



# Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

## TAMUCC SGA Senate Meeting 2/4/19

- I. Call to Order 5:15 pm**
- II. Roll Call** Connor Allen, Justin Bustos, Louis Adam Chavez, Tamara Darabie, Sarina Garcia, Stormie Gutierrez, Jayna Hamilton, Brittney Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Alexandra Jeanney, Jacquelyn Lara, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Britney Matheson, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Damian Olvera, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Sara Rodriguez, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Dr. Don Albrecht, Dr. Lisa Perez
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
  - i. The senate voted on the approval of the January 14<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and the minutes were passed.
- V. Speaker's Report**
- VI. President's Report**
  - i. President Allen discussed that the benefit of a having a subscription would be for teaching resources so if faculty supports it, President Allen would like us to support it as well.
  - ii. President Allen presented to the senate his proportionate senate proposal, via a PowerPoint presentation. *Please see attached presentation.*
    - i. Senator Jorgensen asked what would happen if the population of the college changed.
    - ii. President Allen explained that whatever the semester initially began as would determine the number of seats.
    - iii. Dr. Perez asked what the motivation was for this proposal.
    - iv. President Allen discussed that it was the question of representing the university college with them having such a small amount of students.
    - v. Associate Justice Jenkins believes there could be a problem with senators from a certain colleges to overrule all the other colleges.
    - vi. President Allen explained that the senate does not necessarily entail equal representation because it represents the number of people in each college, so if a college has more individuals then it will have more representation.
    - vii. Senator Maaji asked if there are any issues with how the senate is organized currently.
    - viii. President Allen explained that it is more of a philosophical debate rather than any problems occurring.
    - ix. Dr. Perez explained that we have a difficult time getting people to serve so she is worried about increasing the seats, so until we are hearing from the senators themselves or the student population themselves that we should probably not increase the number of senate seats.
    - x. Vice President Scheick believes that if we focus on recruiting and filling the seats that we would be able to do so.
    - xi. Senator Maaji thinks that for now, that the structure of the senate should be kept as is but perhaps, if need be, to add a special clause for senate seats.
    - xii. Senator Lara thinks that this idea sounds really great, but only if needed. So she believes this plan should be thought of, but only if we realize that we need it.



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- xiii. President Allen mentioned that the reason behind this, is not allowing the senate to pick the structure of the seats because it could potentially get political.
- xiv. Chairman Jenkins asked who would be responsible for updating this plan for each semester and implementing it.
- xv. President Allen explained that the only thing we would have to do is email the registrar to get demographics from the previous semester. Anyone in SGA could implement this, it would have to be delegated.
- xvi. Senator Dewar believes this formula is great because it is proportionate to the amount of students in each college.
- xvii. Speaker Garcia asked President Allen to discuss why he believes that having a proportionate senate, using this formula, would be better than what we have now.
- xviii. President Allen discussed that there would be less power in the government if it was more proportionate and based off of population. He believes populations are not wildly different between colleges, such as 17:1.

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

- i. Vice President Scheick introduced her appointment for the Environmental Affairs Committee Chair, Angel Tellez.
  - i. Senator Tellez introduced herself to the senate and why she would like to chair this committee. She is interested in informing the community about the harms they may be causing to the community.
  - ii. Senator Davis moved to consider the appointment and Senator Gutierrez seconded that motion.
  - iii. Senator Maaji asked Senator Tellez what her main concern is with the environment.
  - iv. Senator Tellez explained that she would like to focus on the harms of plastic.
  - v. Senator Opoola asked if she has any plans to get students involved in the community to bring them on board to help her.
  - vi. Senator Tellez responded that she is interested in hosting informational sessions and getting students engaged in helping the environment.
  - vii. The senate voted and the appointment was approved.
- ii. Vice President Scheick discussed her meeting with the Committee Chairs which occurred on the Thursday of last week.
- iii. Homecoming elections are coming up and you are able to vote on I-engage for our SGA representatives.

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

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

- i. There were 3 denied parking appeals, 2 approved, 1 reduced, 1 contingency.
- ii. Applications are up for elections and they can be found on I-engage.
- iii. Dr. Perez reminded that senators do have to re-apply for the next year.
- iv. Vice President requested that everyone try to spread the word about SGA and running for elections.

