

**I. Call to Order 12:17pm**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Reading of the Minutes: Motion to approve Senator Paret, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rep. Bhatari Y/N/O, 10/0/0**

**IV. Officer Reports**

a. President Garza

- i. Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Eliot Chenaux- Move to suspend the Roberts Rules, Senator Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Y/N/O 10/0/0. Taught Spanish for 15 years, Dean of Students, Background: from Puerto Rico. Talked about what he does. His job is to oversee the division of affairs, budgets, and assessment (how well they do with the job). Brought in Dr. Stouter to be external evaluator from Texas State. Disabilities services will be moved to Corpus Christi Hall. New testing center with new testing rooms and furniture will open soon. Talked about Tennis Courts. UC expansion had an architect come on campus. Even if we build the UC for 26 million, it would not be big enough to hold everyone. Talked about the challenges on campus: cost of education is going up, and being passed on to students, skateboarders, smoking, food prices, food selection. Less men going to school. 1965-present Women are outranking Men in coming to college. Biggest challenge: Texas Legislative budget. Diversity issues: Minority serving institution. Housing-where are we going to house international students. South Texas is receiving less funding. Talked about our on campus housing. Retention and graduation very important. Our job: represent student body. Summit about housing November 10<sup>th</sup>. Todd Hunter, register online. Chairman Branch. If tickets available-\$5 with Sanddollar ID Card. VP Garcia raised question and concern about the skateboarding. Need to look at all non-motorized transportations. Committee is being formed regarding these issues. Smoking concern on campus was also raised. Dr. Chenaux's office is 318 UC. Dr. Chenaux said he welcomes phone calls and visits to his office. Motion to put Roberts Rules back in order. Genesis 2<sup>nd</sup> Y/N/O 10/0/0
  - ii. Upcoming meetings for the week-Social Network by EDGE 7-9pm November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-3pm
  - iii. Can Food Drive-Forms in SGA office, no more than 20 students per team. Get word out about Can Food Drive. Can drop of dates on form.
- b. Vice President Garcia
- i. Tables for food drive- Will give dates for tables through emails as well as the times.

- ii. Island Day- November 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) is Island Day, will have a table. Need volunteers 10:30am set up, until 1pm. Let VP Garcia know if you can volunteer.
- iii. Open positions-Still have a lot of open positions.
- iv. Meeting times for next semester-Needs to be decided on very soon. Make sure if possible, our meeting time, Wednesdays 12:15-1:45pm is open in your schedules.

#### **V. Senator/Representative Reports**

- a. Senator Gonzalez/ Rodriguez-Met with Dean last week. (College of Liberal Arts). Media certificate is now available: it is a graphic design certificate when you graduate. Looking at Chinese as a language option starting next fall. Keep studying abroad in Spain. Passport program: Classes in other countries, add up for a degree. Curriculum is already set up, looking for a name for the department. What SGA can do: push for more staff, due to the issue with not having enough teachers. Dean of Liberal Arts will keep us updated. Question was raised as to if students could minor in Chinese. Dean looking into it.

#### **VI. Committee Reports**

- a. Bryan Baker-Last week held first constitution meeting, made minor adjustments. Will send out electronic copies of changes. Will be meeting with President Garza and VP Garcia this week about changes. Any SGA members interested in serving on the committee can contact Baker. Another meeting will be held in the next 2-3 weeks. Question raised by Nelson about whether or not these are proposed changes. Angela said they were just proposed.

#### **VII. Old Business**

#### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Representative Nelson-Expressed concern about SGA and congress's ethics. Difficulties of the Agenda being read. Violations of election procedure and constitution.

**IX. Open Forum-Cameo:** Fundraiser meeting Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> 12:15. Matt stated emails sent about talking in meeting needs to be stated clearly to know where it needs to be put in the agenda. Rep. Nelson: Concerned that points made in his emails are not on the agendas for the following weeks. Matt stated that the Executive board has asked for resubmission from Rep. Nelson to clear up points made and make sure they are added to the agenda.

**X. Robert's Rules Tips-** Speaker: adjournment-if you would like adjournment to happen (due to time), you are able to state, "I move to adjourn..." and it will need a majority vote. And a Second motion, and if passed the meeting will be adjourned immediately.

#### **XI. Announcements**

SGA Meeting Agenda  
November 2, 2011  
UC Swordfish 324

- a. Robert M. Gates Tickets-Need to sign off on them and pick them up by Friday at noon. Otherwise they will be given to other students.
  - b. Next meeting location and Speaker next Wednesday 12:15-1:45. UC Tarpon Room 323. President, Dr. Flavius Killebrew will be attending.
  - c. Saturday at 9am: Representative Raul Torres, Construction of wind turbines near physical plant.
  - d. Speaker will be checking everyone's notes after meeting.
- XII. Roll Call**
- XIII. Adjournment 1:48pm**