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TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 11/8/17

- I. **Call to Order** 12:16 PM
- II. **Roll Call** Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Allen Graham, Cassandra Sheick, Kayla Weeks, Kelly Rojas, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Maria Beauford, Olumide Adeoye, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **Guest Introductions**
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. October 18th, 25th, 1st
 - Speaker Allen mentioned the November 1st meeting minutes needed additional work.
 - 2/3 Senate vote was met and both the October 18th and 25th meeting minutes were approved.
- VI. **President's Report**
 - i. Russell Wagner
 - He is the Executive Director of the Alumni Association. Mr. Wagner provided a status update regarding the Anchor tradition and background information regarding the Alumni Association and the origin of the Anchor tradition.
 - The Alumni Association currently spends 5-10% of budget on student programs such as Islander Ring Ceremony, Taco Tuesday, Books and Bagels, etc.
 - The Anchor has been at the University since 1947. The University President bestowed the Anchor to the student body. The tradition consisted of the freshman class holding onto the anchor for the year. When the current freshman class became sophomores, they would bestow the Anchor to the incoming freshman class. Each year the incoming freshman class would scrub the Anchor clean and give it a new paint of coat.
 - This tradition was upheld until the Anchor disappeared either in the 1960s or 1970s. The exact date is unknown. It was discovered that another university stole the Anchor and turned it into scrap metal. This sparked the idea of bringing the anchor back to campus.
 - The current Anchor on campus is a replica of the original Anchor.
 - Mr. Wagner met with Dr. Quintanilla regarding plans for Homecoming and she expressed how she would like for the Alumni Association to improve their relations with the student body.
 - Previously, the Alumni Association would hand out refreshments with a postcard or paper to promote awareness regarding the Anchor. They decided to scrap the event and began brainstorming a new idea. It was mentioned at their Homecoming Committee meeting to paint the Anchor like it was done in the original tradition.
 - The Alumni Association has been in contact with Arizona State University for more information regarding their traditions regarding white washing of A Mountain and painting of A Mountain before their first football game. They discovered Arizona state tradition with A Mountain was similar to our Anchor tradition.
 - The Alumni Board has offered to fund the cost of maintenance for the Anchor on a yearly basis. The Alumni Association mentioned the concept to the Homecoming Committee to get their feedback and approval. They have also met with Dr. Quintanilla and she was in favor of the idea.
 - Mr. Wagner wanted to ensure the idea was possible before bringing it forward to SGA. He is currently in the process of obtaining permission to paint the Anchor from the SPACE Committee.



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- The Alumni Association is open and interested in collaborating with SGA and/or other organizations/programs on campus.
- The color white was chosen to paint the Anchor to teach the historical impact of the tradition but Mr. Wagner is opened to painting the Anchor blue but proper protocol would have to be taken through the appropriate channels.
- The Alumni Association will develop a marketing plan to raise awareness and help educate the students regarding the significance of the Anchor tradition.
 - ii. Homecoming Nominations
 - i. Homecoming Queen
 - Treasurer Paez, Senator Scheick and Co-Chair Lesure were nominated and accepted their nomination.
 - Senator Gilson was nominated as well but declined the nomination.
 - Each of the nominees had the chance to speak on why they would like to be the SGA female representative to run for Homecoming Queen.
 - President Bustos mentioned he would create a poll on OrgSync allowing for members to cast their vote. The poll opened at 2:00 PM on November 8th and closed on November 9th at 2:00 PM so members had 24 hours to cast their vote.
 - ii. Homecoming King
 - Speaker Allen was nominated and accepted the nomination.
 - President Bustos was also nominated but declined the nomination.
 - Since no other male nominees came forward, President Bustos mentioned how Speaker Allen was the chosen SGA male representative to run for Homecoming King.

VII. Vice President's Report

- i. Rosie Ruiz
 - Ms. Ruiz is working on a case study regarding "Why students join a student group organization while attending college?"
 - She needed 6 SGA members to volunteer to participate in the study through an interview where she would ask a series of questions regarding why they joined student government, what skills do they want to develop or have developed while being part of student government, and their goals for joining this group.
 - Those interested were asked to contact her by Friday, November 10th.
- ii. Committee Chair Update
 - Vice President Davis and President Bustos interviewed the applicants who applied for the Chair/Co-Chair vacancies. Vice President Davis will provide an update next week regarding the status of their appointments.
- iii. Midterm Act
 - Vice President Davis scheduled a meeting with the First Year Council members who will be assisting her with writing the Midterm Act. They will be meeting on Wednesday, November 8th from 3-4 in Redfish UC 307.

VIII. Chief Justice's Report

- i. Appeals: Total 8
 - Of the 8 appeals: 3 were denied, 4 were accepted and 1 was reduced.
- ii. Application for cords/stoles
 - For members that are graduating, the deadline to apply for a cord/stole is Friday, November 10th.

