



# Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

## TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 12/6/17

- I. Call to Order** 12:14 PM
- II. Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Allen Graham, Cassandra Scheick, Kayla Weeks, Kelly Rojas, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Tommy Reyna, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Jacquelyn Lara, Katie Seaboly Dr. Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Guest Introductions**
- V. Approval of Minutes**
  - i. November 29<sup>th</sup>
    - 2/3 Senate vote was met and the November 29th meeting minutes were approved.
- VI. President's Report**
  - i. Semester reports
    - President Bustos had only received 3 Senator semester reports from Athletics, Freshman and Business.
    - President Bustos reminded those who had not submitted their reports to him yet that they were due 12/6/17.
    - Senator Haire asked for clarification between the semester reports for both Freshman Senator and FYC regarding if she needed to submit an additional report for FYC.
    - President Bustos explained he is expecting the FYC Semester Report from Senator Jorgenson who is the FYC President.
  - ii. Award presentation
    - Chief Justice Richardson has been in SGA for seven semesters and this was her last meeting because she graduated Fall 2017.
    - President Bustos presented Chief Justice Richardson with a plaque for her service as a member of the Executive Board.
  - iii. OER Task Force
    - President Bustos attended an OER Task Force meeting held on November 30<sup>th</sup> with Vice President Davis.
    - OER stands for Open Education Resource and are free resources used in the classroom that possess a creators common license allowing them to be distributed for free and avoid any copyright issues.
    - There was representation from the different colleges and departments at the meeting.
    - One purpose of the task force is to help students save on the cost of textbooks.
    - SGA's role will be to help gather student feedback regarding OER and assist with educational awareness efforts to inform students.
    - The library has compiled a database of OER sources.
    - Dr. Perez suggested helping promote the link to the OER database the library has compiled by adding the link to the SGA website or through social media so it's more accessible to students.



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- Vice President Davis mentioned how they briefly viewed the database at the meeting but it covered a variety of subjects including history, science, business, communication, etc. The database can potentially help a variety of students depending on the content that is available.
- Senator Gilson asked if SGA will be hosting an open forum in the Spring and suggested creating a campaign to help bring this topic to student's attention.

## **Vice President's Report**

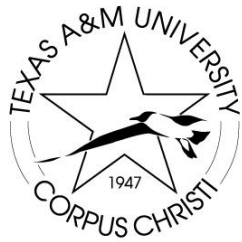
- iv. Student Representatives Feedback Survey
  - Vice President Davis is the SGA student representative serving on Committees on Committees.
  - Committees on Committees is a university wide committee who tasked is to evaluate the other university wide committees to ensure they are serving their purpose, actively holding meetings, the right members are part of the committee, representation is being fulfilled, etc.
  - Committees on Committees is in the process of conducting their annual report of evaluating the various university wide committees.
  - Vice President Davis gained inspiration from this to evaluate the student representatives. - Hard work has been done to ensure student representation on the various university wide committees.
  - Vice President Davis worked with Dr. Drum on creating a survey to send to the student representatives on the various university wide committees. Dr. Drum will assist Vice President Davis in analyzing the results of the survey on 12/14/17.
  - Vice President Davis reminded those individuals serving as student representatives to complete the survey because responses were due 12/6/17.
- v. Committee Chair Update
  - Vice President Davis had only received one committee report.
  - Vice President Davis reminded the Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs who had not submitted their reports to her yet that they were due 12/6/17.
  - Ana Salamanca was the Chair of Environmental Council and a student representative serving on Environmental Council.
  - Since Ana graduated Fall 2017, Vice President Davis has been in contact with her regarding suggestions of potential applicants to fulfill her vacancies.
  - Vice President Davis has been in contacted with the suggested applicants and will work over the break to schedule interviews in order to fulfill both vacancies.

## **VII. Chief Justice's Report**

- i. Appeals: None

## **VIII. Speaker's Report**

- i. E-Board meeting
  - The focus of the E-Board meeting was finding a new meeting time where there were enough Senators to meet quorum.
  - E-Board members invested time in reviewing the doodle Speaker Allen had sent out to find the best options to use as the new meeting time.
  - The options were 5-7 PM on either Mondays or Thursdays.
  - The preceding meeting time on Wednesdays from 12:15- 1:45 PM was no longer suitable for the Spring because there were not enough Senators to meet quorum.



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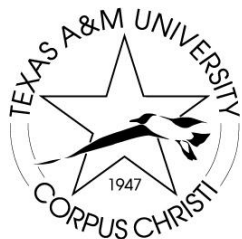
- Speaker Allen listed off the Senators who indicated on the doodle they would not be able to attend the meeting from 5-7 and asked their reason for them not being available. The Senators on the list explained their reason for being unavailable.
- Enough Senators were available to attend to meet quorum on Mondays from 5-7 PM.
- There is no specific meeting time or day mentioned in the Constitution or By Laws so neither document needs to be amended. There was also no formal process for changing the meeting time.
- More research is needed to figure out the best approach to use when determining the meeting time for future semesters.
- Senator Scheick motioned to vote on the new meeting time which was seconded by Senator Beauford.
- The Senate voted and 2/3 Senate vote was met resulting in the meeting time being changed to Mondays from 5-7 PM.

