



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC SGA Senate Meeting 11/12/18

- I. Call to Order** 5:15 pm
- II. Roll Call** Connor Allen, Dominic Baptiste, Justin Bustos, Louis Chavez, Tamara Darabie, Sarina Garcia, Jared Gaza, Stormie Gutierrez, Jayna Hamilton, Brittney Held, Alexandria Jeanie, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, McAllen Waobikeze, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Perez, Dr. Albrecht
- III. Guest Introductions**
 - i. The following individuals introduced themselves to the senate: Ashlyn Colmensburger, Paige Plate, Alexandria Jeanie, Angela Newton, Ariana Rodriguez, Cali Saulder, and Ashely Arevalo.
- IV. Islander Pledge**
- V. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. No minutes to approve.
- VI. Speaker's Report**
 - i. Executive Board Meeting: November 7th
 - i. Speaker Garcia met with the Executive Board Members and Dr. Lisa Perez on Wednesday, November 7 2018.
 - ii. During this meeting, Speaker Garcia discussed with the rest of the Executive Board members the planning of Friday Fiesta and together they developed a timeline of things to complete before Friday Fiesta to ensure its success.
 - iii. The Executive Board also discussed the nineteen parking appeals that were reviewed by the Judicial Board and together they brainstormed ways to better identify parking.
 - iv. Ways to revamp the SGA Committees mission statement and ways to improve committees in the future were also discussed between Speaker Garcia and the other Executive Board members.
 - ii. Dismissal Procedure
 - i. Speaker Garcia explained that if anyone would like to move to adjourn a meeting, the senate must first approve the motion and then final roll call must be made before leaving.
 - iii. Meetings Complaints
 - i. Speaker Garcia discussed meeting complaints she has gotten from individuals and briefed the senate on expectations for meetings.
 - iv. Office Hours
 - i. Speaker Garcia reminded senators that they are required to hold one office hour per week, per section 8 chapter 4 of the bylaws.
 - ii. Speaker Garcia read aloud a list of senators who have not met their office hours from last week and have one week to make them up. The names are as follows; Louis Chavez, Friederike Davis, Jared Gaza, Jackson Grey, Stormie Gutierrez, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Britney Matheson, Christopher Rios, and Angel Tellez.
- VII. President's Report**
 - i. Graduate Studies Senator Appointment



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- i. President Allen introduced his Graduate Studies Senator Appointment, Alexandra Janney, to the senate. He discussed why he believes she is a great candidate and why we should consider her appointment.
- ii. Alexandra Janney introduced herself to the senate.
 - Mrs. Janney is a PHD candidate in the College of Education and is the Assistant Director of the Office of Distance Education and Learning Technologies.
 - Mrs. Janney expressed her passion for the 'non-traditional' students and why she believes it is so important to keep these students involved and why their voice matters.
 - Mrs. Janney believes that she has what it takes to represent the 'non-traditional' graduate students whose voice is very underrepresented in her opinion.
- iii. Senator Gutierrez moved to vote on the appointment of Alexandra Janney and Senator Davis seconded this motion.
- iv. The senate voted and the appointment was approved.
- ii. Constitution and Bylaws Longevity Act Meeting
 - i. President Allen will be holding a meeting on Friday, November 16th at 11am to continue working on the improvements to the constitution and bylaws.
 - During this meeting, President Allen hopes to discuss how the senate should be structured and how to make any changes that need to be made.
- iii. SGA Town Hall
 - i. The Town Hall, "Does this University Prepare You for the Job You Want?" will be held this Friday at 3:30pm.
 - ii. President Allen encourages every student and member of SGA to attend this Town Hall so that they can share their opinions and discuss ways to improve student experience at the University.
- iv. COSGA
 - i. President Allen announced that the deadline for COSGA is tomorrow. He believes that if you want to be successful in SGA that you should really attend this conference.
 - ii. Attending COSGA has various benefits; such as, insight to other Universities ideas and getting inspiration from other SGA's.
- v. Midterm Procedure
 - i. President Allen recently received an update on the Midterm Grades Procedure and the section for "Student Responsibilities" was removed because faculty believes that anything addressing student responsibilities should be listed in the Student Code of Conduct.

VIII. Vice President's Report

- i. Islander Feminists
 - i. Islander Feminists gave a presentation discussing having feminine products available for free in female restrooms on campus.



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- ii. A few of the main points that were discussed during the presentation were; the prevalence of ‘period poverty’ in the United States, access to feminine hygiene products without having the funds and the burdens students suffer from this, and steps to take to solve this issue within our University.
- ii. Homecoming Committee Meeting
 - i. Vice President Scheick gave an announcement regarding the progress of Homecoming decisions.
 - ii. Vice President Scheick did express concern about the ROTC planning event on during Homecoming.
- iii. Announcements
 - i. Vice President Scheick encouraged senators to make announcements about organizations they’re in.

IX. Treasurer’s Report

X. Chief Justice’s Report

- i. Speaker Garcia read the Chief Justice’s Report on behalf of Chief Justice Olvera’s absence.

XI. First-Year Council Director

XII. Senator Reports

- i. First Year Senators
 - i. Senator Nellums discussed their meeting with Dr. Melissa Jarrell. During the meeting the first year senators and Dr. Jarrell discussed issues that freshmen have been facing.
 - ii. Senator Gutierrez discussed that they haven’t completed any items since last meeting because of conflicting schedules. Senator Gutierrez said that they discussed that students can’t identify what holds they have by checking sail and they believe there should be more transparency on holds.
 - iii. Senator Gutierrez announced that the College EXPO is coming up and it is an opportunity to get informed on your college and opportunities it has.
- ii. College of Business
 - i. Dean’s Meeting
 - Senator Swift discussed their meeting with Dr. John Gamble.
 - There will be COB T-shirts for sale soon. Also, at the meeting with the dean event, the College of Business will be providing food and refreshments.
 - The Student Advisory Council will be meeting December 5th and the council will be advising Dr. Gamble of student opinions, etc.
 - Senator Jorgensen and Swift will be meeting with AACSB Representatives to give feedback and keep accreditation.

