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TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 1/22/18

- I. **Call to Order** 5:09 PM
- II. **Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Sara Elharoun, Joyce Paez, Cassandra Scheick, Kayla Weeks, Richard Torres, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Emerald Rodriguez, Arturo Burgueno, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Antonio Sanchez, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **Guest Introductions** - None
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. December 6th
 - 2/3 Senate vote was met and the December 6th meeting minutes were approved.
- VI. **President's Report**
 - i. Meeting with Dr. Quintanilla
 - President Bustos met with Dr. Quintanilla on Friday, January 19th.
 - President Bustos emailed resolutions SGA passed to inform her about what is occurring and to see if she can help.
 - ii. Safety Resolution and Campus Safety Walk
 - LED lightning is being installed in Cat Alley.
 - Lightning projects are occurring after taking in the feedback from the Graduate Senators.
 - A campus walk will be set up with Dr. Quintanilla, Terry Tatum, officers from UPD. Any SGA members interested in attending are asked to contact President Bustos.
 - Dr. Perez asked when the safety walk will occur and no set date has been given. It will be up to SGA to determine when the safety walk will occur and President Bustos wanted to see who is interested before scheduling it.
 - Concern of students safety regarding the bike lanes on Ocean Drive have been brought forth. President Bustos asked for SGA members to be on the lookout.
 - The City of Corpus Christi is in the process of making plans to improve the safety of the bike lanes.
 - President Bustos has a packet from his meeting with Dr. Quintanilla. Anyone interested in reviewing it is welcomed and are asked to come to the SGA office.
 - iii. New Provost: Dr. Clarenda Phillips
 - Dr. Phillips will be starting on March 1st.
 - One of her focus is class rotation regarding how often a class is offered.
 - Dr. Albrecht explained that students who follow the course rotation schedule regarding their degree plan should not be delayed for graduation. The availability a course is offered varies depending on the type of course it is. Some courses are only offered once every fall or spring, every other year or offered numerous times a semester.
 - Dr. Quintanilla offered to host SGA members at her house and the date is TBD.
 - iv. President Quintanilla's Investiture: Friday March 2nd @ 2:30pm
 - All SGA members who were a member as of last semester are on the guest list and invited to attend the event. President Bustos encouraged everyone to try their best to attend.
 - Dr. Perez mentioned there will be a campus community event from 11:30AM-1 PM on March 2nd which will be open to students, faculty, and staff. This is an alternative option members can attend in case they are not able to attend the ceremony.
 - After the Investiture ceremony there will be a reception to follow.
 - v. DC Summer internships

- President Bustos was emailed regarding the opportunity to apply for various summer internships in Washington D.C.
- There are scholarships available to apply for to help cover the cost.
- Anyone interested is asked to contact President Bustos and he will forward them the email.
 - vi. Secretary Update
- The applicant E-Board interviewed and selected last semester resigned over the winter break.
- The application is currently open on Handshake. President Bustos and Vice President Davis are in the process of interviewing applicants who have already applied.

VII. Vice President's Report

- i. Committee chairs
 - There are currently vacancies for the following committee chair positions: Environmental Affairs, Academic Affairs, Public Relations, and Foods & Services.
 - Vice President Davis is meeting with students interested in the Environmental Affairs Committee Chair position.
 - Anyone interested in the position are asked to contact Vice President Davis.
- ii. Homecoming Spirit Competition
 - SGA has the opportunity to participate in the Spirit Competition. The Spirit Competition is a competition between organizations who sign up to compete.
 - Each organization provides a list of members to be on their team and represent their organization. Organizations earn points by having the members on their designated team attend various events throughout the week of Homecoming.
 - Vice President Davis will be sending out a schedule of the events in her reminder email.
 - Anyone interested in representing SGA and being a member of the team are asked to contact Vice President Davis.

VIII. Chief Justice's Report

- i. Appeals: Total 8
 - Chief Justice Elharoun met with President Bustos on Thursday, January 18th.
 - Of the 8 appeals; 7 were denied and 1 was reduced.

