

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 11/29/17

- I. Call to Order 12:19 PM**
- II. Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Allen Graham, Cassandra Scheick, Kayla Weeks, Kelly Rojas, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Jacquelyn Lara, Katie Seaboly Dr. Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. November 15th
 - 2/3 Senate vote was met and the November 15th meeting minutes were approved.
- V. Guest Introductions - None**
- VI. President's Report**
 - i. Semester summary reports due 12/6
 - If anyone needs guidance, President Bustos has a template.
 - The reports can be submitted via email or paper copy to President Bustos. He has currently received none.
 - ii. Student Regent/THECB
 - The panel conducted interviews with the applicants who applied.
 - President Bustos will be working on submitting the names to be recommended for each position to the Chancellor.
 - iii. Islander Mural update
 - The sub-group within FYC has worked on the description for the facility modification request form. The form will then need to be approved by Dr. Perez and Dr. Albrecht before being sent to the SPACE Committee.
 - The goal is to have the facility modification request form submitted by Friday, December 1st because the SPACE Committee needs it 10 days prior to their meeting which is on December 11th.
- VII. Vice President's Report**
 - i. Committee Chair Appointment Cidnee Lesure - Co-Chair of Student Affairs
 - Vice President Davis presented her appointment of Cidnee as a Co-Chair for Student Affairs.
 - Co-Chair Lesure introduced herself and answered questions asked by the Senate regarding herself, her interest and knowledge of the position, time management skills and goals for the committee.
 - The senators discussed the appointment. A matter brought up was the position being a Co-Chair position vs. a Chair position.
 - Vice President Davis explained the reasoning for splitting the Chair position into two Co-Chairs positions.
 - Senator Jorgensen suggested having a Chair and a Vice-Chair position instead of the two Co-Chair positions.
 - Senator Scheick motioned to amend the appointment from a Co-Chair to a Chair position, which was seconded by Senator Lara.



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- The Senators voted and 2/3 majority approval was met resulting in the amendment to the appointment being a Co-Chair to a Chair position was approved.
- Senator Jorgensen motioned to approve the Committee Chair appointment, which was seconded by Senator Weeks.
- The Senators voted and 2/3 majority approval was met resulting in the appointment being approved.
- President Bustos explained the new policy of applauding for when someone's appointment is confirmed. The applicant will walk back into the room and the E-Board member who recommended them will announce the confirmation of their appointment.
- Vice President Davis welcomed Co-Chair Lesure back into the room and announced her as the new Chair of Student Affairs.
 - ii. Midterm Act Update
- Vice-President Davis has been working with the sub-group within FYC on the Midterm Act. – The members have been given the resolution and presentation to review so they are informed on the matter.
- A Google Doc has been created where Vice-President Davis and the sub-group of FYC members will use to collaborate when writing the Midterm Act.
- Vice President Davis and the FYC members will be working on this throughout the following weeks and winter break. The goal is to present the finalized version to the Senate for feedback and their approval when they reconvene in January.
 - iii. Islander Lights
- Vice President Davis met with Co-Chairs Lesure and Torres regarding the details for Islander Lights.
- The event is this Friday, December 1st from 6-8 and we had enough volunteers from the Spirits and Tradition Committee to run SGA 's activity.
- Vice President Davis welcomed anyone who is interested in helping to contact her for more information.

VIII. Chief Justice's Report

IX. i. Appeals: Total -7

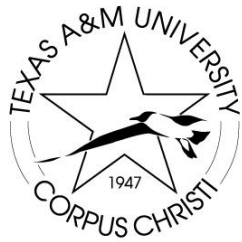
- Chief Justice Richardson met with the associate justices on Wednesday, November 15th.
- Of the 7 appeals; 4 were accepted and 3 were reduced.

ii. Chief Justice Appointment

- Chief Justice Richardson presented her appointment of associate justice Sara Elharoun as the new Chief Justice.
- Associate Justice Elharoun introduced herself and answered questions asked by the Senators about herself, experience in SGA, campus involvement, etc.
- Chief Justice Richardson explained how the incoming Chief Justice is selected.
- Chief Justice Richardson informed the Senate that if Associate Justice Elharoun's appointment was approved then there would only be one vacancy for her position to fill.
- Senator Lara motioned to approve the appointment, which was seconded by Senator Scheick.
- The Senators voted and 2/3 majority approval was met resulting in the appointment being approved.
- Chief Justice Richardson welcomed Associate Justice Elharoun back into the room and announced her as the new Chief Justice.

X. Speaker's Report

- i. Senate meeting time



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- The results from the Orgsync poll were not enough to determine a meeting time.
- Speaker Allen created a new doodle and emailed out the link so any SGA member can fill it out.
- The meeting time will be determined based on the highest number of Senators who are able to make it so quorum is met.
- Senator Haire asked what would happen if a Senator is unable to make the new meeting time.
- President Bustos encouraged those Senators who have not yet completed the doodle to do so. The only excuse that will be accepted for not being able to make the meeting time is class.
- If anyone needs to adjust their availability, they able to do so on the doodle.

