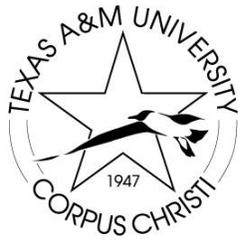


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TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 11/15/17

- I. Call to Order 12:15 PM**
- II. Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Allen Graham, Cassandra Scheick, Kayla Weeks, Alexis Gordan, Kelly Rojas, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Jacquelyn Lara, Kristin Strittmatter, Dr. Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. November 1st, 8th
 - 2/3 Senate vote was met and both the November 1st and 8th meeting minutes were approved.
- V. Guest Introductions - none**
- VI. President's Report**
 - i. Provost Finalists-Student Panel Recap
 - Members of E-Board and Senator Gilson were invited to serve on a student panel to meet and interview the four provost finalists.
 - President Bustos mentioned how there was a lack of student representation on the search committee for the position. This is something President Bustos would like to look into.
 - Members of E-Board and Senator Gilson were each given the chance to provide feedback on each of the candidates.
 - President Bustos explained the role and provided a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Provost.
 - ii. Anchor Senate Opinion
 - President Bustos created a poll on Orgync for the Senators to complete to voice their opinion regarding the anchor tradition.
 - President Bustos compiled the different opinions in a Word document based on the poll. Senator Lara volunteered to read the options aloud.
 - Senator Scheick motioned to open discussion to paint the anchor blue which was seconded by Senator Jorgensen.
 - The Senate discussed what color to paint the anchor and the possibility of painting the boat as well.
 - Dr. Perez explained how Mr. Wagner is currently in the process of obtaining permission to paint the Anchor from the SPACE Committee.
 - It was clarified that the boat is included as part of the Anchor and can be painted as well.
 - Dr. Perez explained how in years past, the Homecoming Committee would wrap the anchor in lights and they have received positive feedback from the students.
 - The Senate reached a consensus that the anchor would be painted white for homecoming but then be painted gray for the remainder of the year while the boat would be painted blue and remain blue year-round.
 - President Bustos will work on drafting a finalized document containing the Senate's opinion and he will send it to Mr. Wagner.
 - iii. Secretary Position Hour Change
 - The previous secretary resigned at the beginning of the semester and the position has remained vacant. Vice President Davis has been completing the minutes.

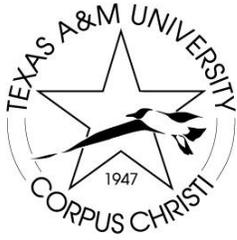


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- The number of hours the secretary can work has been changed from 5 to 3 which was decided by E-Board.
- Currently, President Bustos is in the process of recruiting so the position can be filled for the spring semester.
 - iv. Spring 2018 Senate Meeting Time (Vote on OrgSync Poll)
- A few Senators have communicated to President Bustos how they are unable to make the 12:15-1:45 PM meeting time for the spring. President Bustos is unable to make the meeting time as well.
- The specific meeting time puts a constraint on those interested in running for a Senator position because they are not able to run due to their class schedule conflicting with it.
- President Bustos proposed changing the meeting times.
- A doodle was created to collect E-Board members' availability for the Spring semester. Based on the availability, President Bustos created a poll with proposed finalized time slots for the Senators to vote on.
- Senator Jorgensen voiced a concern regarding how with early registration, Senators had already constructed their spring class schedule based on the pre-determined 12:15-1:45 PM meeting time.
- President Bustos apologized for any inconvenience this may cause.
- Senator Lara asked if the new proposed time slot would only be for Spring 2018 or for the future of SGA meetings for upcoming years.
- Dr. Perez explained how at other universities there are block times reserved for meetings. Research is needed to see if this would be something that would work for TAMUCC.
- Dr. Perez explained how SGA meetings were not always held at 12:15-1:45 PM. In years past, the University had a different operating schedule where they would work late on Tuesdays and get off early on Fridays at 3:00 PM. The SGA group at the time would meet on Fridays afternoons after 3:00 PM.
- Speaker Allen mentioned how at the current meeting time, the Senate struggles to meet quorum.
- The poll will open at 1:00 PM and will close tomorrow, November 16th at midnight.
 - v. Interviews for Student Regent and THECB
- Two applicants have applied for both positions. The interviews have been finalized.
- The panel will consist of President Bustos, Vice President Davis, Speaker Allen, Senator Torres, and FYC VP Brittney Held.
 - vi. Semester Summary Reports
- President Bustos is asking for Senators, E-Board, Committee Chairs, FYC, etc. to complete a semester summary report.
- President Bustos explained his expectations for the semester summary reports.

