



# Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

## TAMUCC SGA Senate Meeting 10/1/18

- I. **Call to Order** 5:15 pm
- II. **Roll Call** Jayna Hamilton, Connar Allen, Justin Bustos, Louis Adam Cavez, Tamara Darabie, Alexie Galeas, Sarina Garcia, Stormie Gutierrez, Brittany Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Britney Mathmeson, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Damian Olvera, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, Alan Romero, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Albrecht, Dr. Perez
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **President's Report** – *Please see report.*
  - i. Angela Walker (Associate Dean of Students)
    - Angela Walker introduced herself to the senate and spoke about students whom deal with certain issues like finances and abuse. She is hoping to educated students on the many faces of poverty and how we can combat that.
    - Angela Walker is working on a simulation with a facilitator from Think Tank who created a way for people to better understand the faces of poverty.
    - Angela Walker passed out a flyer for students to register for the 2 in a half hour simulation which includes a debriefing for everyone to talk about their experience.
    - Students may also register for the event on I-engage and food will be provided for all volunteers.
  - ii. Homecoming Committee
    - President Allen updated everyone that the day of the capital falls on the date of homecoming so he is currently trying to work around that.
    - President Allen would like people to continue thinking about Homecoming themes and to contact Speaker Garcia with ideas.
  - iii. Midterm Procedure
    - President Allen wanted an update on the Midterm Procedure and he found out that it is almost to the faculty's full senate which is very good progress.
  - iv. Meeting with Bookstore Managers
    - President Allen met with the bookstore manager, Olivia Santos.
    - President Allen was informed that Barnes and Noble is offering this software, named "Courseware", that allows students access to open text books, etc.
    - This would be \$25 per student per class and it would give professors material and allow students access to a cheaper version of a textbook. President Allen is hoping professors will try this new method out.
    - Thus far, the biggest offering is in Criminal Justice and Early Childhood Development.
    - Dr. Perez thinks that SGA should have our senators reach out to their college about this new software at Barnes and Noble.
  - v. Constitution and Bylaws Longevity Act



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- President Allen will be introducing a bill that amends multiple aspects of the Constitution and Bylaws. His goal is to solidify and document and prevent future and further changes from needing to be made.
- President Allen wishes to inform the senate of this bill before presenting it due to its complexity and length.
- vi. Associate Justice Interview
  - President Allen and the E-Board have been conducting interviewing candidates for the new Associate Justice Position.
  - Interviews will be concluded tomorrow.
- V. **Vice President's Report** – *Please see report.*
  - i. Town Hall
    - Vice President Scheick announced that SGA will be hosting a Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, and 1 to 2 pm on the second floor of the library.
    - SGA is collaborating with the Islander Green Team, as well as some Environmental Science faculty to host the event.
    - Vice President Scheick explained that this Town Hall's purpose will be to educate our university about the impact we have on the environment and how we can improve.
    - Dr. Perez asked Vice President Scheick if we have sent out a notification about this Town Hall to our key holders at TAMUCC.
    - Vice President Scheick responded by saying that we have partnered with faculty and sent out invitations as well.
  - ii. Committee Chair Meeting
    - Vice President Scheick and her committee chairs met on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.
    - Vice President Scheick and her committee chairs discussed their committee goals and established goals and agendas for their next meetings.
    - Vice President Scheick would like anyone with questions about committees to please contact the respective committee chair.
  - iii. Risk Management Training
    - Vice President Scheick announced that, as a part of our departmental organization requirement, someone will be presenting Risk Management Training at the Senate meeting next Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. Senate Vacancies
    - Vice President Scheick announced that the following colleges are vacant in the senate; College of Education and College of Graduate Studies.
    - She would like anyone interested, or if you know anyone, to please let E-board know.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report** – *Please see report.*
  - i. Budget Update



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- ii. Fund
  - Treasurer Bustos reported on the current financial standing of SGA.

- Treasurer Bustos explained that other non-departmental organizations can apply for this fund.

### **VII. Chief Justice's Report** – *Please see report.*

#### i. Parking Appeals

- Chief Justice Olvera announced that of all the parking appeals, 4 were approved, 7 were denied and 1 was reduced.

#### ii. Library Appeals

- Chief Justice Olvera announced that no library appeals were made.

#### iii. Judicial Board

- The E-board has been conducting interviews for the next Associate Justice and should have a decision by the end of the week.
- Chief Justice Olvera has implemented a transparency plan within the Judicial Board.
- This plan was implemented because Chief Justice Olvera has gotten many calls regarding students appeals asking why a certain decision was made regarding their appeal. Thus, giving students feedback as to why a certain decision was made will be more helpful for them.

### **VIII. First-Year Council Director**

### **IX. Senator Reports**

#### i. College of Business – *Please see report.*

- Senator Swift and Senator Jorgensen recently met with Dr. John Gamble, the Dean of College of Business.
- During this meeting, the three of them discussed why international master students are limited in online classes.
- They also discussed the potential to add 10 College of Business students to the Dean student advisory panel.

