



**TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 10/11/17**

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

**II. Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Allen Graham, Cassandra Sheick, Alexis Gordon, Kelly Rojas, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Kirk Jorgenson, Haylee Haire, Arturo Burgueno, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Jacquelyn Lara, Kristin Strittmatter, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.

**III. Islander Pledge**

**IV. Guest Introductions**

**V. Approval of Minutes**

i. September 27<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Will be approved at next week's meeting, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. President's Report**

i. Islander Mural

- A group within First Year Council have been working on the Mural.

- A link has been sent out to the students to gather their input regarding ideas for the Mural.

ii. Town Hall

- Fall Town Hall is this Friday. October 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 PM . The location has changed to Anchor Ballroom C.

- The attire is SGA Polo with Slacks/Khakis/Skirt.

- Members are asked to arrive at 11:30 AM.

- Food will served at the event consisting of pizza and chips with dips.

- For those who do not have a polo, please contact President Bustos.

- The Public Hearing will be incorporated into the Town Hall and will only last for a portion of the time.  
President Dr. Quintanilla will be presenting for the Public Hearing regarding the tuition increase and health service fee.

**VII. Vice President's Report**

i. Committee Chair Update

- During the E-Board meeting, the selection process for Committee Chairs was discussed and a few adjustments were made.

- Vice President Davis is working on an application on Orgsync for anyone who is interested in applying for a Committee Chair/Co-Chair position.

- Once the application is live, Vice President Davis will send out an email with the link. The deadline is will be for one week. After the deadline has passed, Vice President Davis will review the applications and schedule interviews with the applicant and President Bustos.

- Taking feedback from the Senate and E-Board, the Chair for Student Affairs position has been converted into 2 Co-Chair positions. Pablo's appointment at last week meeting was tabled but will be for one of the Co-Chair position.

- The current vacancies are 1 Co-Chairs for Student Affairs, 1 Chair for Legislative Studies and 1 Chair for Academic Affairs.

**VIII. Chief Justice's Report**

i. Appeals: Total -18

- Chief Justice Richardson and her associate justices met last week.

- 12 were approved, 2 were reduced and 4 were denied.

ii. Associate Justice appointments

- Chief Justice Richardson introduced her two associate justice appointees: Anthony Ortiz and Cody Boethel. Both Anthony and Cody introduced themselves to the Senate and answered

questions regarding how they heard about the position and why they wanted to become an associate justice.

- Senator Gilson motion to put both appointments on the floor which was seconded by Senator Lara.
- There is a total of 4 associate justice positions, 2 of which are currently vacant. Cody and Anthony were the only two to apply for the vacant associate justice positions.
- Chief Justice Richardson has been advertising the 2 vacancies throughout the summer, at the First Year Council meetings, Senate meetings and SGA Fall Retreat. Anyone who was interested in applying for the positions were directed to contact her.
- President Bustos and Chief Justice Richardson interviewed both Cody and Anthony on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Both Chief Justice Richardson and President Bustos spoke on Antony's behalf regarding his involvement within First Year Council.
- Both Chief Justice Richardson and Vice President Davis spoke on Cody's behalf regarding his involvement last year as a general member, attending the SGA Fall Retreat and having him for class.
- Senator Graham motioned to end debate which was seconded by Senator Weeks. 2/3 Senate vote was meet ending debate and taking the decision to a vote.
- The Senate voted on both appointments. 2/3 Senate vote was meet, confirming both Anthony Ortiz and Cody Boethel as associate justices.

**IX. Speaker's Report**

- i. E-Board meeting
  - Speaker Allen provided feedback from the Senate regarding the appointments. Speaker Allen only sent out email to the Senate and members of E-Board disagreed on his approach. In the future, Speaker Allen will take into consideration including E-Board on correspondence to the Senate.
- ii. Reporting on absences
  - If a Senator is going to be absent, they are asked to email a member of E-Board ahead of time so it can be taken into account if quorum is meet for when voting on budgets, appointments, etc.
- iii. Islander Night Out
  - Dr. Perez asked the Senate and E-Board to help spread the word about the event.
  - Event will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**X. Senator Reports**

- i. Athletics Senator
  - Meet with Athletic Director on Friday, October 6th at 9 AM.
  - Athletics is working on a few projects to generate revenue. Tax dollars do not cover athletic budget. The budget obtains income from the athletic fee, donors, ticket sales, etc.
  - Athletics is currently working with various companies and organizations and exploring options to generate revenue.
    - i Islander Impact posters
      - Would like to see Islander Impact posters created that focuses on Athletics.
    - ii. Hurricane Harvey Damage/Efforts
      - Athletic facilities sustained minor damage. The Baseball outfield fence and scoreboard needs to be replaced. The Softball score board needs to be replaced as well. Fixing these facilities are on top of list and efforts are being made to find money in the budget for them.



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- Athletics have received donations (clothing items) from schools throughout the US. Any organization that is interested in collaborating with Athletics to help distribute donated items should contact Senator Seabolt.

### Iii Announcements:

- 1st Basketball home game – Thursday November 2nd vs. A&M Kingsville

Want to highly publicize this event so there is an increase in student attendance and help generate ticket sales.

- Men/Women's Tennis – Wednesday Oct 11th, 7PM; Women's Tennis – Friday Oct. 13th, all day.

