moving the Greeks around so they can talk & teach each other, there are many different areas around the university that are quite
- However we should no separate the students, although they do need to be more quite
- President Garza just brought this up to get feedback, so if you hear any more complaints please go to her
- Also if you are in the library, actually be studying!

b. **Vice President Garcia**

- i. i. **Islander Tribute** is this coming Tuesday @6, if you can please be there @ 5:30; wear the polo and khaki pants. The event is at Lee plaza

- we are remembering 3 students who have passed away and we will need 3 senators to be able to put the gifts for these Islanders and then give them to the families
- the senators who are not passing out the gifts, should pass out the brochures
- 1. **Tabling** we are tabling this Thursday, Friday, Monday & Tuesday. At least an hour is needed from each senator. The times are either 11:30 to 1 or 12:30 to 2
 - Please let VP Garcia know if you can make it, need at least 2 hours more than one a day
- 2. **Ribbons** these need to be made, and made ASAP in the SGA office, if you have any questions please email VP Garcia or President Garza
- ii. **Application Deadline** has been extended to Friday at 3PM, Monday there will be a candidate meeting
- iii. **UC referendum update** passed 3 to 1, very good turnout. The Board of Regents still needs to pass it before it can go under construction

V. Senator/Representative Reports

- a. **Representative Nelson** meet with Dr. Dorn about the busing system. There a bus that comes to campus ten minutes after 10PM and sometimes this bus does not show up
 - New drivers do not know the locations they are supposed to go to and it is up to the students to tell them their job.
 - As of right now he does not know who to ask about this issue
 - might set up a table for this issue to try and get students involved
- b. **Senator Sanchez and Paret**
 - meet with their Dean and talked about the issues of the wind turbine
 - got an estimate for the hydration station
 - Alternative energy group on campus & meet with Corpus and campus officials about
 - Ceria club, activist groups are trying to get the attention of the city officials about the Corpus Christi sustain ability plan
 - there are a lot of opening committees and positions in the city council so look at their website, would be a great way to get involved
 - also in their dean meeting, they talked about new projects applying for a grant over bio fuel and making photo reactors
 - they were referred to a collate about this

VI. Committee Reports

VII. Old Business

- a. **By laws** speaker put a time limit of 10 minutes on the by-laws

- These do not have be voted on by the student body
- Last week we stopped at the qualifications of what happens when no in SGA applies to be president or VP then we need to decide if they have equivalent position in the past
- Maybe have them knowing the university system and having them put stuff on their resume that shows their knowledge of the university
- Senator Paret motion to leave this as is, no exclusion. It was 2nd by Senator Rodriquez
- Discussion: would leave as it and the election committee would decide if the applicants are qualified for the position. Vote: Y-6/N-0/O-0. Motion passed
- Senator Gonzales motioned to table the by laws to old business next meeting it was 2nd by Senator Zamora. Vote: Y-6/N-0/O-0, motion passed

VIII. New Business

- a. Access to electronic devices to access meeting time having an issue about knowing the time or our schedule because we are not allowed to have our phones out in meeting
 - No one said you were not permitted a watch, also you can have your phone on your lap, as long as it is not on the table and in silent mode
 - This rule was put into place because people were recording the meeting it made people uncomfortable and violated their civil rights
 - This rule stops people from abusing the privilege of having a phone and being distracted
 - Senator Rodriquez motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was 2nd by Senator Zamora, Vote: Y-5/N-1/O-0 motion passed

IX. Open Forum

X. Robert's Rule Tips

XI. Announcements

- a. Applications available online due Friday at 3PM
- b. Meeting location and speaker no speaker, casual attire, in Tejas B

XII. Roll Call

XIII. Adjournment 1:48