

SGA Meeting Agenda

October 12, 2011

UC Tejas106A

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

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Reading of the Minutes** Senator Zamora moved to approve, Representative Bhatari 2<sup>nd</sup>, the minutes were approved

**IV. Officer Reports**

a. President Garza

- i. Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Eliot Chenaux could not make it
- ii. Introduce appointed Position Candidates presented Ernest Mendiola as Freshman Senator, vote: 7 YES-0NO=new Freshman Senator; Bryan Baker as Constitution committee chair, vote: 6YES-0NO-2OBSTAINING= new constitution committee chair
- iii. Meeting Updates Associate VP for Enrollment management, Margaret Dechant: invited President Garza to speak at her High School over the holidays and to present the idea to SGA senate to see if any were interested. Assistant Athletic Director, Megan Allen; talked about prize for food drive (Feb 11<sup>th</sup> game vs SHSU), will start advertising Oct 24<sup>th</sup>; does not have meetings scheduled for this week, but announced that Cameo will hold a fundraiser meeting on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15 in the SGA conference room UC 207

b. Vice President Garcia

- i. Senator and committee report forms described to the senate how to submit their reports, can be turned in electronically or in a hard copy
- ii. Island Day Oct 15<sup>th</sup> in UC Ballroom from 10-1 will be the times needed for senators to attend to be at the SGA table for Island Fair, not a mandatory event
- iii. Contact information on website asked senators if they would like to have their contact information on the web site they would need to e-mail me the information in the format that they would like for it to appear by Friday
- iv. Office hours stressed the importance of office hours and that they are a duty so failure to complete office the minimum requirement of hours per week can constitute as a reason for impeachment
- v. Speaker event with Dr. Robert M. Gates 8pm @ the PAC on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>; please let me know by 5pm Wednesday evening if you are interested in attending the event, limited number of tickets so if you decide to go you must attend or let either the President, VP, or advisor know prior to the event

**V. Senator/Representative Reports**

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- a. Representative Nelson met with Dr. Amanda Drum and they spoke about bus transportation and the website that is in process of being public which will help with off campus housing

### VI. Committee Reports

- a. Senator Gonzalez not very people showed up to his meeting, but talked the EDGE pumpkin patch event from 3:30-4:00pm on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at Wesley United Methodist Church
- b. Senator Paret received feedback about hydration station from Missouri State University

### VII. Old Business

- a. Business Cards senator Paret moved to table to a further meeting, Senator Zamora 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion was passed with a vote: 8YES-0NO
- b. Recording votes by name in minutes Representative Nelson suggested that senators' names be recorded next to their vote for every motion so that the student body could see how senate voted. Motion was not made

### VIII. New Business

- a. Representative Nelson Was given 15 minutes to speak on his points; stated that his points were not correctly displayed in new business
  - i. Judicial Board "points of information"
  - ii. Should Executive board set the agenda?
  - iii. Why does constitution need to be amended until Spring?
  - iv. Was judicial business done during summer? By what authority? President Garza addressed the matter.
  - v. Disqualification of Senator in the summer Senator Nadem-Mollaei asked for a Point of Information as to the relevance that Representative Nelson's points had with the business at hand and if his points seemed to be attacking the President and Vice President
  - vi. Charge the President and Vice President with Harassment "motion" asked for clarification of the point as typed in the agenda
  - vii. Grounds on having to clear electronic devices and stating that the meeting may be recorded
  - viii. Suspending debate without a Senate vote
  - ix. Passport to the Island
  - x. Cancellation of April 30, 2011 training
  - xi. Rewording of Constitution asked for clarification of the point as typed in the agenda

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- xii. Are senators allowed to interrupt another senator while making a motion? No, not during a motion, but if it is after allotted time has run out or if the Speaker points to the other senator to speak, it is acceptable
- xiii. Asked a question about the Oct 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and gave the wrong time, so Representative Nelson was asked by the President to submit it again correctly.

### **IX. Open Forum**

- a. Possibility of supporting protests known as OccupyWallStreet Senator Paret mentioned that SGA members are supposed to act as a neutral party; advisor, Angela Walker clarified that a student may support a cause as an individual, not in any way as a member of SGA or in representation of SGA.
- b. Vice President Garcia asked for Senators and Representatives to submit all additions for meeting agendas by 5:00pm on Mondays so that there is appropriate time to ask senators for clarification before the weekly meeting on Wednesdays. The only additions that would be acceptable after Mondays at 5pm are committee and senator reports who met either late on Monday or on Tuesday.

### **X. Robert's Rules Tips** Point of Information-pertains to information at hand, raise for information- a senator can stand up and ask a question about the question at hand as another way to present point of information

### **XI. Announcements**

- a. Senators paragraphs Senator Gonzalez asked the senators to submit a bio about their self (major, position, etc) he said that he would send out an email and that the length of the bio would be specified in the email and that he would prefer it to be sent to him by Thursday evening so that he can begin to work on displaying them on the SGA bulletin board
- b. Next meeting location and Speaker UC Tejas 106 A; Speaker will be Reginald Wade, Director of University Services; may have Dr. Chenaux present on the Student Regent application which needs to be approved by SGA
- c. Dig Pink Game President Garza announced the DIG PINK game

### **XII. Roll Call**

### **XIII. Adjournment 1:45pm**