



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC SGA Senate Meeting 10/22/18

- I. Call to Order 5:15pm**
- II. Roll Call** Connar Allen, Dominic Baptiste, Justin Bustos, Louis Adam Chavez, Desiree Corbett, Tamara Darabie, Sarina Garcia, Stormie Gutierrez, Jayna Hamilton, Brittney 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, Ryleigh Washerlesky
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Senator Swift moved to approve the minutes from October 1st and Senator Darabie seconded that motion.
 - ii. The senate voted on the approval of the meeting minutes and the minutes were passed.
- V. Speaker's Report – Please see attached report.**
 - i. Executive Board Meeting 10/17
 - During the executive board meeting the mural project was discussed. It was started last year and they are currently in the process of looking for funds and an artist to work with.
 - ii. Early Registration
 - Speaker Garcia informed the senate about upcoming early registration.
- VI. President's Report – Please see attached report.**
 - i. Quality Enhancement Plan Town Hall: Does this University prepare you for the job you want?
 - President Allen discussed the Quality Enhancement Plan Town Hall that is going to be held November 16th 3:00 pm UC 145.
 - President Allen thinks that this Town Hall will be successful in that it will address whether our university is doing a good or poor job at preparing students for their future careers.
 - President Allen requests that everyone who is available to attend this Town Hall on November 16th.
 - ii. SGA election expectations
 - President Allen discussed the rules and proper behavior that are expected to be followed when it comes to SGA elections.
 - President Allen explained that one cannot campaign for a position in SGA prior to the designated campaign period; President Allen would like everyone to remember this and to work hard in their current positions instead of planning for future higher up positions.
 - iii. Student Regent Application
 - President Allen announced that the Student Regent Application is open on the SGA website.
 - President Allen discussed how this is a very great opportunity. However, you must be able to serve a full year, and President Allen will be holding interviews to determine the candidate we are forwarding to the governor.



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- iv. Constitution and bylaws longevity
 - President Allen and a few other members recently met to discuss changes that may need to be made to the SGA constitution and bylaws.
 - The meeting was informal as the few of them worked towards identifying problems.
- VII. Vice President's Report – Please see attached report.**
 - i. Committee Chair Meeting
 - Vice President Scheick and her committee chairs will be meeting this Wednesday at 10 am to recap on their September goals, follow up on the status of October meetings (that may or may not have happened yet), and to set goals for this month.
 - ii. Headshots
 - Vice President Schieck announced the list of people who have not taken a headshot due to scheduling conflicts. She would like everyone included on this list to email her their weekly schedule.
 - iii. Island Day Tabling
 - Vice President Scheick thanked Senators Chaves, Gaza, and Davis for tabling this past Saturday at Island Day.
 - iv. Meeting Live Stream
 - Vice President Scheick will be live streaming our meetings on Facebook from now on, thus they are now public information.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report – Please see attached report.**
 - i. Budget Update
 - Treasurer Bustos gave an update on the current budget for SGA.
 - Treasurer Bustos discussed expenses from Bluesday Tuesday, the First-Year Council retreat, the SGA retreat, and the amount of funds currently left in the account for catering.
- IX. Chief Justice's Report**
- X. First-Year Council Director**
- XI. Senator Reports – Please see attached reports.**
 - i. International Senator
 - International Student Enrollment
 - Senator Pham spoke about the amount of international students currently enrolled at TAMUCC.
 - Currently, there are 65 international students and this number decreased about 30% compared to last year.
 - Senator Pham explained that this decrease in students is due to the TAMUCC recruitment agency not performing as well.
 - International Education Week
 - International Education Week will be held from November 12th to November 15th.
 - Events



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- The Office of International Education will be organizing a photo contest from 09/26/2018 to 10/30/2018. They will also be planning a field trip for the spring semester to the NASA Space Center in Houston.

XII. Committee Reports – Please see attached reports.

i. Academic Affairs

- Chair Jenkins discussed some of the topics that him and his committee members discussed during their meeting. Some of the topics discussed were bill presentation, sponsoring and editing. They also discussed office assignments.
- Chair Jenkins announced a possible new idea to create a resolution in support of switch to Canvas.

ii. Catering and Incentive Funds Committee

- Treasurer Bustos discussed the current activities of the catering and incentive funds committee.