VII. Vice President's Report

- i. Committee Chair Appointments:
 - i. June Scheick-Legislative Studies
 - Vice President Davis presented her appointment of June as the Chair for Legislative Studies.
 - Senator Scheick introduced herself and answered questions asked by the senators about herself, her interest and knowledge of the position and goals for the committee.



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- Senator Seabolt motioned to approve the Committee Chair appointment, which was seconded by Senator Weeks.
- The senators discussed the appointment. Senator Weeks motioned to move the previous question and take the matter to a vote, which was seconded by Senator Lara.
- The Senators voted and 2/3 majority approval was met resulting in the appointment being approved.
 - ii. Alexis Gordon-Student Affairs
- Vice President Davis presented her appointment of Alexis a Co-Chair for Student Affairs.
- Senator Gordon introduced herself and answered questions asked by the senators about herself, her interest and knowledge of the position, ideas for the committee and plans to recruit members.
- Senator Scheick motioned to approve the Committee Chair appointment, which was seconded by Senator Lara.
- The senators discussed the appointment. Senator Graham motioned to move the previous question and take the matter to a vote, which was seconded by Senator Jorgensen.
- The Senate voted and 2/3 Senate vote was not met therefore the appointment failed.
 - ii. Islander Lights Update
- Vice President Davis will be meeting with Spirit & Traditions Co-Chairs Lesure and Torres to discuss details of the event.
- Vice President Davis provided a brief overview of Islander Lights.
 - iii. Midterm Procedure Update
- Vice President Davis meet with the FYC sub-group who will be assisting her in writing the Midterm Act. Vice President Davis provided the FYC members with background knowledge of the midterm act and an overview of the process.

VIII. Chief Justice's Report

- i. Appeals: 7 total
- Chief Justice Richardson met with the Associate Justices last week.
- Of the 7 appeals, 4 were approved and 3 were reduced.
- ii. Chief Justice appointment
- Chief Justice Richardson mentioned how she will interview associate justice Sara Elharoun for the position with President Bustos.
- Sara will attend the November 29th meeting so the Senate has the chance to meet and get to know her.

IX. Speaker's Report

- i. E-Board meeting
- i. Office Hours
- Senators are required to do one office hour a week as mentioned in the Bylaws.
- President Bustos explained that Senators are not physically required to be in the office for their office hour. Senators can use their office hour in a variety of ways such as physically being in the office, tabling or attend meetings. President Bustos asked to log the hours as proof to meet the weekly requirement.



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-Dr. Perez mentioned how those interested in taking on other positions within SGA should consider using their office hours to shadow the particular position in which they are interested.

X. Senator Reports

i. College of Business

- Senators Swift and Rodriguez have been working with Dean Gamble on how to become more involved with the college.

- They have been working on creating a viewing party for the January 31st basketball game.

ii. Veterans Senator

- Veterans packed food at St. Mark Lutheran Church for Kids Against Hunger and they packed enough food to feed 38 children for a year.

- This is an event the veterans participate in each semester to earn service hours.

- Dr. Perez mentioned that St. Mark Lutheran Church has donated to Izzy's food pantry.

iii. College of Liberal Arts

- Had their open forum: Donuts with the Dean on Monday, November 13th. Received student feedback and will work with Dean Hartlaub to address any issues or concerns brought forward.

iv. Science and Engineering

i. Dean meeting

- Met with Dr. Pezold on Thursday, November 9th.

- An issue was brought forward regarding miscalculation of the midterm grade. The professor did not adjust for the current points at the time. Dr. Pezold recommended contacting the Department Chair.

