



# Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

## TAMUCC SGA Senate Meeting 1/14/19

- I. Call to Order** 5:20 pm
- II. Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Tamara Darabie, Fritzi Davis, Sarina Garcia, Jared Gaza, Stormie Gutierrez, Jayna Hamilton, Brittney Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Alexandria Jeanie, Jacquelyn Lara, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Britney Mathmeson, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Damian Olvera, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, McAllen Waobikeze, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Don Albrecht, Dr. Lisa Perez
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- V. Speaker's Report**
- VI. President's Report**
  - i. President Allen appointed a Freshman Senator, which was recommended by the FYC. Nduoma Mgbaraho, the appointee, introduced herself to the senate and why she would like to be Freshman Senator.
  - ii. The senate voted on the appointment and Nduoma Mgbaraho was appointed to the Freshman Senator Position.
  - iii. The City Council has declared February 5<sup>th</sup> as City Wide Bluesday Tuesday and President Allen would like everyone to show lots of spirit on this day.
  - iv. SGA Procedure review will occur at 3:15pm on Thursday in SGA office. President Allen would like a few senators to volunteer to review these with him. There is no obligation to make changes, but it will be reviewed and looked at.
  - v. President Allen was contacted by Lime Scooters and they would like to put them on campus. President Allen looked into the policies regarding outside vendors and where people can sell things, like scooters, on campus. President Allen believes that there are a lot of confusion regarding these policies, so he is looking into it.
    - i. Dr. Albrecht explained that no one with a bike, skateboard, etc. cannot be riding in the middle of campus.
    - ii. Dr. Perez explained that they cannot use state property without some form of contract.
    - iii. Chief Justice Olvera explained that he has witnessed these scooters bring a lot of joy to families and friends and finds them very beneficial for cheap travel and fun.
    - iv. President Allen explained that the reason that we can regulate them would be to our benefit because they won't be littered all over campus or ridden in places where they aren't supposed to be ran.
    - v. A discussion was held regarding opinions on having scooters on campus.
  - vi. President Allen appointed Chairman Dewar to the Liberal Arts Senator position
    - i. Chairman Dewar introduced himself to the senate and discussed why he would like this position and what he plans to accomplish. He would definitely like to see better career fairs for the College of Liberal Arts and he would like to advocate for the college overall.



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- ii. Senator Gutierrez moved to consider the appointment and Senator Nellums seconded that motion.
- iii. Senator Jorgenson moved to vote and Senator Mattheson seconded.
- iv. The senate voted and the appointment was approved.
- vii. President Allen met with Edward Evans, Senior Associate VP for Information Technology and CIO.

## **VII. Vice President's Report**

- i. Vice President Scheick announced that her appointment to the vacant Student Engagement Committee Chair, Secretary Washerlesky. She discussed why Secretary Washerlesky is a good fit for this role.
  - i. Secretary Washerlesky introduced herself to the Senate and discussed some of her goals for the committee and what she hopes to accomplish.
  - ii. Senator Jorgenson moved to consider the appointment and Senator Davis seconded that motion.
  - iii. The senate voted and Secretary Washerlesky's appointment was approved.
- ii. Spring Retreat was held on January 26<sup>th</sup> and the event was a success.
  - i. Former SGA President Analese Yennyson shared her experience from her term in 2004 and inspired all of SGA.
  - ii. During the retreat, members established goals and discussed how they could achieve these goals this semester.
- iii. Committee Chairs will be meeting Thursday at 5pm. The time had to be changed due to a scheduling conflict but they will be meeting this week to reflect on semester goals.
- iv. Vice President Scheick is waiting to hear back about when SGA will be able to get head shots taken, so be looking for an announcement in regards to headshot rescheduling.

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report**

- i. Treasurer Bustos discussed the current standing of the SGA budget. Information will be put out soon for organizations to apply for funding.

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

- i. 15 parking appeals have been approved, 23 denied, and 4 reduced. There have been no library appeals.
- ii. A date has been decided for spring elections and they will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **X. First-Year Council Director**

- i. The First Year Council Public Relations committee has created an SGA TV episode about Friday Fiesta. The episode promotes the event and all members are SGA are encouraged to share the episode on their social media platforms.
- ii. Sara Rodriguez was elected to be the next FYC Secretary.
- iii. FYC will be giving out SGA promotion items at Friday Fiesta.

