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TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 10/18/17

- I. **Call to Order 12:15 PM**
- II. **Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Allen Graham, Cassandra Sheick, Alexis Gordon, Kayla Weeks, Kelly Rojas, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Maria Beauford, 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 27th, October 4th, 11th
 - The September 27th and October 4th meeting minutes were approved.
 - Senator Weeks motioned to amend the October 11th meeting minutes regarding adding her name to the initial roll call. The motion to amend the October 11th meeting minutes was seconded by Senator Lara. 2/3 Senate vote was met and the motion was approved, amending the October 11th meeting minutes.
 - The amended October 11th meeting minutes were approved.
- VI. **President's Report**
 - i. Swearing in newly elected/appointed members
 - President Bustos sworn in Graduate Studies Senator Beauford and Spirits & Traditions Co-Chair Lesure.
 - ii. Dress for Success presentation
 - President Bustos and Senator Gilson presented on the importance of making a first impression, SGA Bylaws regarding dress code, and tips/examples of both men and women outfits for various dress codes.
 - iii. Scavenger hunt
 - First Year Council will be having a scavenger hunt on Tuesday, October 24th from 4:30-6:30 PM. All SGA members are invited to attend and those interested are asked to RSVP through the SGA GroupMe.
 - The scavenger hunt is a team building activity and serves as a way for members to get to know each other from the different areas of SGA.
 - iv. Senator Application Review (College of Education and Human Development)
 - Amber Gray expressed interest in filling one of the three Senator vacancies for the College of Education and Human Development.
 - President Bustos and Vice President Davis interviewed the applicant last week.
 - Amber Gray filled out the Senator application and copies of her application was passed out for the Senate to review.
 - v. Meeting with Dr. Quintanilla
 - SGA has been invited to a meet and greet with Dr. Quintanilla on Friday, October 20th from 11 AM-12 PM. The location will be sent out to members once confirmed.
 - Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP through the SGA GroupMe.
- VII. **Vice President's Report**
 - i. Committee chair update

- On Thursday, October 12th, Vice President Davis meet with the Committee Chairs where they discussed expectations and a status report was given from each committee regarding current projects they are working on.
- Vice President Davis created an application on Orgsync for those interested in applying for a vacant Committee Chair/Co-Chair position. The application opened on Wednesday, October 18th and will close on Tuesday, October 24th at 11:59 PM. Once the deadline has passed, Vice President Davis will review the applications and arrange interviews.

VIII. Chief Justice's Report

- i. Appeals: Total 11
- Of the 11 appeals, 7 were approved, 2 were reduced, and 2 were denied.
- Chief Justice Richardson meet with the associate justices last week on Wednesday, October 11th.

IX. Speaker's Report

- i. Lunch with Dr. Albrecht and Dr. Perez to discuss catering, dining hall and meal plans
- On Monday, October 16th, E-Board members had lunch with Dr. Albrecht and Dr. Perez in the Dining Hall where they discussed the aspects of meal plans and catering. They also obtained knowledge of how the dining hall operates.
- ii. Town Hall recap
- Minutes of Town Hall were taken documenting the issues and questions that were brought forward at the event. Still need to figure out what SGA can do to address some of these matters.
- iii. Resolution/bill writing workshop
- Speaker Allen wants to help others be knowledgeable of the process of writing bill/resolutions. He will be working on a presentation to present in the future.
- Dr. Perez also recommended reaching out to other resources such as the Writing Center, professors, etc.

X. Senator Reports

- i. Freshman Senators
- i. Meeting
- Met with Dr. Jarrell, Department Chair of Undergraduate Studies and Dr. Rita Sperry, Coordinator for First Year Learning Communities Program, on Monday, October 16th.
- Discussed what First Year Council is, FYC's four main initiatives, current projects and open forum.
- ii. Freshman Open Forum
- Working on flyers to promote open forum. Once the flyer is completed, it will be sent to Dr. Jarrell who will help promote the event.
- Chief Justice Richardson is assisting FYC members with coordinating the event.
- iii. FYC Catering Project
- FYC members have reached a dead end since the contract is legal binding and will not be able to make any changes until the contract has ended.
- President Bustos recommended to FYC members to refocus their efforts on assisting with academic issues such as the Midterm Act. Vice President Davis mentioned to Senator Haire to get in contact with her regarding those FYC members interested in the Midterm Act.
- Dining services held focus groups earlier this week to get feedback from students and faculty regarding their experiences with dining and catering. Each focus group targeted a specific group such as on-campus students, off-campus students, faculty, etc. Dr. Perez mentioned how she along with other SGA members attended some of the different focus groups.
- ii. College of Liberal Arts
- Met with Dr. Hartlaub on Thursday, October 12th.



