

1/28/15 Minutes

1. Roll Call: 12:15
 - a. *President Monjarraz*
 - b. *Secretary Agnew*
 - c. *Treasurer Shaheen*
 - d. *Senator A. Rodriguez*
 - e. *Senator Punjwani*
 - f. *Senator J. Rodriguez*
 - g. *Senator Yarbrough*
 - h. *Senator Aguilar*
 - i. *Senator Andrew*
 - j. *Representative Minjarez*
 - k. *Senator Sanchez*
 - l. *Senator Orvis*
 - m. *Senator Foster*
 - n. *Historian Hooper*
 - o. *Chief Justice Longoria*
 - i. *Guests*
 1. *Dr. Albrecht*
 2. *Sebastian King*
 3. *Lisa Perez*
2. Quorum- yes
3. Approval of the Minutes: Approved as sent
4. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Speaker Series
 1. John Casey- February 4, 2015
 2. Trent Hill- February 11, 2015
 3. Reginald Wade- February 25, 2015
 4. COSGA Review- March 11, 2015
 5. Karin Griffith- March 25, 2015
 - ii. Resignations
 1. Miranda Trevino- Senator- Science and Engineering
 - a. Resigning as she is no longer attending Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi
 - iii. Friday Fiesta
 - iv. Legislative Bills
 1. Ms. Perez brought to our attention a number of Bills which pertain to higher education, and has sent the list to SGA President & VP to pass out to members.
 2. It was suggested that those who are going to the Day at the Capitol become familiar with the Bills that have to do with higher education to be able to have conversations with the Senators should they meet and

have the opportunity to speak with them about different academic concerns

- v. Homecoming
- vi. Tabling
- b. Treasurer
 - i. Beginning Balance 9/1/2014- \$34,846.89
 - ii. Actual Expenses to date- \$5,543.09
 - iii. Encumbrances to date- \$3,325.48
 - iv. Ending Balance as of 1/26/2015- \$25,978.32
- c. Vice President
 - i. None
- d. Chief Justice
 - i. Erin Longoria
 - 1. Last semester there were 307 total parking appeals requested
 - 2. 2 positions are open as Associate Justice and at least one is filled, normally have Monday meetings at 6, but they can be changed and meeting time changes
 - 3. Contact information is on the SGA website
- 5. Senator Reports
 - a. Freshman Senator – Antonio Sanchez
 - i. Delivered at the last meeting
 - b. College of Science and Engineering – Colton Coiner
 - i. Absent, but will be covered by President Monjarraz
 - ii. Wants to endorse charts for where donations are made versus what is actually happening
 - iii. *Senator A. Rodriguez* motions to endorse the charts, *Senator Sanchez* seconds.
 - 1. *For: 12, Against: 0, Abstain: 1*
 - 2. *We will be endorsing the charts to post*
 - c. College of Education- Tyris Foster
 - i. Met with Dr. Hernandez on Dec. 3
 - ii. Looking at options of moving start times of classes for the graduate-level courses, which would go through the Faculty Center
 - 1. Ms. Perez brought up that the registrar and the provost office are aware of this problem and that they are working on getting a later start time.
 - iii. Talked about the response rate problem, but incentives may not be realistic, although they are looking at using incentives as doing your course evaluations and being able to see final grades sooner than those who have not done the evaluations.
- 6. Committee Reports
 - a. HPG 5K Committee: Feb 7 at 8am
 - i. Jasmine Rodriguez
 - 1. Teaming up with Athletics (Track and Field)

2. The main thing that we, as SGA, need to work on is advertising the event and getting the word out as much as possible
 - b. Homecoming Committee
 - i. Homecoming Committee
 1. Senator Hull is the only who has expressed interest in being nominated for Homecoming Court, applying for Homecoming Queen
 2. Senator A. Rodriguez motions to approve, Senator Sanchez seconds.
 3. For: 14, Against: 0, Abstain: 0
 4. Senator Hull will be representing SGA for Homecoming Court
 5. Senator A. Rodriguez self nominates for King, Senator Killian makes motion, Senator Aguilar seconds
 - a. Unanimous, For: 14
 6. Historian Hooper- self nominates, and is motioned and approved to run for the position of duchess, For: 14, Abstain: 0, Against, 0
 7. Senator Sanchez is nominated as Duke, by a motion by Senator A. Rodriguez, Senator Aguilar seconded, For 14, Opposed 0, Abstain 0, passes
7. Old Business
 - a. Ebola Presentation
 - i. Zelda Chacon will be coming to an SGA meeting instead of having an open forum.
8. New Business
 - a. Speaker of House Candidate
 - i. Sebastian King is running
 - ii. *Senator A. Rodriguez* nominates, *Senator Aguilar* seconds
 - iii. For: 12, Against: 0, Abstain 0: passes
9. Open Forum
 - a. Do your office hours, there is a lot that needs to be getting done, so make sure to come in and do the hours that were agreed upon.
 - b. President of the American Political Science Association will be here on Feb 3 at 3:30 in IH 163
 - i. Could potentially be a donor for our department here and great turn out to his being here could be an influencing factor in that
10. Announcements
 - a. HPG Fun Run Feb 7, 2015, 8AM
 - b. TAMUCC Day at the Capitol- February 18, 2015
 - i. 12 or 5:30 on February 9 will be a mandatory meeting for those attending
 - c. Health Science Association is having their first meeting tomorrow at 7PM in IH 164
 - d. Homecoming Week Feb. 23-27

i. SGA Commitments

1. Penny Wars- Feb 25-26
2. Friday Fiesta
3. Parade: February 28
 - a. *Senator A. Rodriguez* motions that we participate in the parade, *Senator Sanchez* seconds
 - b. *For: 12, Against: 0, Abstain: 0*
 - c. *We will be participating in the parade*
4. Spirit Competition
 - a. *Senator A. Rodriguez* motions that we participate in the Spirit competition, *Senator Sanchez* seconds
 - b. *For: 13, Against: 0, Abstain: 1*
 - c. *We will be participating in the Spirit Competition*
5. Homecoming Court

11. Roll Call

12. Adjournment: 1:40