#### ii. College of Liberal Arts

- Senator Chavez and Senator Garza met with the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Perez explained that Dr. Albrecht is the Vice President Of Student Engagement and that he should serve as a main contact for help and knowledge regarding meetings with Deans.

#### iii. Housing Senator – *Please see report.*

- Senator Rios met with Moses Olukoya and Manuel Vela on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Speaker Garcia read the report aloud to the senate on behalf of the absence of Senator Rios.
- Senator Rios discussed the following during his meeting; the Resident Housing SGA Committee bill, the Housing Safety Walk, student housing gates, implementation of the RHA, and a voter registration drive at student housing.



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### X. **Committee Reports** – *Please see reports.*

#### i. Public Relations Committee

- Chairman Jorgensen met with the Public Relations Committee on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- During the meeting, Chairman Jorgensen gave an introductory presentation about SGA Public Relations.
- Chairman Jorgensen guided the committee through developing goals and talking about the future of SGA-TV.
- SGA-TV will now be created within the First Year Council.

#### ii. Academic Affairs Committee

- Chairman Jenkins presented his report to the senate.
- Chairman Jenkins discussed the implementation of Open Education Resources, ways to improve student advisors retention, and future registration.
- Dr. Perez is concerned about how the changes to the University Colleges will impact the elections. Since students are coded by colleges, Dr. Perez asked when this change will be done.
- Chairman Jenkins responded by saying that the plan should be implemented soon and that everything is already in place to implement.
- Dr. Perez mentioned that the changes in early registration via online will also impact SGA, but mostly those who do take advantage of this.
- Chairman Jenkins said that they still have a few things to figure out before implementing this and it'll most likely be after this next registration.
- Chair Jenkins explained that any new additions will be programs such as the Honors Program and High School Preparatory programs.
- Vice President Scheick explained that we will have to restructure the senate because of these changes to the Colleges.

#### iii. Legislative Studies Committee

- Senator Dewar discussed partnerships for the future debate on campus and his meeting topics.
- Dr. Perez asked if there are any dates in place yet for the debate.
- Senator Dewar said that once the questions are in place they will then make sure everyone is still on board for the debate.
- Dr. Perez explained that anytime we bring a political figure onto campus that there is a procedure in place and she would like Senator Dewar to reach out to her for assistance on this procedure.
- Dr. Albrecht asked if anyone feels concerned that there isn't a Democratic group helping to organize the debate.
- President Allen explained that he has reached out to the candidates that the debate will debate will not be rigged and that political parties from all parties will be involved.

### XI. **Old Business**



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## **XII. New Business**

- i. SB 28-3 FYC Procedure Amendment
  - Director Held introduced the Senate Bill 28-3 and read the bill aloud to the senate.
  - Director Held spoke about the structure of the First Year Council.
  - Director Held explained that currently with the requirement of 12 office hours a semester, this hurts the retention rate of First Year Council Members.
  - Director Held explained that her role is to bridge the gap between first year students and SGA and her goal is to help them gradually move into a more responsible role in SGA.
  - Director Held believes that requiring office hours for these members would be unnecessary.
  - Senator Davis motioned for debate and Senator Swift seconded.
  - Vice President Scheick asked if the elected positions still have to complete 1 office hour.
  - Director Held responded that yes, elected positions will still be required to complete an office hour.
  - Chief Justice Olvera asked if it will be stated that elected positions will still be required to complete the office hour.
  - Vice President Scheick responded that SGA takes precedence anyway so there is no need for it to be stated.
  - Senator Burgueno motioned to end debate and Senator Jorgensen seconded.
  - The senate voted on passing the bill as is and the bill was passed.

## **XIII. Advisor's Report**

- i. Distinguished Speaker Series
  - Dr. Albrecht said that they are offering SGA tickets for the speakers for the Distinguished Speaker Series. He explained that the speakers are very good and he would like everyone who is interested to contact him so that he can get them a ticket.
- ii. Dr. Perez explained that October-November SGA will be recruiting students to work with the Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Board.
- iii. Dr. Perez explained that COSGA will be March 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> and it will be in Houston, Texas.
  - There will be an application process for attending this event; last year 9 students went and had a really great experience. She encourages everyone to look into this event to see if they are interested in attending.

## **XIV. Open Forum**

- i. Vice President Scheick said that everyone's headshots are up on smug mug.
- ii. Senator Davis spoke about the Islander Leadership Conference.
  - There will be a keynote speaker who is the author of Coco.
  - The conference will be on November 3, 2018.
  - Senator Chavez explained that he attended last year and he believes it was a really great experience for him.



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**XV. Announcements**

- i. Seasons of Green Town Hall October 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- ii. Seasons of Green Town Hall October 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- iii. Dr. Quintanilla Luncheon October 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m.

**XVI. Final Roll Call** Jayna Hamilton, Connor Allen, Arturo Burgeno, Justin Bustos, Louis Adam Cavez, Tamara Darabie, Fritzi Davis, Alexie Galeas, Sarina Garcia, Brittany Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Britney Mathmeson, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Damian Olvera, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, Alan Romero, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Albrecht, Dr. Perez

**XVII. Adjournment** 6:26 pm