



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 2/26/18

- I. Call to Order 5:15 PM**
- II. Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Connar Allen, Sara Elharoun, Joyce Paez, Kayla Weeks, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Garrett Ransom, Andrea Gilson, Olimude Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Katie Seabolt, Richard Torres, Alex Phongsavane, Antonio Sacnhez, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Chris Rios, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrech
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Guest Introductions** – Johnny Philipello
- V. Approval of Minutes**
 - The February 19th meeting minutes were not ready and will be sent out for next week meeting.
- VI. President's Report**
 - i. Buc Days Representative: Johnny Philipello**
 - He spoke about wanting to extend an invitation to the university to get more involved in their Buc Days event. This year, they will have rodeo and concert series.
 - They would like to provide college night on April 26th where admission would be at a discounted rate. All proceeds will go towards student scholarships.
 - Senator Weeks asked what the price of admission is. Prices will vary from \$10-\$20 for students as opposed to \$15-\$25.
 - ii. COSGA**
 - Nine delegates including President Bustos attended this year's conference from February 23rd-25th.
 - The nine delegates will be split into groups. Each group will give a presentation on what they learn at the upcoming meetings.
 - iii. Campus Safety Walk**
 - The safety walk will occur after the meeting at 7 PM. No one thus far has approached President Bustos expressing their interest in attending. If anyone else is interested in attending, please stay after the meeting.
 - Attendees on the walk will be looking at lightning and any physical enhancements that can make the campus safer.
 - The walk was comprised after the resolution that was passed last semester.
 - In the fall, SGA may coordinate teams comprised of both students and administration to continue doing campus safety walks.
 - iv. Spring Town Hall recap**
 - Twenty people went to all 4 sessions. The overall outcome was good.
 - SGA will be taking the presentation to different student groups to educate them regarding OER and gather more student feedback.
 - v. Senate Attendance**
 - President Bustos reminded everyone of their responsibilities as student leaders.
 - President Bustos stressed the importance of Senators attending the meetings because we must meet quorum to vote on things.
 - Anyone who wishes to continue no longer serving as a Senator are asked to contact President Bustos.



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- Three senators: Senator Jorgensen, Senator Graham and Senator Gordon, have not come to the meetings since the beginning of the semester and have not provided proof of their class schedule to President Bustos indicating they have class during the meeting time.
- Five senators have had at least 2 or more absences: Senator Haire, Senator Burgueno, Senator Sanchez, Senator Lara, and Senator Reyna. Some of those Senators have provided excuses or explanations as to why they could not attend the meeting date they missed.
- President Bustos reminded the Senate if they are to miss a meeting, they are to email President Bustos and cc Speaker Allen as well. \- Seven senators have had at least 1 absence: Senator Gilson, Senator Beauford, Senator Adeoye, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Torres, Senator Phongsavane and Senator Scheick.
- Five senators have had perfect attendance: Senator Weeks, Senator Seabolt, Senator Ransom, Senator Swift and Senator Rios.
- Dr. Albrecht asked about the plan for future Senates. He mentioned those who are interested in being a Senator but cannot attend the meetings can still be involved in SGA but not as a Senator. He recommended establishing a set meeting time.
- President Bustos mentioned looking into the block schedule so no class conflicts with the meeting because that has been a consistent issue where an individual wants to represent their college but has class during the meeting time and therefore cannot be a Senator.
- Senator Scheick suggested having biweekly meetings.
- Senator Weeks commented that there seems to be a lack of motivation within the organization and supports the idea of biweekly meetings.
- Senator Reyna mentioned his experience with trying to accommodate the new meeting time in his schedule since the meeting time was switched after everyone had already registered for classes.
- Senator Weeks asked if the meeting time on Mondays from 5-7 PM will remain the same for the Fall.
- Dr. Perez mentioned that Fridays are the least scheduled days for classes. She mentioned Tuesdays and Thursday are our most traffic days on campus and that many students try to adjust their schedule, so they do not have classes on Fridays. She mentioned the meeting time needs to be set now because the class schedule is released the week we come back from Spring Break and registration occurs the first week in April. This way those running in the upcoming election are aware and can accommodate the meeting time when creating their class schedule in future semesters.
- Speaker Allen suggested researching other schools that have larger Senates and see what they do regarding scheduling their Senate meeting.
- Senator Scheick asked if we could vote to either keep the meeting time or to change the meeting time.
- Speaker Allen mentioned how the Senator voted last semester to change the meeting time and if they wish to keep the current meeting time then no action is required.
- Senator Scheick asked for clarification regarding if the current meeting time is remaining the same.
- Speaker Allen said yes if no one takes any action to change the meeting time. No one voiced any action to changing the meeting time, so it remains on Mondays from 5-7 PM.