XIII. Old Business

i. S.R. 28-1 Student and Staff Safety Resolution

- Senator Nellums moved to take up the Student and Staff Safety Resolution from the table.
- Senator Nellums met with members of the SGA executive board and with Dr. Perez to edit and improve the previous bill.
- Senator Nellums believes the resolution was improved where needed making it an overall more concise and clear document.
- Senator Nellums read the Student and Staff Safety Resolution aloud to the Senate.
- Senator Nellums moved to amend Senate Bill 28-5 Student and Staff Safety Bill Act.
- Senator Chavez asked what changed from the previous bill.
- Senator Nellums responded that “staff” was changed to read “faculty”, the first let it be resolved was simplified.
- Senator Gray explained that he was confused by what the phrase “act of threat” specifies.
- Senator Nellums responded by stating that an act of threat considers any form of threat, including an active shooter.
- Senator Gray asked why are we having individual faculty members come up with safety plans.
- Senator Nellums explained that this bill is simply calling for the university to ensure that professors discuss this material. Professors already have training or the means to be prepared if they wanted to, but the problem is that they are not doing so.
- Senator Davis moved to amend “Texas A&M University” in let it be resolved (1) to “Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi”.
- The senate voted to pass to amend “Texas A&M University” in let it be resolved (1) to “Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi” and the vote passed. “Texas



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A&M University” now reads “Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi” in let it be resolved (1).

- The senate voted on the passing of S.R. 28-1 Student and Staff Safety Resolution and the resolution was passed.

XIV. New Business

i. S.B. 28-5 Uniform Textbook Release Timeline Act

- Associate Justice Jenkins introduced the bill which is co-sponsored by Senator Lara, Senator Rodrigues, and Senator Nellums.
- Associate Justice Jenkins read the bill aloud to the Senate.
- Senator Davis moved to open up debate which was seconded by Senator Lara
- Senator Davis asked Senator Morrel if there is a copy of the “Making Textbooks Affordable Initiative” that senators could view.
- Associate Justice Jenkins projected a copy of this initiative onto the board for the senate to view.
- Associate Justice Jenkins elaborated on this initiative and explained that it has not been implemented to a full extent by professors. This is prevalent because students are still struggling with obtaining textbooks due to professors not releasing what textbooks are needed by students before the semester begins.
- Chief Justice Olvera suggested that the wording for semester be changed to something more fitting, he asked that Associate Justice Jenkins specify what is meant by “relevant people”.
- Associate Justice Jenkins responded that he is in support of Chief Justice Olvera’s suggesting to change the wording for “semester”. Associate Justice Jenkins explained that he did not include “relevant people” because it’s so long.
- Senator Jorgensen moved to amend “semester” to read “term” in therefore let it be resolved (1) which was seconded by Senator Swift.
- Senate voted to amend “semester” to read “term” in therefore let it be resolved (1) and the vote was not passed.
- Senator Davis moved to amend “term” to read “each term” in therefore let it be resolved (1) which was seconded by Senator Lara.
- Senate voted to amend “term” to read “each term” in therefore let it be resolved (1) and the vote was passed.
- Senator Davis asked how this would apply to professors who don’t use a textbook.
- Associate Justice Jenkins responded by explaining that on point 7 of the “Making Textbooks Affordable Initiative”, it explains that the initiative touches on this concern so professors should be using both. Associate Justice Jenkins explained that the purpose of this bill is to give students time foremost to compare prices.
- Chief Justice Olvera thinks that textbook, wherever written, should be changes to course materials.
- Treasurer Bustos discussed how he feels that the phrase “university officials” would be better fitted to read “university administration”.



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- Senator Leach asked Associate Justice Jenkins if this bill would pose as a deadline or a date.
- Associate Justice Jenkins said it is intended to be a deadline, for instance they must release the necessary information by that date.
- Senator Leach asked if it will be from each professor or will the departments be doing it.
- Associate Justice Jenkins made it so that the departments would enforce professors.
- Treasurer Bustos recommended that in therefore let it be resolved (1) it be edited to read that they report anything that is being reported by the bookstore as well.
- Senator Jorgensen moved to refer this back to committee and Senator Davis seconded his motion.
- The senate voted the motion to refer this bill back to committee was passed.

XV. Open Forum

- i. Senator Corbett talked about her idea for SGA to do community outreach. She believes that this would be a good way for people to recognize SGA within the community and not only on campus.
- ii. Senator Jorgenson asked if we are changing the senate meeting time for next semester.
- iii. Vice President Scheick responded that we will not be changing the senate meeting time because no one has come forward with any conflicts.
- iv. Committee Chair Dewar and Vice President Scheick will be meeting to discuss changing the language/description of Committee Chair Dewar's committee.
- v. A discussion was held regarding the "mural" that SGA is hoping to be a future success but topics discussed were issues with proper funding.

XVI. Announcements

- i. Islander Invasion Tuesday, October 22nd 5:30 p.m. East Lawn/ Dugan Wellness Center
- ii. Spirit and Traditions Committee Meeting Friday, October 26th 11:00 a.m. UC 316
- iii. Food Services Committee Meeting Friday, October 26th 12:30 p.m. UC Dolphin
- iv. Public Relations Committee Meeting Monday, October 29th 7:15 p.m. UC Anchor A

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

XVIII. Adjournment 6:31 pm