



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 2/19/18

- I. Call to Order 5:15 PM**
- II. Roll Call** – Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Sara Elharoun, Joyce Paez, Kayla Weeks, June Scheick, Emerald Rodriguez, Clayton Swift, Garrett Ransom, Andrea Gilson, Olimude Adeoye, , Katie Seabolt, Richard Torres, Alex Phongsavane, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Guest Introductions** – Colin Orand
- V. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. January 29th
 - ii. February 5th
 - iii. February 12th
 - The Senate voted and all three meeting minutes were passed.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report** - None
- VII. President’s Report**
 - i. Guest Speaker: Scott Lazenby, Director of Athletics
 - Was unable to attend the meeting.
 - ii. Spring Town Hall presentation
 - President Bustos presented the presentation he plans on giving at the Fall Town Hall sessions so SGA members can be knowledgeable regarding OER.
 - Speaker Allen read aloud the letter he wrote for students to present to their professors to encourage them to consider using Open Education Resources (OER) for their course.
 - Senator Weeks asked if President Bustos will be including other schools who have gone through this experience. President Bustos noted the suggestion.
 - Dr. Perez asked if President Bustos knew of any schools within the A&M system and he plans to mention the topic at the upcoming CSAC Meeting.
 - Colin asked if there is anything SGA or the university cannot breach regarding the contract Barnes & Noble has with the publisher. President Bustos was unsure and commented how the manager of Barnes and Nobles was present at the OER Task Force meetings.
 - Dr. Perez suggested reaching out to Department Chairs and the Deans. She also suggested to the Senate to mention the matter at their next Dean meeting.
 - Senator Weeks mentioned how herself and Senator Scheick have discussed the subject with Dr. Hartlaub and he is in support of the concept.
 - Vice President Davis mentioned she is also a member of the committee and explained how they are in the research phase. SGA’s role is to educate and gage the student body for feedback regarding OER.
 - Senator Rios mentioned how the Barnes & Nobles at TAMUCC communicates with the professor regarding textbook information for their class.
 - Collin asked about the integration of OER resources with online sources student currently use to complete homework assignment and asked if students will still have to pay for the access code.



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- President Bustos explained how the students will still have to pay for access code but mentioned the integration point so students and professors can be informed of the option.
 - Ryleigh mentioned how she found an OER textbook to assist with her Microbiology class. She believes the science-oriented professors will go for this.
 - Senator Weeks asked a logistical question regarding the layout of the program of the event. President Bustos explained how the Town Hall will occur.
 - Anyone else with feedback for President Bustos are asked to contact him.
 - iii. Campus Safety Walk: Monday, February 26th @ 7 PM
 - President Bustos coordinated the campus safety walk with Terry Tatum to occur after next week's meeting at 7 PM. The walk should last about an hour or hour and a half.
 - Anyone interested in attending are asked to contact President Bustos.
 - iv. Secretary Appointment: Ryleigh Washerlesky
 - Several candidates were interviewed for the position and President Bustos reached a decision. Dr. Perez met with and approved of the final candidate.
 - Ryleigh introduced herself to the Senate and will be meeting with Vice President Davis for transitioning.
 - v. Senator Appointment
 - President Bustos introduced his appointment of Chris Rios for the Housing Senator position.
 - Chris introduced himself and answered questions asked regarding himself, his goals for the position, prior experience with housing, etc.
 - Discussion was held regarding the appointment.
 - The Senate voted and 2/3 approval was met resulting in the appointment being confirmed.
- VIII. Vice President's Report**
- i. Islander Leadership Conference
 - Vice President Davis thanked those from SGA who attended.
 - Approximately 150 people signed up for the conference but nearly 60 people showed up. Feedback was gathered from those who attended to help improve the conference for next year.
 - Senator Gilson commented on a concern regarding the breakout sessions. There were two breakout sessions and six different presentations to choose from during each breakout session. People wanted to go to two or three that were occurring at the same time but had to choose one.
 - This will be something to look into for next year and will be discussed at the next committee meeting in the upcoming weeks.
 - ii. Committee Chair Meeting
 - Vice President Davis will be sending out a doodle for the Committee Chairs to fill out to schedule a date and time to meet for next week.
 - iii. Fall Town Hall roles
 - Vice President Davis is overseeing the assignment of roles for those who signed up to help with Town Hall.
 - She will be sending out a confirmation email to those who signed up to confirm individuals are good for the date and time they signed up for.
 - Anyone who has not filled out the doodle are asked to complete it as soon as possible.



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IX. Chief Justice's Report

- i. Parking Appeals – Total 7
 - Chief Justice Elharoun met with the associate justices on Thursday, February 15th 5:30 PM
 - Of the seven appeals, one was approved and six were denied.
- ii. Elections –
 - The applications for Spring Elections are currently open. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 2nd at 11:59 PM.
 - Anyone with questions are asked to contact Chief Justice Elharoun.

X. Speaker's Report

- i. Meeting with judicial Board
 - Speaker Allen met with the Judicial Board on Thursday, February 15th to discuss elections as part of the transition process.
- ii. SGA Google Drive
 - Speaker Allen created a Google Drive which contains the meeting minutes, resolutions, and an updated version of the Constitution and By-Laws. He sent out an email with the link and encouraged for members to check it out.

