



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC SGA Senate Meeting 10/15/18

- I. **Call to Order** 5:15pm
- II. **Roll Call** Connar Allen, Desiree Corbett, Tamara Darabie, Sarina Garcia, Jared Gaza, Jackson Gray, Stormie Gutierrez, Jayna Hamilton, Brittney Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Damian Olvera, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, Alan Romero, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, McAllen Waobikeze, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Albrecht, Dr. Perez
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **Speaker's Report** – *Please see attached report.*
 - i. Early Registration
 - i. Speaker Garcia reminded everyone that the last day to qualify for early registration is Wednesday, October 17th.
 - ii. Speaker Garcia read aloud the names of all of the members that currently qualify for early registration.
 - iii. Senator Jorgensen asked if the senate meeting time will remain the same for the spring semester.
 - iv. Vice President Scheick explained that no one has come to the E-board to request that we change the meeting time for next semester due to classes, but if anyone absolutely cannot attend meetings due to a class time then they need to contact E-board so we can discuss changing the meeting time to accommodate you.
 - ii. Office Hours
 - i. Speaker Garcia reminded the senate that all elected officials must complete one office hour per week. Office hours can be completed in a variety of ways such as tabling, office work, etc.
 - ii. Office hours can be logged through the google form that Speaker Garcia emailed to everyone earlier this semester.
 - iii. Incentive Points
 - i. Speaker Garcia discussed what incentive points are and how to earn them. Members with 30 incentive points qualify for early registration and at 70 points members can receive an Islander pin.
- V. **President's Report** – *Please see attached report.*
 - i. Islander Forever Ring- Russel Wagner
 - i. President Allen introduced Russel Wagner to the Senate.
 - ii. Russel Wagner said that TAMUCC is bringing back an old program, called "The Legacy Ring" where they offer free rings to different divisions and offices on campus. They are now going to allow students to go through an application process for an Islander Ring which is completely free. The application closes November 1st.
 - iii. Russel Wagner would like anyone with questions or comments to reach out to him via phone number or email which can be found on his business cards which he passed out.



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- ii. Constitution and Bylaws Longevity Act Meeting
 - i. President Allen updated everyone that there will be a meeting soon discussing changes needed to the Bylaws to make it a more stable document.
 - ii. President Allen would like to address areas in the Bylaws and Constitution that could use changes. He is hoping to meet with members of SGA to discuss any problems they find with the Bylaws and Constitution and discuss ways to improve these documents.
- iii. Quality Enhancement Plan
 - i. President Allen discussed the Quality Enhancement Plan with the senate and explained what this plan is and what it entails.
- iv. Appointment of Gabriella to Associate Justice.
 - i. President Allen introduced the appointment of Gabriella to the senate.
 - ii. President Allen believes she is qualified and empathetic enough for the position. She is also already involved in SGA which President Allen valued when selecting for this position.
 - iii. Gabriella introduced herself to the senate.
 - iv. Senator Swift moved to make the appointment and Senator Jorgensen seconded.
 - v. Associate Justice Jenkins asked Gabriella why she was interested in becoming Associate Justice.
 - vi. Gabriella responded by stating that she is wanting to improve transparency throughout SGA and she is interested in learning more about the structure of SGA and making it better for everyone.
 - vii. The senate voted and the appointment of Gabriella to Associate Justice was passed.

VI. Vice President's Report

- i. Town Hall Report
 - i. Vice President Scheick discussed the town hall that SGA and the Islander Green Team co-hosted last week.
 - ii. Vice President Scheick believes that the town hall was very successful and attendance increased after each attendance.
 - iii. During the town hall, Marine Biology doctoral candidate, Lee Pinnell, presented his research on microplastics and how they harm the wildlife in the bay.
 - iv. Plastic recycling was another issue that was discussed. Plastic recycling on campus isn't exactly ideal because the company TAMUCC currently uses only accepts a few types of plastics.
 - v. The tree master plan was also a topic discussed and this is a plan to strategically plot trees on campus with environmentally stable trees which will increase shade all throughout campus.
- ii. Quintanilla Meeting
 - i. Vice President Scheick recently met with Dr. Quintanilla and worked on making progress on our agenda.