XI. Senator Reports

- College of Graduate Studies
 - The senators met with Dean Canales on November 16th.
 - An issue brought forward was the discrepancies in pay rates for graduate assistants.
 - Dean Canales explained that graduate assistants employed through programs outside the university may be paid more or less than what the university pays based on the program/company. Graduate assistants employed through the university earn around the same amount.
 - Award nominations for Mentor and research/teaching assistant have been opened for the past two months. The winners have been chosen and will be announced in April 2018.
 - The graduate senators are working on developing a GROW portal on Orgsync.
 - The survey has been distributed. The graduate senators have received feedback via online and paper submissions and are working on compiling the information.
- College of Business (Reported 11/15/17)*
- Veterans Senator (Reported 11/15/17)*
- Science and Engineering (Reported 11/15/17)*
- College of Liberal Arts (Reported 11/15/17)*
- Freshman Senators*
- College of Nursing and Health Sciences (Reported 11/1/17)*
- Athletics Senator*
- Disabilities Senator*
- International Senator*

XII. Committee Reports

- Legislative Studies Committee
 - Speaker Allen and Senator Scheick attended this year's Student Government Coalition.
 - The program was founded by Texas A&M University and over 20 universities from across Texas are members.
 - This year's conference was held at UT-Austin and it is an off-session year meaning our Legislators are not in session. The goal of the conference was to select issues for the agenda. - - The topics selected for the agenda were mental health, sexual assault reform, open source textbooks and good Samaritan policy. Senator Scheick explained what good Samaritan policy is to the Senate.
 - Different campuses were selected for various office positions.

XIII. Old Business

XIV. New Business

- SR 4 Pocket Points Resolution



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- Senator Scheick introduced her resolution which is co-sponsored by Senator Seabolt.
- Senator Scheick reminded the Senate how at a prior SGA meeting earlier this semester, we had a representative from Pocket Points present on the matter.
- Speaker Allen reminded Senator Scheick of the process and requested she read her resolution out loud.
- Senator Scheick asked Senator Seabolt if she would like to read the resolution out loud. Speaker Allen explained to Senator Scheick how since she is the person introducing the resolution she must be the one to read it aloud to the Senate.
- Senator Scheick read her resolution aloud to the Senate.
- Senator Seabolt motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Senator Beauford.
- Discussion was held regarding the resolution. Senator Scheick explained this is a formal statement stating that SGA supports the use of Pocket points.
- Senator Lara shared her personal experience with the app.
- Dr. Albrecht asked for clarification regarding TAMUCC's affiliation with pocket points and TAMUCC will have no affiliation with the app.
- President Bustos suggested adding the word Pocket Points to marketing assistant for clarification purposes.
- Speaker Allen mentioned how there was a sentence that was repeated.
- Senator Scheick motioned to amend the resolution by deleting the repeated sentence.
- Senator Jorgensen motioned to amend the resolution by changing the wording of marketing assistant to Pocket Points marketing assistant.
- The Senate voted and the Student Senate met 2/3 Senate vote resulting in the adoption of the resolution.

XV. Advisor's Report

i. UC Program Coordinator Student Panel

- Tuesday, December 5, 2:30-3:30pm, UC Jetty Room 123
- Friday, December 8, 2:30-3:30pm UC Oso Room 221
- Monday, December 11, 2:30-3:30pm UC Oso Room 221

ii. Director of the Performing Arts Center meetings

- Wednesday, November 29, 1-2pm UC Anchor B
- Friday, December 1, 1-2pm Bayhall 103
- Monday, December 4, 3-4pm UC Lonestar A

- The first finalist for the Vice President position of Institutional Advancement will be here on Wednesday, November 29th from 2-3.
- The Who's Who National Organization is restricting their scholarship program and is not accepting awards for this year.
- TAMUCC will continue to offer the scholarship and it is a \$500 award per semester. The scholarship office is currently working on getting it finalized. Once it is opened, Dr. Albrecht will inform SGA members.
- The scholarship is opened to undergraduate and graduate students. The applicant must have 48 hours completed by the time of submission of their application and meet a certain GPA requirement.

XVI. Treasurer's Report

- The transaction to hit the account was the reimbursement of the game-day bus.

XVII. Open Forum

i. Athletics

- Senator Seabolt met with the Athletic Director on November 15th.



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- He would like to come out and speak at a future SGA meeting.
- He was happy with the turnout of the November 2nd game and commended the Sprit and Traditions Committee on their hard work.
- ii. Other
 - Senator Scheick mentioned the Legislative Committee will be meeting on Friday, December 1st from 9:30-10:30 AM, Location: TBD. Those interested in joining the committee are asked to contact Senator Scheick.
 - Dr. Albrecht, Dr. Perez and President Bustos will be judging the Iron Chef Challenge.

XVIII. Announcements (General)

- i. Iron Chef Challenge (11/29/17 from 5-8 PM in Islander Dining Hall)
- ii. Islander Lights (12/1/17 from 6-8 PM in UC)

XIX. Final Roll Call Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connar Allen, Alexis Richardson, Joyce Paez, Allen Graham, Cassandra Sheick, Kayla Weeks, Richard Torres, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Emerald Rodriguez, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Jacquelyn Lara, Katie Seabolt, Tommie Reyna, Dr. Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.

XX. Adjournment 1:28 PM