IX. Speaker's Report



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- i. E-Board meeting
 - The members of E-Board discussed what they liked and disliked regarding the Anchor tradition brought forth at the November 1st meeting.
 - President Bustos invited Russell Wagner to come speak at the meeting to elaborate more on the Anchor tradition.
- X. Senator Reports**
 - i. Veterans Senator
Lending Library
 - The set up of the veterans lending library is like ones found at other colleges.
 - Donations have been requested from professors, the library and bookstore.
 - The Lending Library started this semester and currently 8 books have been donated.
 - Senator Lara asked if there is a particular textbook they accept if someone was interested in donating a textbook. Senator Reyna mentioned they accept all types of textbook covering a variety of topics.
 - Senator Reyna introduced the idea to the Senate because he will be working on writing a resolution requesting for SGA support.
 - Senator Reyna asked if anyone would be interested in assisting him with writing the resolution. A few Senators expressed interest in helping him.
 - ii. College of Liberal Arts
 - Senator Scheick mentioned their event, Donuts with the Dean, will be held on Monday, November 13th from 1-3 PM in Lonestar Ballroom C.
 - The event will be broken up into two sessions. One session will be held from 1-1:50 PM and the other session will be held from 2-2:50 PM.
 - iii. *College of Graduate Studies (Reported 11/1/17)*
 - iv. *Freshman Senators*
 - v. *College of Nursing and Health Sciences*
 - vi. *College of Business (Reported 11/1/17)*
 - vii. *Athletics Senator*
 - viii. *Disabilities Senator*
 - ix. *College of Science & Engineering*
 - x. *International Senator*
- XI. Committee Reports**
- XII. Old Business**
- XIII. New Business**
- XIV. Advisor's Report**
 - i. Naming of UC Patio
 - Dr. Perez emailed President Bustos and Vice President Davis the three name choices for the UC Patio.
 - Vice President Davis displayed the three name choices: Port Patio, Shore Patio and La Bahia (Bay) Patio.
 - Senator Weeks asked if there were enough Senators present to meet quorum so the Senate could vote on the name choices. There were enough Senators present to meet quorum.
 - A fourth name recommendation was brought forth which was Seabreeze. Dr. Albrecht mentioned there used to be a building on campus named Seabreeze but was been demolished. The building was used for several functions such as housing quarters, classroom space, and office space.



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- The Senate considered the four name choices. Senator Jorgensen proposed to vote on the name recommendation of Seabreeze for the patio which was seconded by Senator Swift. 2/3 Senate vote was met and the name recommendation of Seabreeze for the patio was approved.
- Dr. Perez mentioned the deadline to submit an application for the Student Regent and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is Friday, November 10th at 5:00 PM.

XV. Treasurer's Report

XVI. Open Forum

i. FYC Update

- Senator Jorgensen mentioned the First Year Council met on Tuesday, November 7th.
- The FYC talked about the concerns/issues they received at the Freshman Open Forum which was held on Thursday, November 2nd. Topics addressed included parking, textbook cost, improve communication regarding housing deadlines, and more awareness regarding meal plan options and dining dollars.
- Senator Haire was appointed as the new secretary for FYC.

ii. Housing

- Co-Chair Cidnee Lesure who is a current RA asked for clarification regarding the communication issue brought forth regarding housing deadlines. Students were not receiving correspondence from Miramer regarding deadlines for the renewal process and rent.
- Co-Chair Lesure explained the process Miramer uses to communicate deadlines regarding rent to the residents. Miramer has already sent out emails to the residents regarding renewal for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.
- Senator Haire asked if the emails were sent to students living in both the dorms and apartment buildings because she has not received any of those emails. Co-Chair Lesure mentioned how emails are sent to the email address that Miramer has on file for each resident. Dr. Albrecht suggested to check with the Miramer housing office regarding the email address they have on file for Senator Haire.
- Senator Scheick mentioned there is a way to have emails sent to a student's Islander email forwarded to their personal email account.

iii. Other

- Co-Chair Lesure talked to a variety of students regarding the Anchor tradition that was brought forth at the November 1st meeting. The feedback gathered was students were in favor of the tradition but concerns were voiced regarding the color choice for painting the Anchor.
- Senator Strittmatter mentioned that next week, November 13th-17th is International Education Week.
- Dr. Perez mentioned that on next Thursday, November 16th, the Dining Hall has partnered with Izzy's Food Pantry to host a Thanksgiving food drive. For each person that visits the Dining Hall on the 16th, Dining Services will donate a pound of food to Izzy's Food Pantry. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.
- Dr. Perez met with SSC who the contractor that oversees project on campus regarding maintenance of facilities regarding a status update on the lettering on the CI crosswalk. The art work has been approved and the application has been sent off. The anticipated completion date for this project is December 8th and if not then by the end of the fall semester.
- Vice President Davis stated the dates for the remaining SGA meetings of the fall semester which are November 15th, 29th and December 6th. The Senate will not be meeting on November 22nd because it is a reading day.
- Dr. Albrecht asked who will be attending the trip to College Station to watch the football game. He cautioned those attending to check the weather the day of so they can dress appropriately.



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- Dr. Perez mentioned how the departure time has changed to being earlier. President Bustos will be sending out a reminder with the updated information.
- Senator Torres mentioned the College of Science & Engineering Senators will be meeting with their Dean on Thursday, November 9th at 3:30 PM.
- Speaker Allen suggested taking a recess until 1:00 PM. Senator Scheick motioned to take a recess until 1:00 PM which was seconded. 2/3 Senate vote was met and the motion was approved. The Senate took a recess which started at 12:55 PM and reconvened at 1:04 PM.

XVII. Announcements (SGA Events)

XVIII. Announcements (College of Liberal Arts Events)

- i. Donuts with the Dean: Monday, November 13th 1 to 3 pm location Lonestar Ballroom C.

XIX. Announcements (General)

- i. Careers in Education Fair-11/8

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

XXI. Adjournment 1:45 PM