## **IX. Senator Reports**

- Disabilities Services Senator*
  - Senator Lara met with the Disabilities Services Director, Rachel Cox on 12/5/17.
  - Disabilities Services was getting ready for finals and experienced a higher amount of than usual of students using their services.
  - Disabilities services filled the vacant position of Accommodations Counselor and the employee underwent training.
  - The position of Exam Coordinator is still vacant.
  - Senator Lara coordinated with Rachel Coz on obtaining responses back from the survey Disabilities Services send to student who utilize their services in order to gage student feedback regarding their experience.
- Veterans Senator*
- College of Liberal Arts*
- College of Graduate Studies*
- Freshman Senators*
- College of Nursing and Health Sciences*
- College of Business*
- Athletics Senator*
- College of Science & Engineering*
- International Senator*

## **X. Committee Reports**

- Campus Wellness Committee*
  - Senator Gilson attended the Wellness Committee meeting held on 11/30/17.
  - PREAct is offering complementary lunch & learns. Students are welcomed to attend.
  - The first session was held on January 11, 2018 – We’ve Got Your Back: Professionally guided group exercise class focused on increasing flexibility and core strength while preventing common low back conditions.
  - The dates for the other sessions for the remainder of the Spring semester are February 8th, March 8, April 12 and May 10.
- Inclusive Excellence Committee*



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- Senator Gilson, Sofia Rodriguez and Vice President Davis attended the Inclusive Excellence Committee meeting held on 12/5/17.
- Senator Gilson mentioned details about the leadership conference they are working on.
- The Islander Leadership Conference: “Be An Inclusive Leader” will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The mission is to provide an experience to fill the demand for unique and inclusive leaders in the workforce.
- Vice President Davis encouraged the Senators and E-Board members to attend the conference.

## **XI. Old Business**

## **XII. New Business**

### **i. Campus Lighting Resolution S.R. 27-6**

- Senator Beauford introduced her resolution which is co-sponsored by Senator Adeoye.
- Senator Beauford read her resolution aloud to the Senate.
- Senator Beauford motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Senator Scheick.
- Discussion was held regarding the resolution.
- The Senate voted and the 2/3 Senate vote was met resulting in the adoption of the resolution.

### **ii. Islander Mural Resolution S.R. 27-7**

- Speaker Allen introduced his resolution which is co-sponsored by Senator Haire and Senator Torres.
- Speaker Allen read his resolution aloud to the Senate.
- Senator Lara motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Senator Seabolt.
- Discussion was held regarding the resolution.
- The Senate voted and the 2/3 Senate vote was met resulting in the adoption of the resolution.

### **iii. UCSA Leadership Showcase Wall Resolution S.R. 27-8**

- President Bustos introduced his resolution which is co-sponsored by Senator Weeks
- President Bustos read his resolution aloud to the Senate.
- Discussion was held regarding the resolution.
- Senator Scheick motioned to amend the resolution by incorporating the location of the wall on the first floor of the UC which was seconded by Senator Weeks.
- The Senate voted and the 2/3 Senate vote was met resulting in the resolution being amended.
- Senator Burgueno motioned to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Senator Weeks.
- The Senate voted and the 2/3 Senate vote was met resulting in the adoption of the resolution.

## **XIII. Advisor’s Report**

- Dr. Quintanilla has offered the position of Provost to one of the finalist and is waiting to hear back on their response to the offer.
- A notice should be going out sometime in the Spring informing students, faculty and staff of the official designated smoking areas.

## **XIV. Treasurer’s Report**

### **- Transactions that have hit the account include:**

SVC sponsored shirts - \$177

Town Hall items for gift baskets - \$129.45

Late Night Breakfast items for gift baskets - \$58.68



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Catering for Town Hall meeting – \$266.76  
Spirit & Traditions supplies - \$9.88  
Spirit & Traditions supplies at game - \$38.35  
Banner for Spritis & Traditions - \$90.00  
COSGA Registration – \$2337.50

## **XV. Open Forum**

- Senator Jorgenson mentioned he has a class on Mondays from 5:30-6:45 PM. He asked for clarification regarding any demerits brought upon his seat by not being able to attend the meeting.
- President Bustos explained how in the FYC Manual, it was written that the FYC President would have one of the three Freshman Senator seats.
- Chairwomen Lesure mentioned her ideas for the Spring to gage student feedback regarding the Student Affairs Committee by hosting a table with a sign that says, “complain to me”.
- Senator Scheick asked how Islander Lights went. Vice President Davis complimented Senator Torres, Chairwomen Lesure and the Sprits & Traditions committee for their hard work in coordinating our activity for the event. The SGA Table had a successful turn out of participants. Senator Torres thanked Vice President Davis for her efforts as well.

## **XVI. Announcements (General)**

**XVII. Final Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connar Allen, Alexis Richardson, 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.

**XVIII. Adjournment** 1:45 PM