VII. Vice President's Report – None

- Vice President Davis was out sick.



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VIII. Chief Justice's Report

i. Elections Update

- Chief Justice Elharoun asked the senators to help spread the word regarding elections.
- The deadline to apply if interesting in running for a position is Friday, March 2nd at 11:59 PM.

IX. Speaker's Report - None

X. Senator Reports

i. Housing Senator Report - **Please see attached report.**

ii. College of Science & Engineering

- Keynote Speaker for IEEE, an electrical engineering organization. It will be held in EN 108 at 3 PM on Friday, March 2nd. All students are welcomed to attend.

iii. College of Graduate Studies – Please see attached report.

- The Graduate Senators met with their Dean on Wednesday.
- The Senators compiled the results from their survey.
- Some of the projects they plan to work on include seeing if it is possible to extend the hours the library is opened and developing a mentoring program between graduate and undergraduate students through GROW.
- iv. Disabilities Senator – **Please see attached report.**
- Senator Lara met with Rachel Cox on February 15th.
- The Disabilities office is working on their yearly report and will request additional reception space and computer labs.
- There has been an increase in requests for animals to be permitted on campus, but the current policy only allows for service animals. Students have tried to pass off their pets as emotional support animals but need documentation for the animal to be certified.

XI. Committee Reports

i. Legislative Studies -Texas Student Government Coalition report

- Senator Scheick and Senator Jorgensen attended the Spring meeting on February 23rd.
- The coalition dedicated the meeting time to edit the bylaws.
- TAMUCC was nominated as a potential location where the next conference would be held however we did not win the vote. The next meeting will be held in Waco, Texas at Baylor University.

ii. International Education Committee

- The committee met on Friday, February 23rd at 2 pm.
- The International Student Organization will have the Parade of Nations on April 12th.
- The Office of International Education reported that as of Spring 2018, we have 572 international students. They are also looking into sponsored trips to show students what the city has to offer.
- The committee also discussed the role of the World Affairs Council.

XII. Old Business

i. S.R. 27-11 Have a Heart for Shelter Pets Drive

- Senator Scheick motioned to remove it from the table which was seconded by Senator Seabolt.
- Discussion was held regarding the resolution.
- Senator Rios motioned to vote on the resolution which was seconded by Senator Lara.



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- The Senate voted and the motion passed ending debate.
- Dr. Perez mentioned some minor formatting errors with the text.
- Senator Ransom motioned to fix the formatting errors which was seconded by Senator Burgueno. The Senate voted and the motion passed.
- The Senate voted again and 2/3 Senate vote was met resulting in the resolution being passed.

XIII. New Business

- i. S.R. 27-12 Dr. Kelly Quintanilla Investiture Resolution
 - Senator Scheick introduced the resolution to the Senate and read it aloud.
 - Both Dr. Albrecht and Senator Reyna commented on formatting issues.
 - Senator Lara motioned to put the resolution on the floor which was seconded by Senator Torres/ The Senate voted and the motioned passed.
 - Senator Ransom motioned to approve the content of the resolution with the provision to go back and make any edits which was seconded by Senator Scheick. The Senate voted and the motion passed.
 - Speaker Allen asked if they should list all Senators as co-sponsors or only add the people who are present who did not communicate with Speaker Allen their interest in being a co-sponsor.
 - Senator Haire expressed her interest in being a co-sponsored.
 - Senator Weeks motioned to vote on the resolution which was seconded by Senator Scheick. The Senate voted and the motion passed ending debate.
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XIV. Advisor's Report

- The UC will be impacted by the President's Investiture. The Cove will close at 2 pm on Friday.
- Index cards were passed out for students to write a note for President Quintanilla which will be included as part of her gift. Once completed, students are asked to return the cards by Thursday, March 1st to UC 215. SGA members were encouraged to get other students involved by having them complete a card as well.
- The format for summer orientations for Fall 2018 has been changed from being held over the course of two days down to one day. The students attending each orientation will be based on their college.

XV. Treasurer's Report – None

XVI. Open Forum

- Anyone interested in learning about general elections are asked to speak to Senator Scheick.
- President Bustos reminded those interested in being on SGA's team for the Big Event to fill out the application on OrgSync and to put President Bustos as the team captain.

XVII. Announcements (General)

- i. Big Event Deadline Monday March 5th (register if you want to volunteer)

XVIII. Final Roll Call - Justin Bustos, Connor Allen, Sara Elharoun, Kayla Weeks, June Scheick, Garrett Ransom, Olimude Adeoye, Maria Beauford, Katie Seabolt, Richard Torres, Antonio Sanchez, Chris Rios, Tommie Reyna, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.

XIX. Adjournment 6:55 PM