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- i. Donuts with the Dean
 - Working on finalizing the details for the event. Location is TBD.
 - Senator Scheick emailed a draft of the flyer for E-Board to review.
 - The structure of the forum will consist of Dr. Hartlaub introducing himself and providing an overview of his role as the Dean followed by answering questions.
- ii. Island Waves Newspaper
 - Dr. Hartlaub requested feedback from SGA on Island Waves Newspaper. College of Liberal Art Senators took questions/comments regarding the newspaper that they will report back to Dr. Hartlaub.
 - There were multiple suggestions regarding better marketing to increase visibility and potentially shifting to include an online version of newspaper.
- iii. Announcements (Detailed in announcements below)
 - iii. International Senator
 - i. Monthly report
 - Has been rescheduled for next week.
 - ii. International Education Committee
 - Senator Strittmatter attended the International Educational Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 18th from 10-11 AM.
 - International Education Week will be held on Monday, November 13th – Friday, November 17th with various activities on each day of the week. It is celebrated across the country and the purpose is to showcase the importance of International education.
 - The World Affairs Council has a monthly luncheon meeting and each month five tickets for the meeting are reserved for TAMUCC International Students. Try to have 5 different International Students attend each month.
 - UCP is hosting Friendsgiving on November 16th from 5-7 PM as part of International Education Week.
 - iv. College of Science & Engineering
 - i. Dean meeting
 - Met with Dr. Mario Garcia, Assoicate Dean of Academics due to Dr. Pezold being unavailable.
 - There will be a parade at La Palmera Mall and anyone interested are asked to contact Senator Torres for more information.
 - An issue was brought forth by a student to Dr. Garcia regarding how they were unaware of all the services the university provides. Dr. Garcia incorporated links to the various university services to the College website so students can be more informed.
 - Starting in Spring 2017, students enrolled in Microbiology lab had to leave their lab coats in the lab forcing students who had additional labs to buy a second lab coat. A question Senator Phongsavone had was why they recently implemented this procedure and if they could better inform the student because most were unaware of this policy until the first day of lab.
 - v. *College of Graduate Studies*
 - vi. *College of Nursing and Health Sciences (Reported 10/11/17)*
 - vii. *College of Business*
 - viii. *Athletics Senator (Reported 10/11/17)*
 - ix. Disabilities Senator
 - Meet Rachel Cox, Director of Disability Services on Thursday October 12th.
 - Disabilities services was slightly impacted by Hurricane Harvey.
 - Currently have two job vacancies for Exam Coordinator and Associate Counselor.



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Interviews scheduled with candidates for the positions were postponed because of Harvey and had to be rescheduled. Some of the applicants have taken other job offerings. Disability services is still working on trying to fulfill both positions.

- The number of students who are utilizing disabilities services this semester is off to a slow start but expect for the number to increase as the semester continues.
- It has been recommended to have a disabilities service week in the future. Ms. Cox is interested in the idea but more planning is needed to figure out what events/activities can be held.

x. *Veterans Senator*

XI. Committee Reports

i. PR Committee

- Will start filming weekly Senate meetings and stream them on Facebook.
- Edgar De La Garza is a University Photographer and contacted Senator Gilson for a list of SGA members who would be interested in modeling for events. Senator Gilson passed around a sign up sheet for those who are interested to provide their contact information and she will pass it on to Edgar.

ii. Spirit and Traditions

i. Blue Crew

- Proposed November 2nd game to be a blue out game where students wear school colors.
- A goal is to recruit student leaders and keep their identify a mystery until the game. Their purpose will be to help lead the chants, fight song and keep the energy of the crowd going.
- Athletics is buying a banner for Blue Crew.

ii. Funding for banner and streamers

- Presented cost of banner and streamers to the Senate. Total cost will be \$110.70.
- Senator Torres motioned to approve the budget which was seconded by Senator Gilson. The senate discusses the budget proposal.
- Senator Weeks motioned to take the budget proposal to a vote which was seconded by Senator Lara. 2/3 Senate vote was met and the budget proposal was approved for \$110.70.

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Advisor's Report

- Dr. Albrecht mentioned the official enrollment for Fall 2017 has been confirmed at 12,236 students.
- Dr. Perez mentioned the dates for COSGA are February 23rd-25th, 2018 and E-Board will be opening the application process soon for those interested in attending. Funds are available in the budget to cover registration fees and travel expenses.
- Dr. Perez also mentioned that someone may potentially come to SGA to get feedback from students on moving late night breakfast back to the University Center.
- December 1st is the deadline for Dr. Perez to submit the names of the SGA members volunteering to be Student Marshals for the Fall 2017 Commencement ceremony on Saturday, December 16th. Those interested are asked to contact her.

XV. Treasurer's Report

- The recent transactions to hit the account consisted of the stage for Town Hall and payroll.
- Chairman Salamanca reached out to Joyce Paez who informed the other E-Board members to see if SGA would be interested in partnering with SVC to partially fund the t-shirt order for their Campus Sustainability event. E-Board approved the partial funding of the t-shirts in the amount of \$177.

XVI. Open Forum

- The Graduate Studies Senators will be meeting with their dean on October 19th from 11-12 PM.



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- Vice President Davis asked that anyone with reports or documents they would like included with the minutes to email them to her by Sunday night.
- President Bustos requested that anyone who has yet to fill out the SGA contact form to do so this week.

XVII. Announcements (SGA Events)

- Meeting with Dr. Quintanilla October 20th 11AM-12PM
- FYC Town Hall Nov. 2nd
- Scavenger Hunt Tuesday October 24th, 4:30PM to 6:30PM

XVIII. Announcements (College of Liberal Arts Events)

- Donuts with the Dean: Monday, November 13th 1 to 3 pm location TBD
- Singers and Camerata Isla Concert Oct. 19th 7:30pm PAC
- Theatre presents De Donde? Oct. 17-22 7:30 pm Wilson Theatre (Center for the Arts)
- Farmers Market band performance 11:30 to 1

XIX. Announcements (General)

- Flu Clinic for Students/Staff/Faculty-10/25, 11/1
- Graduate and Professional School Fair-10/31
- Veteran's, Criminal Justice and Government Fair-11/7
- Careers in Education Fair-11/8

XX. 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, Tommie Reyna, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Jacquelyn Lara, Kristin Strittmatter, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.

XXI. Adjournment 1:49