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- ii. Vice President Scheick believes that they made a lot of progress in pushing the SGA agenda. She will be staying in close contact with Dr. Quintanilla by emailing her updates and a report of what was discussed during meeting.
 - iii. More specifically, Dr. Quintanilla requests more information pertaining to the Campus Sustainability Office, the hammock park idea, lighting up the water tower on game days, and safety training for faculty.
 - iii. Risk Management Training
 - i. All SGA members will be receiving Risk Management Training via an email from Vice President Scheick. This training is a part of our departmental organization requirement so all members must go through it.
 - iv. Reminders
 - i. Vice President Scheick reminded the senate of mandatory office hours and committee membership.
 - ii. To log office hours, please fill out the google form which was emailed by Speaker Garcia to all members.
 - iii. The committee membership application is on I-Engage. You can also join a committee by reaching out to the respective committee chair and ask to join their committee.
- VII. Treasurer's Report**
 - i. Budget Update
 - i. Treasurer Bustos gave an update on the current financial standing of SGA.
- VIII. Chief Justice's Report**
- IX. First-Year Council Director**
 - i. Oktoberfest
 - i. Director Held announced that the First-Year Council will be providing a both at Oktoberfest from 12-2pm on October 17th.
 - ii. The event is hosted by I-Team to promote healthy behaviors specifically in regards to Halloween and approaching midterms.
 - iii. The First-Year Council will represent SGA at the event by handing out SGA frisbees with a midterm survival guide attached to it.
 - ii. SGA TV
 - i. Director Held announced that the First-Year Council will be taking over SGA TV, which will be dedicated to sharing news about SGA and the university.
- X. Senator Reports**
 - i. College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - i. Senator Dari discussed what initiatives she is planning to improve the college of nursing and their students. She is hoping to develop a way to help get nursing students prepared and informed for how to start their future careers; such as, an event where they are taught how to dress professionally for interviews.
 - ii. Dr. Albrecht asked if they talked to career services about dress for success.
 - iii. Senator Dari responded by saying that she has reached out to career services to create an event for Nursing students.



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- ii. Freshman Senators
 - i. Senator Romero discussed how their meeting with Dr. Melissa Jarrel went and what was discussed. They discussed what the goals were for creating the University College and how it would be changing.
 - ii. Senator Nellums discussed the new ideas they came up with to discuss in further meetings with the dean. They are hoping to look into the success of Welcome Week and Islander Launch and discuss how these could both be improved to better assist the transition from high school to college.
 - iii. Senator Gutierrez discussed what tasks the freshman senators plan to complete before their next meeting. Some of these tasks include coming up with new ideas and recommendations for Islander Lunch and Welcome Week. They are also looking into how they could better improve communication between university departments, such as communication between the financial aid office and the Business Office.
 - iv. President Allen asked the freshman senator to explain what problems they found with Islander Launch since they personally experienced it.
 - Senator Nellums explained that since none of the activities were required, freshmen chose not to attend those events and ended up not being very informed.
 - Senator Romero said that the only benefit they got from Islander Launch was setting up Islander email and registering for classes. He believed that Islander Launch was very redundant and not useful.
 - Senator Nellums said that they didn't receive much information about the Business and Financial Aid office and this left many freshmen students with increased stress about how to pay for college.
 - Dr. Perez believes that freshmen students need to be guided through their first year and need to know what right questions to ask; thus, orientation should be a place where students are given the tools and knowledge they need to do this.
 - Vice President Scheick shared her experience at this year's Islander Launch and said that there was very low attendance at club fair, so she definitely supports improving attendance and encourages feedback from everyone.
 - Dr. Perez said that this next year they are working on having orientation for next year include a time slot for the club fair and to better educate students on I-Engage.

XI. Committee Reports

- i. Spirit and Traditions Committee
 - i. September 21st Meeting
 - Chair Garcia recently met with her committee members on September 21st to discuss the Bluesday Tuesday Bash and ideas for the Homecoming Theme this year.
 - ii. SGA Homecoming Events



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- SGA will be hosting two events during Homecoming Week, Penny Wars and Friday Fiesta.
- iii. Halloween Window Decorating
 - SGA has been invited to participate in the USCO Halloween Decorating Contest and we have plans to decorate the SGA window starting on Wednesday.

