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## TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 10/25/17

- I. **Call to Order 12:15 PM**
- II. **Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Allen Graham, Cassandra Sheick, Kayla Weeks, Kelly Rojas, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Maria Beauford, Olumide Adeoye, Jacquelyn Lara, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **Guest Introductions**
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
  - i. October 18<sup>th</sup> – Minutes were tabled and will be approved at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- VI. **President's Report**
  - i. UCP presentation
    - UCP is seeking SGA's support in relocating Late Night Breakfast from the Dining Hall back to the University Center.
    - Late Night Breakfast is an event hosted each semester on the last day before Finals begin. This semester Late Night Breakfast is on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - Student have provided feedback regarding their experience of Late Night Breakfast in the Dining Hall. There is not enough space to remain throughout the whole event and the layout of the Dining Hall is not set up to accommodate activities such as karaoke.
    - UC has more seating room to accommodate for the anticipated large number of students attending the event and is better suited for activities such as karaoke.
    - Questions were asked regarding UCP's plan of the event regarding serving of food, seating, and accommodations for food allergies. Plan to utilize the cove to serve the food for the event. Students will be able to sit in the UC Rotunda, Jetty and if weather permits, outside as well. UCP is open to suggestions regarding dietary restrictions and is willingly to work with catering to see possible options.
    - Dr. Perez mentioned the layout of the event from years past.
    - Dr. Albrecht proposed instead of using syrup based items such as French toast or pancakes to use tortillas, allowing for students to make their own breakfast burritos.
  - ii. THECB and Student Regent recruitment
    - President Bustos showed the link for the applications for both positions on the SGA website. Also provided an overview of background information, responsibilities, application process for both positions.
    - Dr. Albrecht elaborated more on the background information, responsibilities, and what the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Board of Regents are responsible for.
    - Texas A&M-Corpus Christi has not had a representative fulfill the Student Regent position in a long time.
    - Dr. Perez mentioned how the student representative for the positions would be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend meetings and events.
  - iii. Meeting with Dr. Quintanilla
    - Members of SGA met with Dr. Quintanilla on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 PM.
    - Topics discussed at the meeting with Dr. Quintanilla included the Midterm Act, status update regarding painting Ennis Joslin bike lanes TAMUCC school colors, Spirits & Traditions Committee update, signage initiative, etc.
  - iv. COSGA



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- COSGA is an international conference for Student Government Associations around the world. This year it will be held on February 23rd-25th, 2018 in Houston, Texas.
- Funds have been set aside to cover the registration fee, meals, lodging and travel for those selected to attend.
- The Orgsync application opened on Tuesday, October 24th at 4:00 PM and will close on Sunday, December 3rd.
- Plan to take a total of ten spots, one reserved for Dr. Perez and the other nine for students.
- President Bustos presented a video on COSGA providing an overview of what the conference is like.
- Dr. Perez mentioned how the decision was made to open the application earlier so those interested in applying have time to look at their schedule and make the necessary arrangements so they are able to attend.
  - v. Early Registration
    - President Bustos will be submitting the list of SGA members who meet the incentive point quota and are eligible for early registration on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to the Registrar's office.
    - President Bustos will also be sending out email regarding the process of early registration. - Meeting attendees were asked to provide their name and A#.
  - vi. Student travel policy revisions
    - Speaker Allen included the document containing the proposed revisions for the student travel policy when he emailed out the meeting agenda.
    - Kevin Houlihan emailed the revisions for the student travel policy document to President Bustos and Vice President Davis requesting for feedback from SGA regarding the proposed changes.
    - Dr. Perez explained how since this is a university wide policy and procedure, bringing it forward to SGA asking for feedback is part of the process. The procedure that was in place which was previously approved had a Health and Safety audit occurring from the summer until September. Based on feedback received from the audit, a Committee met to determine if anything need to be changed in the event there is another audit, the university is in line. There were questions regarding Section 3.1 & 3.2 of the document regarding clarification of the language regarding when the travel paperwork needed to be completed.
    - Travel paperwork must be completed whenever students plan to travel more than 25 miles from campus regarding university business and submitted within the time frame established in the document.
    - SGA has the option of agreeing with the changes or recommending additional changes.
    - Senator Gilson motioned to approve the proposed edits which was seconded by Senator Seabolt. Some Senators felt they needed more time to review the changes before making a decision.
    - Senator Scheick motioned to table the student travel policy revisions to next week's meeting which was seconded by Senator Weeks. 2/3 Senate vote was met and the student travel policy revisions document was tabled for next week's meeting.