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

## **XI. Senator Reports**



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- i. College of Education and Human Development
  - i. Senator Rodriguez discussed her meeting with the Dean for the College of Education and Human Development.

## **XII. Committee Reports**

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

- i. Dr. Albrecht mentioned that the career center is interested in coming to one of our meetings, if the President invites them.

## **XIV. Old Business**

- i. S.B. 28-6 Class Registration Resolution
  - i. Senator Jenkins is still waiting to meet with individuals to gain more insight and advice on the bill.

## **XV. New Business**

- i. S.R. 28-4 Black History Month Bill
  - i. Chairman Jenkins introduced this bill to the senate, which is co-sponsored by the Diversity Committee.
  - ii. Senator Jorgensen moved to discuss the bill and Senator Lara seconded that motion.
  - iii. The senate voted on the passing of the resolution and the bill was passed.
- ii. S.B. 28-8 Surveillance Resolution
  - i. Senator Gutierrez introduced this bill to the senate, which was co-sponsored by Senator Myers and Senator Nellums.
  - ii. Senator Davis moved to discuss the bill and Senator Lara seconded this motion.
  - iii. Senator Lara asked who this bill would be sent to.
  - iv. Senator Gutierrez said that she will be sending this to whomever it is necessary to.
  - v. Senator Jorgensen moved to amend the "B" to and "R" in "S.B. 28-7" which was seconded by Senator Davis. The senate voted and the amendment was approved.
  - vi. Senator Lara moved to amend the "S.B. 28-7" to read "S.B. 28-5" which was seconded by Senator Dewar. The senate voted and the amendment was approved.
  - vii. Senator Chavez said that the psychology department has had three break ins alone, so he believes this should be expanded through the university.
  - viii. Senator Dewar said that we should be should carry this onto the parking lot as well due to hit and runs and car burglaries.
  - ix. Senator Nellums said that if there are any safety problems on campus that he can report them to the Student Safety Task force.
  - x. Senator Jorgensen moved to vote on this resolution and Senator Davis seconded that motion. The senate voted and the resolution was passed.
- iii. S.B. 28-7 Election Code Bill
  - i. Vice President Scheick introduced the bill to the senate which was co-sponsored by Senator Lara, Senator Swift, Senator Chavez, and Senator Leach.
  - ii. Senator Jorgensen moved to discuss the bill and Senator Leach seconded this motion.
  - iii. Senator Opoola asked how the candidate would know the position is uncontested.



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- iv. Vice President Scheick explained that in the past candidates are emailed.
- v. Senator Opoola thinks that we should have a very good campaign to make students more aware of SGA and they may become more interested in joining.
- vi. Chief Justice Olvera explained that many students do not have social media, so we should require that they show some sort of campaigning, whether or not it is done through social media.
- vii. Senator Davis explained that if a seat is contested, they should be required to campaign but it is uncontested then there is no reason to.
- viii. Vice President Scheick explained that if candidates really care about winning, then they will campaign without being told to do so.
- ix. Senator Leach said that this is great to allow this to be optional, because the people that want to win will be campaigning to let people know about them.
- x. Senator Lara explained that we have "Meet the Candidates" where there is opportunity to meet candidates. She mentioned that it is our responsibility to advertise elections, and candidates themselves should hold themselves accountable to whether they want to campaign or not.
- xi. Senator Lara moved to remove "Therefore Let it be Enacted (I.I) ", therefore keeping it in the bylaws. Senator Dewar seconded this motion. The senate voted and the motion was approved.
- xii. Senator Jorgensen moved to pass the bill as is, which was seconded by Senator Davis. The senate voted and the bill was passed as is.

### **XVI. Open Forum**

### **XVII. Announcements**

- i. Penny Wars- Tuesday and Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 - 2:00 p.m. UC Rotunda
- ii. Peace Pole Declaration- Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Anchor Plaza
- iii. Friday Fiesta- Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dugan Gymnasium

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

### **XIX. Adjournment** 6:52 pm