

SGA Meeting Agenda
November 9, 2011
UC Tarpon Room 323

I. Call to Order: 12:15pm

II. Roll Call

III. Reading of the Minutes Motion to approve 2nd-Senator Mediola Y/N/O 10/0/0

IV. Officer Reports

a. President Garza

- i. President of the university, Dr. Flavius Killebrew-Motion to suspend Roberts Rules of Order 2nd-Senator Zamora. Y/N/O- 11/0/0. Talked about legislative session, cuts made on education. Able to negotiate and move certain positions around to save money. Anticipating 2013. 12 million \$ decrease in budget. Certain state positions announce they will not run again, and that is a loss in leadership budget development in the State of Texas. Sales tax is on the increase and it is a big revenue for Texas. Did not invade the Rainy Day Fund. Number of polls going into the Legislative session as to where the main number of cuts should go and the number one answer was to Higher Education. November 10th, Todd Hunter holding a higher education summit. People are coming from all over Texas to attend the summit. Media Panel will be there during the summit. Secretary Gates Lecture November 11th. Hoping having speakers such as Secretary Gates will be an annual event. Tickets are \$5. Talked about new Chancellor-John Sharp. Question raised about tuition raises. Dr. Killebrew said if there is a tuition increase it will be very minimal. Budget problems-serious impacts on the health and benefits of the employees. \$2 million impact from moving the employees benefits to a different program. Cut back on preferred maintenance. If both of those happen \$4.2 million hit a year. Question raised about developing renewable energy, Dr. Killebrew said renewable energy goes beyond the budget. Will probably receive grant for solar panels. 2nd institution to have a flat rate tuition. Question raised about energy by Nelson being moved to Green mountain energy. Dr. Killebrew said energy is done by the A&M system. Looking at courses being in a very cost efficient way. Trying to make the university more online in case a hurricane hits. Questions raised about teachers saying the school is pushing them to be more "online." Dr. Killebrew responded with it's not something he has told them and the best thing to do is to talk to the teacher. Dr. Killebrew said he wants us to be involved, talk positively about the school and how education IS important. Talked about economic impact of the oil find. Student to teacher ratio question being raised. Staff were cut but not faculty. Cuts made so that faculty wouldn't have to be cut. Haven't been able to add faculty, but they wish they could add more within the constraints that we have. Veterans tuition should be taken from the state and not other students at the university. Question raised about random room searches. Speaker of the House said to check Camden lease and that random room searches are not supposed to happen. Question raised about international

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- student tuition and grants. Only 5% of students are allowed to receive this by state law. Motion to resend Roberts Rules 2nd- Rep. Bhatari Y/N/O 10/0/0
 - ii. Introduction of appointed senator Miguel Sanchez (S&E), Motion to Proceed to vote by Speaker Gressler, 2nd- Senator Zamora Y/N/O; 10/0/0
 - iii. Upcoming meetings meeting tomorrow with Homecoming committee
 - iv. Meeting updates met with homecoming committee last week-alumnae day on Friday the week of Homecoming. Will vote later whether or not we should have inflatables. Met with Bryan Baker about constitution, will meet with us every 2 weeks. If you wish to say anything about the constitution he is open to comments.
 - v. Canned food drive-spread the word about it.
- b. Vice President Garcia
- i. Meeting update Spoke with MGC about canned food drive, Senator Zamora and VP Garcia had a meeting through television with all the universities in the A&M system. Chancellor Student Advisory Counsel.
 - ii. Robert M. Gate Tickets some left, \$5 for tickets. Event will begin a 8pm. Balcony seating.
 - iii. Tables for Food Drive Collection Tomorrow November 10th from 11-1, Table serves for can collection drop off, promote regent positions, and open positions in SGA. Other drop off time 7-8:30pm at volleyball game November 10th Dugan and Wellness Center. Last day to drop off cans November 22nd. Announced at half time during game that same day. Name and organization written on the bag that the groups drop off.

V. Senator/Representative Reports

- a. Representative Bhatari International education week next week. Volunteers needed for Opening Ceremony Monday at 11:30 on the 2nd floor of the UC to carry flag from UC to Lee Plaza. Will be sending email about the events for next week.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Senator Paret Environmental Committee meeting, went over wind turbine project and parking garage to collect rain water. The university sprinkler system has been watering during the day near the new Business building. Next committee meeting date November 29th at 3:15 in SGA conference room. Sent out email about it.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- IX. **Open Forum** Vote on inflatables for homecoming this year. 4 inflatables for \$1100 with delivery fee. Money put aside for Friday Fiesta. Will look into rain out issues if that issue arises. Angela-check food cost and physical plant cost.
- X. **Robert's Rules Tips** call to intermission, "I move that we recess for..." even for fire alarms. It can be amended, has to be voted on.

XI. Announcements

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- a. Harbor Lights volunteers **young business professionals looking for volunteers. Over 100 volunteers needed, if interested contact December 3rd, go to their website for form.**
- b. Water garden clean-up **Small Clean up this Saturday from 9-12**
- c. Next meeting location and Speaker **Next meeting November 16th 12:15- 1:45 UC Tejas 106 A, Margaret Dechant (Associate VP enrollment) will be speaking.**

XII. Roll Call

XIII. Adjournment 1:45pm