XIII. Committee Reports

- i. Legislative Studies
 - i. Senator Dewar discussed his meeting with the Legislative Studies Committee on November 5th. They discussed important dates for Day of the Capitol and talked about the experiences there.

XIV. Advisor’s Report



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- i. System Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee Appointment
 - i. Dr. Albrecht discussed that we have been invited to appoint someone to the System Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee Appointment. Anyone who is interested should email Dr. Albrecht.
- ii. Endowment Internship Scholarship
 - i. Dr. Lisa Perez announced that the Endowment Internship Scholarship is available through December 1st.
- iii. Dr. Lisa Perez reminded all of SGA that if you are serving on a university wide committee that you should be bringing this information back to senate meetings to inform SGA what is happening on campus.

XV. Old Business

- i. S.B. 28-5 Community Outreach and Diversity Committees Bill
 - i. Senator Davis moved to take the Community Outreach and Diversity Committees Bill off the table and Senator Lara seconded this motion.
 - ii. The senate voted on the removal of the bill from the table and the vote passed.
 - iii. Senator Lara asked Vice President Scheick what issues these committees would be addressing.
 - iv. Vice President Scheick responded that the Diversity Committee would be addressing any unheard voices on campus to increase inclusion on our campus. The Community Outreach Committee would be solely focused on the volunteering aspect of SGA and getting members involved in outside volunteer work.
 - v. Senator Myers asked Vice President Scheick if we have the capacity to fill up these committees.
 - vi. Vice President Scheick responded by noting that our senate has doubled in size so taking that into account she believes our organization will only increase more. She also believes that students outside of SGA will see interest in these committees and it may even attract people to join SGA since these issues are very popular.
 - vii. Vice President Scheick explained that committees have always had to be introduced so individuals had to bring their ideas to the senate to create new and current committees. So it is really important that we see the importance of committees are introduced when fit and are not written in stone.
 - viii. Associate Justice Jenkins believes that a major factor everyone needs to consider is that we should not compare our organization to others and that even if these committees may be small, that does not diminish their importance. Associate Justice Jenkins also noted that if Senators are concerned about these committees attendance, that is primarily at fault with the Senators not attending committee meetings. Associate Justice Jenkins expressed his support for this bill and urges all Senators to put this bill in perspective and try to understand its importance now and even in the future.
 - ix. President Allen discussed that the most successful committees tend to be the most focused committees, for instance committees with a main focus or goal.



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- x. Senator Opoola asked Vice President Scheick if the Diversity Committee would be solely partnering with other organizations.
- xi. Vice President Scheick explained that the Committee Chair possesses a large amount of autonomy in their role and it is at their discretion how they choose to act in their role and how they choose to increase diversity on campus. If
- xii. Senator Leach explained that these committees would be another great opportunity to hear students voices and getting other students who aren't a part of SGA to voice their opinion.
- xiii. Senator Lara asked that if we put these committees through, will Vice President Scheick be informing other organizations about joining these committees in hopes they are passionate about volunteering and community outreach.
- xiv. Vice President responded that she is planning on doing this.
- xv. Senator Opoola expressed that he believes the roles of a committee are too vague.
- xvi. Vice President Scheick explained that all of these committees are given directions but overall their role needs to be vague because each semester presents new goals for a committee.
- xvii. Senator Gutierrez moved the previous question and Senator Nellums seconded this motion.
- xviii. The senate voted and the motion was approved.
- xix. The senate voted on the passing of S.B. 28-5 and the bill was passed.

XVI. New Business

XVII. Open Forum

- i. Associate Justice announced that he is in the honors program and their group project is coming up and they are looking for input from students in regard to water fountains on campus.
- ii. Senator Opoola explained that last week he went to a conference last week and they had a really nice time. They had 3 winners at the conference. He wanted to bring to the SGA that they had very few students at the campus compared to other universities. He believes that this is because students do not know about it and he thinks that SGA should help promote for the next one.
 - i. Senator Pham said that he did not receive any emails or any form of announcement about this event from the graduate studies.
 - ii. Senator Opoola explained that communication with graduate students is something they are wanting to improve but this event was also available to undergraduate students.
 - iii. Senator Opoola would like to partner with Academic Affairs to discuss and solve this issue.

XVIII. Announcements

- i. Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting November 13th UC 316 12:30 p.m.
- ii. Spirit and Traditions Committee Meeting November 16th UC 316
- iii. Food and Services Committee Meeting November 16th UC 306
- iv. Academic Affairs Committee Meeting November 16th UC 210



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- v. Town Hall November 16th 3:00 p.m. UC Legacy
 - vi. Island Day Tabling November 17th TBD
 - vii. Public Relations Committee Meeting
 - viii. Izzy's Food Pantry T-Shirt Swap, all November long, SGA Office 218M
 - ix. Endowment Internship Scholarship Deadline: December 1st
- XIX. Final Roll Call** Connar Allen, Dominic Baptiste, Justin Bustos, Louis Chavez, Tamara Darabie, Sarina Garcia, Jared Gaza, Jayna Hamilton, Brittney Held, Alexandria Jeanie, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, McAllen Waobikeze, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Perez, Dr. Albrecht, Jacquelyn Lara, Britney Mathmeson
- XX. Adjournment** 6:43 pm