XI. Senator Reports - None

XII. Committee Reports

- i. Spirit & Traditions Committee
 - Senator Gilson emailed Senator Torres a list of promo items for the upcoming games for various sports.
- ii. Legislative Studies Committee
 - Senator Scheick met with Dr. Albrecht on Wednesday, February 14th at 8:30 AM.
 - The committee met on Thursday, February 15th at 5 PM.
 - Senator Scheick debriefed the rest of the committee members on the meeting with Dr. Albrecht.
 - Elections start on February 20th and Senator Scheick suggested to those interested in more Information to stay after the meeting because she had a presentation.
- iii. TAMUCC Endowment Scholarship
 - The committee met on February 13th at 2 PM and Dr. Albrecht is the Chair of the committee. The committee is responsible for overseeing the distribution of funds for various endowments.
 - Dr. Perez encouraged the SGA members to help spread the word regarding funding available for internships.

XIII. Old Business

- i. S.B. 27-4 Voter Intimidation Act
 - Senator Scheick motioned to remove the bill from the table which was seconded by Senator Ransom.
 - Speaker Allen read the bill aloud to the Senate and explained his reasoning for adding the bill.
 - Discussion was held regarding the bill.
 - Senator Scheick asked if the bill will affect the current Spring elections. Speaker Allen said it will take effect immediately upon passing.



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- Senator Scheick asked if the electronic devices students can vote on should be listed such as smartphone, tablet, laptop, etc.
- Speaker Allen explained that adding a list of current devices students can vote on would not cover electronic devices developed in the future.
- Senator Weeks motioned to end debate which was seconded by Senator Ransom. The Senate voted and the motion passed, ending debate.
- The Senate voted again and 2/3 majority was met resulting in the bill being adopted.

XIV. New Business

- S.B. 27-5 Same Ticket Voting Act**
 - Speaker Allen introduced the bill which is co-sponsored by Senator Gilson, Senator Weeks and Senator Ransom.
 - Speaker Allen read the bill aloud to the Senate.
 - Senator Ransom motioned to approve the bill what was seconded by Senator Weeks.
 - Discussion was held regarding the bill.
 - President Bustos mentioned how in the By-Laws it currently mentions elections occur in April and how this should be addressed.
 - Senator Phongsavane motioned to amend the bill by removing the wording "in April of every year," which was seconded by Senator Ransom.
 - The Senate voted and the motion passed resulting in the bill being amended.
 - Dr. Albrecht asked what will happen if one person does not have a partner to run with. In the past, there has been times where elections occurred where no candidates ran for Vice President.
 - Speaker Allen explained that an individual considering running for either the President or Vice President position must have a running mate as implied by the text.
 - Speaker Allen mentioned examples of how other schools operate with a ticket system for their elections.
 - Senator Scheick mentioned how Senator Ransom and Senator Gilson ran on a ticket together in the past.
 - Senator Ransom spoke upon his personal experience when he ran with Senator Gilson two years ago for President and Vice President.
 - No more discussion was held so Speaker Allen ended debate.
 - The Senate voted and 2/3 majority was met resulting in the bill being adopted.
- S.R. 27-11 TAMUCC Have a Heart for Shelter Pets Drive Resolution**
 - Senator Swift introduced the resolution on behalf of Senator Jorgensen which is co-sponsored by Senator Gilson and Senator Swift.
 - Senator Swift read the resolution aloud to the Senate.
 - Senator Rios motioned to approve the resolution what was seconded by Senator Seabolt.
 - Discussion was held regarding the resolution.
 - Speaker Allen asked if this was an official project the FYC would be working on.
 - Senator Swift mentioned that he, Senator Jorgensen and a few other members of the First Year Council were considering forming a sub-committee to focus on this project.
 - Quorum was not met so no further action could be taken.



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XV. Advisor's Report

- Dr. Quintanilla Investiture Ceremony is coming up in two weeks on Friday March 2nd. SGA has been tasked with presenting a gift to Dr. Quintanilla on behalf of the student body.
- Dr. Perez did some research and presented the top three ideas to the SGA members in order to get feedback and decide on what option they would like to go with.
- The members decided on the Executive box option and will assist with collecting hand written notes from students to fill the box with.
- Dr. Perez offered to take the lead with the gift preparations and the SGA member were fine with it.
- Dr. Perez asked if SGA could write a resolution about Dr. Quintanilla and Speaker Allen offered to do it.

XVI. Open Forum

- Speaker Allen reminded the SGA members the deadline for the Spring Elections is coming up and encouraged those who were interested in running for a position to apply.

XVII. Announcements (General)

- i. Campus safety walk: Monday, February 26TH @7 PM
- ii. Spring 2018 Elections Application deadline: March 2nd @11:59 PM

XVIII. Final Roll Call - Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Sara Elharoun, June Scheick, Emerald Rodriguez, Clayton Swift, Garrett Ransom, Katie Seabolt, Richard Torres, Chris Rios, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht

XIX. Adjournment 6:57 PM