- Volleyball – Thursday Oct 12th, 6:30PM; Saturday Oct 14th, 1PM

- Dr. Perez mentioned how the Director of Rec Sports, Frank Harrison, mentioned how they are working on having more womens and mens basketball games on campus.

ii. *Freshman Senators*

iii. *College of Liberal Arts*

iv. *College of Graduate Studies*

v. **College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

- Senator Sanchez attended the College of Nursing Undergraduate Department meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM. The meeting consist of all five of the cohort representatives from each of the nursing classes.

- They discussed the possibility of getting the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) exam added to their tuition and fees to minimize the cost for students because currently students have to pay out of pocket to take the exam.

- Class sizes have increased due to an increase in admission into the program and students are dissatisfied with the room size in Island Hall for their classes because the rooms are not large enough to accommodate the increase in class size.

- Exploring the possibility of getting professors together when scheduling their exams so students have enough time to prepare for each exam so they may do their best.

vi. *College of Business*

vii. *Disabilities Senator*

viii. *College of Science & Engineering*

ix. *Veterans Senator*

## XI. Committee Reports

### i. Spirit and Traditions

- One initiative currently working on to implement is getting a banner. Heard back from one company regarding the banner and it contains both SGA's and TAMUCC's social media.

- At the game on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, will have Excel spreadsheet to get information from students regarding what team they want to represent such as hosing, college/major, student organization, etc.

- For the different teams, will keep track of which students are coming and the banner will be given out to the team that has the most turnout at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Basketball game.

### ii. Environmental Affairs

- Chairman Salamanca emailed out the resolution for the triple stream waste bins to the Senate on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Resolution is a proposal for SGA to collaborate with Islander Green Team to get triple stream waste bins for the University Center.

- Islander Green Team has compost program where volunteers pick up food scraps from various dining locations across campus and convert it into a natural fertilizer compost.



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- Both Texas A&M College Station and A&M Kingsville have similar triple stream waste bins which was a source of inspiration to implement them at TAMUCC.
- Islander Green Team takes care of food scraps and compost. Custodial staff takes care of recycling. One goal is to get more student involvement to help collect disposal waste from bins.
- The bins would be incorporated with current trash cans and the Environmental Affairs Committee designed the layout of the bin at their October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The company obtained price quote from has worked with the A&M system before and were efficient in their communication.
- Islander Green Team has outreach program to help educate students on the bins.
- Senator Scheick motioned to approve the resolution which was seconded by Senator Lara.
- After discussion regarding SGA partially funding the triple stream waste bins, more time is needed regarding the budget proposal of the resolution.
- Senator Scheick motioned to amend the resolution which was seconded by Senator Gordan. The proposed amendment to the resolution was changing “SGA will support and partially fund...” to “SGA will support”. 2/3 Senate vote was met and resolution was amended.
- Senate Gilson motioned to approve the amended resolution which was seconded by Senator Strittmatter. 2/3 Senate vote was met and the amended resolution was approved.

### iii. **Catering Incentive Fund:**

- The Catering Incentive Fund committee met last week to review applications.
- The committee had a grant total of \$20,000 to allocate.
- Of the \$20,000: \$8,000 was awarded to Late Night Breakfast, \$1,750 was awarded to Student Employee Bash Luncheon and \$1,000 was awarded to Islander Lights. This left \$9,250 to be awarded to student organizations.
- A total of 11 applications from student organizations were submitted, 7 were approved and 4 were declined.
- The remaining balance is \$2105.90 and applications will reopen next month.

## **XII. Old Business**

- i. Student Affairs Committee chair
- Senator Scheick motioned to remove the appointment from the table which was seconded by Senator Gordan.
- The Senate discussed the appointment.
- Senator Gilson motioned to end debate which was seconded by Senator Weeks. 2/3 Senate vote was met and debate was ended.
- The Senate voted and 2/3 Senate vote was not met therefore the appointment failed.

## **XIII. New Business**

### **XIV. Advisor’s Report**

- SGA will start recruiting for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board position and/or the Student Regent position.
- The term for the position will be from June 2018 to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.
- The Application deadline is November 3<sup>rd</sup> and SGA will hold interviews the following week of November 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.
- The SGA website will be updated with the information.

### **XV. Treasurer’s Report**

- Transaction that have hit the account from Dr. Perez p-card include food cost from the FYC Retreat, SGA Fall Retreat, and Polos.



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### **XVI. Open Forum**

- Tommy Reyna introduced himself as the Student Veterans Organization President. President Bustos and Speaker Allen will be working with SVO regarding the Veterans Senator position.
- Liberal Arts Senators will be meeting with their Dean on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 PM.
- Anyone interested in helping Vice President Davis with the minutes, please contact her.
- President Bustos expressed his opinion that SGA is a team and that E-Board discussed expectations regarding email correspondence at the meeting on Monday.

### **XVII. Announcements**

- i. Fall Town Hall Meeting is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. 12PM-2PM
- ii. Meeting with Dr. Quintanilla October 20<sup>th</sup> 11AM-12PM
- iii. Flu Clinic for Students/Staff/Faculty-10/11, 10/25, 11/1
- iv. Graduate and Professional School Fair-10/31
- v. Veteran's, Criminal Justice and Government Fair-11/7
- vi. Careers in Education Fair-11/8

**XVIII. Final Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Joyce Paez, Allen Graham, Cassandra Sheick, Alexis Gordon, Kayla Weeks, Richard Torres, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Esmerald Rodriguez, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Jacquelyn Lara, Kristin Strittmatter, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.

**XIX. Adjournment 1:51**