- Another issue brought forward was regarding scheduling for advisors. Students were experiencing a long wait period in an attempt to schedule an appointment with their advisor. Dr. Pezold suggested for SGA to put in a suggestion to convert to an online component.

v. College of Graduate Studies

- Will be meeting with the dean on Thursday, November 16th at 11:00 AM.

i. Survey for graduate students

- Graduate Senators have been working on a survey to obtain feedback from graduate students regarding awareness of events and resources.

- The survey was passed out at the meeting for the members to review.

vi. Freshman Senators

vii. College of Nursing and Health Sciences (Reported 11/1/17)

viii. Athletics Senator

ix. Disabilities Senator

x. International Senator

XI. Committee Reports

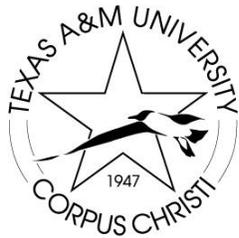
i. Campus Wellness University-wide Committee

- Senator Gilson attended the committee meeting on November 9th.

- TAMUCC had a partnership with Healthier America and the Committee has voted to opt out of this program in three years' time.

- The Wellness Coordinator assigned to the Texas A&M system schools, Kelley Melcher visited TAMUCC and spoke of areas we could improve upon regarding wellness.

- Wellness Education Ambassador Program is a potential idea.



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- Senator Gilson attended the Regional Chapter of National Strength and Conditioning conference.
- The university wide committee, Committees on Committees met and changed the start and end terms of the committees.
- Dr. Perez explained how the appointment would run from April to the corresponding May while the next term would begin in June.
- Dr. Perez also mentioned to make recommendations for the student representatives positions on the various university wide committees starting in the Spring instead of the Summer.
- The Wellness Expo will be held on April 18th, 2018. The community will have the opportunity to visit the campus and interact with community vendors and local health professionals on various wellness-related topics.
 - ii. Spirit and Traditions
- Co-Chair Lesure reported that the committee met the prior week on Wednesday, November 8th.
- Went over the expectations as members of Blue Crew.
- Plan to have outline for Islander Lights regarding the activity and which members will oversee it.
- Plan to have outline for Friday Fiesta and will be working on Penny Wars.

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

- i. SR 3 Textbook Lending Library Resolution
- Speaker Allen and Senator Torres worked with Senator Reyna in writing the resolution.
- Senator Reyna read his resolution aloud to the Senate.
- Senator Schieck motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Senator Jorgensen.
- Discussion was held regarding the process of verifying veteran status for checking out text books and the location of where the textbooks will be held.
- The Senate voted and the Student Senate met 2/3 Senate vote resulting in the adoption of the resolution.

XIV. Advisor's Report

- Interviews for the UC Program Coordinator will be held in the upcoming weeks. There will be a student panel, component; those interested in participating were asked to contact Dr. Perez.
- The University is currently in the process of finding someone to fulfill the position of Director of the PAC.
- Student Marshals will be Treasurer Paez, Vice President Davis and Associate Justice Sara Elharoun for Fall 2017 Commencement.

XV. Treasurer's Report

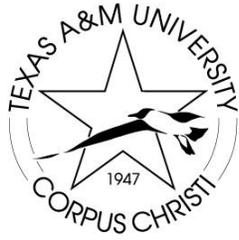
- The transactions to hit the account included the encumbrance of registration fees for COSGA in the amount of \$2,564.43 and \$2,000 for the game-day bus which we will be reimbursed for.

XVI. Open Forum

- Mixed martial arts club will be giving a demonstration on Monday, November 20th on the East Lawn.
- Co-Chair Lesure mentioned at the prior Homecoming Meeting, they were considering giving out Izzy socks and Izzy's tattoos as free promo items to pass out to students.
- Senator Gilson brought forward the issue of the light in Cat Alley has been out the past couple of days resulting in the area being pitch black. The issue poses a safety concern.

XVII. Announcements (General)

- XVIII. Final Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Joyce Paez, Allen Graham, Cassandra Sheick, Kayla Weeks, Alexis Gordan, Richard Torres, Alexandra



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XIX. Adjournment 1:51