

- I. Call to order 12:17PM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Reading of the Minutes Senator Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes as being read it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Paret, Vote: Y-5/N-0/O-0 motioned approved
- IV. Officer Reports
  - a. President Garza
    - i. Fundraiser
      - We need to raise funds for next year
      - Maybe have a raffle ticket sale
      - We have a minimal budget of \$1,000 so we do have money to have an event but we have a small time frame because our last meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup>,2012
      - We could ask for donations like gift cards or maybe buy nooks or iPads
      - We have to raise more money by the end of this semester!
      - We are going to get the Judicial board involved on this fundraising as well
    - ii. Islander Tribute
      - Had a really nice ceremony for the families
      - VP Garcia had to direct people around
      - Senator Paret thought to have gloves to handle the clear momentum pieces
      - We need to make more ribbons for next year
      - This year it was held in Legacy instead of Lee Plaza due to weather
  - b. Vice President Garcia
    - i. Application deadline has been extended
      - March 30<sup>th</sup> was the deadline but it has been extended to April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1PM
      - If you are considering staying in SGA please put in your application
      - Our meeting time will be the same next year
      - Please send in a JPEG photo of yourself, a head shot, to our advisor
      - There will be a candidate meeting this coming week
      - If you need a head shot photo taken for you, please email our advisor
      - Elections will be from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Republic of Texas Triathlon Festival
      - Volunteer opportunity and presented by HEB on April 14<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>
      - Same weekend as Relay for Life
      - Times on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 5AM- 6:15PM or April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 AM- 4:30 PM
      - If you are interested please let VP Garcia know by April 4<sup>th</sup>
      - need volunteers to sign in and help with tear down, etc.
- V. Senator/Representative Reports
- VI. Committee Reports

## VII. Old Business

### a. Bylaws

- decided to stay as is in Section 5
- section 6 about the runoff election & how it should be within 10 business day
- Senator Parent it was decided to leave as is
- The Senator Section 4 article d has already been implanted about if you are missing meeting and letting the VP know your vote about an issue we are discussing in Old Business
- Section 6 – if you changed majors you are no longer able to hold your old Senator Position, you can apply to be a Senator of their new college
- Thought to change wording to “officially switched majors”
- They need to registered in the system in the new college before they can apply for their new college
- Senator Paret motioned to approve Section 6 and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Rodriguez, Vote: Y-5/N-1/O-0 motion passed
- Section 3 under executive branch about having more than 1 Secretary
- Senator Paret motion to approve the by-laws, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Rodriguez, Vote: Y-5/N-1/O-0, motion passed

### b. Access to electronic devise to access meeting time

- Representative Lee wanted to talk about having his phone out
- He wants to have his phone out so he can see the time more clearly without buying a watch
- He wants the ability to record the meeting so that other people can know what is going on within in SGA
- Representative Lee that these rules instated acts as a removal of democracy
- The Speaker of the House wants to eliminate the phone from the table because it is distracting to our meeting
- President Garza said that these rules are not to punish the Senate; it is to be helpful so that our meeting can run more smoothly
- VP Garcia said that you can email her to have a report about an issue & put it on the minutes for the meeting
- Even teachers want students to not be distracted by cell phones; Teachers put this in their syllabuses
- People should not be recorded behind their back; people do not need their personal rights violated
- Representative Lee said that he is sorry that some teachers can't learn when a cell phone goes off, but some of his classes are online and that technology is necessary for those classes
- Lee said that the Senate is not ethical and he does not think they would vote with him on a motion to try and keep cell phones on the table.

## VIII. New Business

## IX. Open Forum

- Baseball/ Softball season, adult tickets are \$5, youth 13 years and under are only \$3
- There is a game Thursday @6 for Baseball
- Friday @ 2 for Softball and @6 for Baseball
- Saturday there is a Softball game @ 12 which is there Easter game and there will be an Egg hunt for the children
- Lee : on the Tour Guide for incoming students when they get to Hector P Garcia Plaza and talk about the statue and the tradition of rubbing the foot for good luck around finals
- Instead of talking about this “tradition” the guides should tell about the history of Hector P Garcia, is honor but the tradition should stay because bigger schools have tradition like that because it unities the students together
- Islander Ambassadors are given a pamphlet of information to tell all the visiting students
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Environmental Consul is having a meeting @2PM, please email Senator Parent for more details
- National Screening day for Alcohol Awareness is April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 to 1PM in the Dugan; you will get a free shirt and food!

X. Robert’s Rule Tips

- Speaker has already gone through the list of rules he wants to talk about
- Speaker is very grateful to how well we have learned the system of the Senate

XI. Announcements

- a. Applications available online
  - Due April 6<sup>th</sup> @1 PM, all the applications are online
- b. Meeting Location and Speaker
  - Bay Hall 111, casual attire, no speaker
  - Bring ideas of fundraising
  - Student Fee advisory committee needs to be attended next meeting

XII. Roll Call

XIII. Adjournment 1:18PM