## **XI. Senator Reports**

## **XII. Committee Reports**

- i. Spirit and Traditions Committee



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- i. Chair Garcia discussed upcoming Spirit Week Events and requests that everyone try to attend/volunteer for events.
  
- ii. Public Relations Committee
  - i. The committee met and discussed how to help spread the message about the free resources the Office of Distance Education and Learning Technologies offers to students.
  - ii. The committee is going to work on having a link to I-Engage visible on the main website at tamucc.edu. There is a formal resolution in the works.
  - iii. The committee is currently working more with Island Waves and currently there have been two formal press releases submitted.
  - iv. Increased Bluesday Tuesday campaigning will occur in February and City Wide Bluesday Tuesday is on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February.
  - v. SGA TV Homecoming episode is out now and is posted on our YouTube, Twitter and Instagram.
- iii. Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee
  - i. Chair Mattheson discussed her meeting with the Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee. During the meeting, the committee discussed enrollment reports and the new MyStrength interactive program and its benefits.
- iv. Community Outreach Committee
  - i. Chairman Olvera discussed how he plans to build a foundation for this new committee. His main goal is to integrate SGA into the community more.
  - ii. Chairman Olvera would like to create ties across the university with other organizations as well as across the Coastal Bend.
  - iii. Chairman Olvera has developed relationships with the Surfrider Foundation, Westside Helping Hands, and the City of Corpus Christi. In addition to the newly formed relationships, Chairman Olvera is also on the Southside and London Development Committee.
- v. Diversity Committee
  - i. Chairman Morrell is currently planning great things for Black History Month, including Black History Bingo.

### **XIII. Advisor's Report**

### **XIV. Old Business**

### **XV. New Business**

- i. Senator Janney introduced Class Registration Resolution 28-4 to the senate, which is sponsored by Senator Maji and Senator Opoola.
  - i. Senator Lara moved to discuss the bill and Senator Jenkins seconded that motion.
  - ii. Senator Pham discussed that having the opening registration time at 8am is difficult for students whom have conflicting work schedules and/or class at 8am.



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- iii. Chairman Jenkins explained that the importance of the bill relies on that it acknowledges that there is no support staff at midnight and students should be able to have access these resources when they register for courses.
- iv. Treasurer Bustos asked if any other schools have made a change like this.
- v. Senator Janney explained that that at Kingsville they have done this.
  
- vi. Senator Leach believes the problem is not having anyone to help students when they register at midnight.
- vii. President Allen believes that extending the hours for assistance would not really help and he believes that moving the time to 8am would be most beneficial.
- viii. Senator Nellums moved that we table the resolution and send it to the Academic Affairs Committee, and Senator Matheson seconded.
- ix. The senate voted and the resolution was tabled.

### **XVI. Open Forum**

- i. Senator Opoola announced that an event about innovation called “Invent for the Planet – The Sun never sets on Innovation”. You can apply before February 5<sup>th</sup> and the event is February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

### **XVII. Announcements**

- i. Public Relations Committee Meeting- Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 7:15 p.m. UC 316
- ii. Campus Safety Walk- Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Penny Wars- Tuesday and Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 - 2:00 p.m. UC Rotunda
- iv. Peace Pole Declaration- Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm Anchor Plaza
- v. Day at the Capitol- Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>
- vi. Friday Fiesta- Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dugan Gymnasium

**XVIII. Final Roll Call** Connor Allen, Dominic Baptiste, Justin Bustos, Louis Adam Chavez, Tamara Darabie, Fritzi Davis, Sarina Garcia, Jared Gaza, Stormie Gutierrez, Jayna Hamilton, Brittney Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Alexandria Jeanie, Jacquelyn Lara, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Britney Mathmeson, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Damian Olvera, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, McAllen Waobikeze, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Don Albrecht, Dr. Lisa Perez

**XIX. Adjournment** 6:32 pm