## VII. Vice President's Report

- i. Committee chair update
  - The Committee Chair/Co-Chair application closed on Tuesday, October 24th. There was one applicant who applied for the Chair of Legislative Studies position and another applicant who applied for one of the Student Affairs Co-Chair positions. No one applied for the Chair of Academic Affairs.
  - Vice President Davis will be reviewing the applications and reaching out to the applicants to schedule a date and time for their interview for the respective position they applied for.
- ii. Halloween Window Decorating Contest



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- SGA entered the Halloween Window Decorating Contest hosted by UCP.
- Vice President Davis thanked all those that contributed to decorating the window. The window is nearly done, and the finishing touches would be completed later on in the evening.
- Judging will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and the winner will be announced on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## VIII. Chief Justice's Report

- i. Appeals: Total 9
- Chief Justice Richardson meet with the associate justices last week on Wednesday, October 18th.
  - Of the 9 appeals, 6 were approved and 3 were denied.

## IX. Speaker's Report

- i. Senators needed for Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Student Regent interviews
- Three Senators are needed to be a part of the interview panel for applicants of both positions. Interviews will be conducted November 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Any Senators who are interested are asked to contact Speaker Allen by Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Bill and Resolution Writing Workshop
- Speaker Allen will be hosting a workshop on the writing process for bills and resolutions on Friday, October 27th from 12-1. He will send out presentation for those who cannot attend.

## X. Senator Reports

- i. College of Graduate Studies  
Dean meeting
- Exploring a mentoring opportunity through GROW regarding helping undergraduate students who are unfamiliar with the research process.
  - Students have voiced concerns regarding bus routes stopping at a certain time in the late evening/night time. This has caused graduate students who live off campus to be without transportation to get back to their home resulting in some walking or getting a ride from a friend. The Senators will look into this matter to see what can be done.
  - The Senators pitched an idea to Dean Canales regarding sending letters out to incoming graduate students who are not from Corpus Christi providing feedback and tips to help make their transition easier.
  - The deadline passed to nominate deserving faculty members and students for awards in various categories for the College of Graduate Studies. Applications are currently being reviewed by the Committee.
- ii. *Freshman Senators (Reported 10/18/17)*
  - iii. *College of Liberal Arts (Reported 10/18/17)*
  - iv. *College of Nursing and Health Sciences*
  - v. *College of Business*
  - vi. *Athletics Senator (Reported 10/11/17)*
  - vii. *Disabilities Senator (Reported 10/18/17)*
  - viii. *College of Science & Engineering (Reported 10/18/17)*
  - ix. *Veterans Senator*
  - x. *International Senator (10/18/17)*

## XI. Committee Reports

## XII. Old Business

## XIII. New Business

- i. SB 27-2, Senate Session and Legislation Procedures Act



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- Speaker Allen wrote the document to help set standards when proposing bills and resolutions to the Senate. Both Senator Jorgenson and Senator Scheick co-sponsored the document.
- Speaker Allen read the entire document aloud. Please referenced attached document.
- Questions were asked regarding the difference between Speaker certification and Presidential approval.
- The process of a Senator sponsoring a document was explained.
- Senator Jorgenson motioned to adopt SB 27-2, Senate Session and Legislation Procedures Act which was seconded by Senator Scheick. 2/3 Senate vote was met resulting in SB 27-2, Senate Session and Legislation Procedures Act being amended into both the Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **XIV. Advisor's Report**

- Members of E-Board and Senator Gilson have been invited to participate in a Student Panel for Provost Interviews which will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Perez has been working with her staff on trying to find a name for the outside patio space; three names have been narrowed down. Dr. Perez will send out list of names to SGA members to get additional feedback on the proposed name options.

#### **XV. Treasurer's Report**

- The only transaction to hit the account was payroll. Please reference attached document.

#### **XVI. Open Forum**

- Co-Chair Lesuree attended a conference this past weekend and got ideas to promote school spirit. Will also be visiting Texas State this weekend to meet with their Spirits & Traditions Committee to get additional ideas.
- The Director of Student Activities is looking to identify a day to wear school colors. Dr. Perez suggested to her to come to SGA to explore the possibility of working together in implementing the idea.
- The number of followers for SGA social media accounts has been increasing. Senator Gilson suggested to keep sharing posts, so SGA can continue to accumulate more followers.
- President Bustos mentioned how the Scavenger Hunt went well and those who participated had an enjoyable time.

#### **XVII. Announcements (SGA Events)**

- FYC Town Hall Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Islander Invasion 10/25/17 5:30:30 PM East lawn and Dugan
- Bill and Resolution Writing Workshop, Friday 12:00-1:00PM

#### **XVIII. Announcements (College of Liberal Arts Events)**

- Donuts with the Dean: Monday, November 13th 1 to 3 pm location TBD

#### **XIX. Announcements (General)**

- Tidal Hall Topping Out Ceremony, sign the beam November 6th 11:30AM-1:30PM, ceremony November 7th 10:30AM-11:30AM at Surf Lane
- 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
- First men's basketball game American Bank Center 10/27/17

- 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



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**XXI. Adjournment 1:27**