IX. Speaker's Report

- i. Current projects
 - Speaker Allen is currently working on a document containing proposed changes to the Judicial Board and the Constitution & Elections Committee. Speaker All will be emailing out the document to be introduced at next week meeting.
 - Speaker Allen is the process of developing a new Senate position. It will be an elected position. The position will assist Speaker Allen with various administrative tasks/projects.
 - Any Senators interested in applying for the position are asked to contact Speaker Allen.
- ii. Proposed change to meeting location
 - Speaker Allen proposed moving the room location to one of the classrooms in the Engineering building after having experienced a class in there.
 - Speaker Allen feels the layout of the room will be more sufficient during meetings because you are better able to see and hear everyone present.
 - An issue is the limited availability with the classrooms. One has a class that ends at 5:20 PM and room has an SI session beginning at 5 PM.
 - President Bustos and Speaker Allen will work on trying to see if the SI session can be moved so SGA can use the room for future meetings.

X. Senator Reports



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- i. College of Science & Engineering
- Senator Rojas graduated this past Fall 2017 and there is a current Senator vacancy.
- The senators will meet with Dr. Pezold on February 7th.

- ii. *Freshman Senators*
- iii. *College of Liberal Arts*
- iv. *College of Graduate Studies*
- v. *College of Nursing and Health Sciences*
- vi. *College of Business*
- vii. *Athletics Senator*
- viii. *Disabilities Senator*
- ix. *Veterans Senator*
- x. *International Senator*

XI. Committee Reports

- i. Campus Wellness Committee
- The committee met on Thursday, January 18th from 10:30-11:30 AM.
- The committee reviewed and revised their mission statement and currently in the process of drafting a new one.
- ii. Spirit and Traditions, Deputy Director meeting
- Co-Chairs Lesure and Torres have been working with Vice- President Davis over the break and the past few weeks regarding Homecoming.
- Penny Wars is February 6-7th from 11AM-2PM. Friday Fiesta is on February 9th from 3:30-6:30 PM. Those interested in volunteering to assist with either events are asked to fill out the doodle.
- Co-Chairs Lesure and Torres met with Mr. Wagner from the Alumni Association regarding Anchors Away.
- Anchors Away will be on Tuesday February 6th from 10:45AM-1:15PM. Any SGA members interested in volunteering are asked to contact either Co-Chair Lesure or Torres.
- Co-Chairs Lesure and Torres met with the Deputy Director of Athletics. Co-Chairs Lesure and Torres will be focusing on promoting the home games for the other sports and have the list of upcoming games.

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Advisor's Report

- TAMUCC has created a new leadership scholarship to replace the former one for Who's Who; eligible students are encouraged to apply.
- The funds will be applied for Fall and Spring of 2018-2019. The scholarship is worth \$1000.00. - - President Bustos recommended names to the Chancellor for the Student Regent and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board positions last semester.
- Co-Chair Cidnee Lesure interviewed for the Student Regent position and Senator Scheick interviewed for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- Dr. Perez mentioned they should be hearing around February 1st regarding if the Chancellor is moving forward with a recommendation to the Governor.
- Dr. Perez sits on the University Technology Council and represents the division. Anyone with feedback is encouraged to submit their feedback to Dr. Perez so she can bring it back towards the committee.

XV. Treasurer's Report

- Multiple transactions have hit the account from the fall semester. (Please see attached Treasurers Report.)

XVI. Open Forum



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- College of Liberal Arts Senators will be meeting with their Dean next Wednesday at 3:00 PM. - - - Co-Chairs Lesure and Toores are compiling a playlist for Friday Fiesta since the DJ will be leaving an hour early.

- Homecoming T-shirts will be going on sale next week.

XVII. Announcements (General)

- i. Islander Leadership Conference: Be an Inclusive Islander on Saturday, February 17th from 9:30-4 PM

XVIII. Final Roll Call Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Sara Elharoun, Cassandra Scheick, Kayla Weeks, Richard Torres, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Emerald Rodriguez, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Antonio Sanchez, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.

XIX. Adjournment 5:50 PM