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

- i. S.B. 28-4 Student and Staff Safety Resolution
 - i. Senator Nellums introduced the bill to the sane which was sponsored by Senator Swift.
 - ii. Senator Nellums read the bill aloud to the senate.
 - iii. Senator Nellums recently met with faculty members and discussed their level of preparedness in regards to an active threat on campus. Amidst meeting with these individuals, Senator Nellums came to the conclusion that many faculty members are not prepared for an active threat on campus.
 - iv. Senator Davis moved to discuss the bill and Senator Lara seconded.
 - v. Senator Davis asked if there would be a universal guideline for what to discuss with students and apply to all professors or would it be individualized to each class.
 - vi. Senator Nellums explained that it will be individualized by the professor.
 - vii. Senator Davis thinks this would be a problem and that all professors should receive the same guidelines/procedure.
 - viii. Senator Nellums explained that the goal is just to make sure each professor actually goes over a safety procedure with their classroom, so they can perform this however they feel best prepares themselves and their classroom.
 - ix. Senator Myers asked if there is already something in place for each classroom.
 - x. Senator Nellums said that they do have plans implemented but professors do not review them nor actively go through them with their class.
 - xi. Senator Waobikeze said that professors should include what they announce as a safety procedure it in the syllabus.
 - xii. Dr. Perez said that each building on this campus has an evacuation plan posted. So a goal should definitely be to make sure that evacuation procedures are in place and posted and presented in some way.
 - xiii. Chief Justice Olvera asked if this is just to get the ball rolling and to inform faculty, while also allowing faculty to start enforcing their own policies.
 - xiv. President Allen suggests to change the title to "Student Faculty Safety Bill" to make it more clear about who this bill pertains to.
 - xv. Dr. Albrecht agrees that the title should be clarified more and he also suggests changing the title to this bill.
 - xvi. Dr. Perez said that the broad areas in the bill should explain a little bit more.



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- xvii. Senator Lara moved to amend “develop classroom safety evacuation procedures” to read “ develop classroom safety procedure, “evacuation, shelter in place, etc.”
- xviii. A discussion was held regarding this amendment.
- xix. Senator Davis moved to end debate and Senator Dari seconded.
- xx. The senate voted and debate was not ended.
- xxi. Associate Justice Jenkins explained that this bill is just a foundation for faculty to enforce safety procedures.
- xxii. Speaker Garcia ended the debate and called for a vote
- xxiii. The senate voted and the amendment to add parentheticals was not made.
- xxiv. Senator Leach moved to amend the wording “develop a safety and evacuation procedure” to read as “ develop a classroom safety procedure during emergencies” and Senator Gutierrez seconded this motion.
- xxv. The senate voted and the amendment “develop a classroom safety procedure during emergencies” was passed.
- xxvi. Senator Swift moved to amend the wording in the title from “Student and Staff” to “Student and Employee”.
- xxvii. Senator Opoola said that he cannot see the connection between the title and the bill, since the bill is to be implemented by faculty.
- xxviii. The senate voted to amend the title of the bill and the amendment was not passed.
- xxix. Senator Lara moved to end debate and Senator Jorgensen seconded this motion.
- xxx. The senate voted on passing the bill as is and the bill was not passed.
- xxxi. Senator Davis moved to table the bill and Senator Lara seconded this motion.
- xxxii. Senator Jorgensen moved to adjourn the meeting and Senator Lara seconded this motion.

XIV. Advisor’s Report

XV. Open Forum

XVI. Announcements

- i. Debate Watch Party October 16th 8:00-10:00 UC Lonestar A
- ii. Spirit and Traditions Window Decorating, October 17th 11:00 a.m. UC 218M
- iii. Food and Services Committee Meeting October 17th 4:00 p.m. UC 306
- iv. Constitution and Bylaws Longevity Act Meeting October 18th 11:00
- v. Academic Affairs Committee Meeting October 19th 2:30p.m. UC 306
- vi. Spirit and Traditions Committee Meeting, October 26th 11:00 a.m. UC 316
- vii. Food Services Committee Meeting, October 26th 12:30 UC Dolphin
- viii. Public Relations Committee Meeting, October 29th 7:15 p.m. UC Anchor A

XVII. Final Roll Call Connor Allen, Desiree Corbett, Tamara Darabie, Sarina Garcia, Jared Gaza, Jackson Gray, Stormie Gutierrez, Jayna Hamilton, Brittney Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Damian Olvera, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, Alan Romero, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, McAllen Waobikeze, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Albrecht, Dr. Perez, Dominic Baptiste, Louis Adam Chavez, Fritzi Davis, Jacquelyn Lara, Jamiu Opoola

XVIII. Adjournment 6:35pm