



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE MEETING 3/26/18

- I. Call to Order** – 5:15 pm
- II. Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Sara Elharoun, Connor Allen, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Kayla Weeks, Richard Torres, Maria Beauford, Arturo Burgueno, Andrea Gilson, Garrett Ransom, Olumide Adeoye, Haylee Haire, Alex Phongsavane, Esmerald Rodriguez, Katie Seabolt, Chris Rios, Clayton Swift, Dr. Perez, and Dr. Albrecht
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Guest Introductions** - None
- V. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. March 19th
 - Senator Ranson motioned to amend the minutes by replacing the word “lower” with “comparable”.
 - Senator Weeks motioned to amend the minutes by replacing the word “community” with “committee”.
 - The Senate voted and the motion passed resulting in the minutes being amended.
 - Minutes were approved.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report**
 - Treasurer Paez read her treasury report aloud.
- VII. President’s Report**
 - i. COSGA Presentation
 - President Bustos, Speaker Allen, and Senator Haire presented their presentation over their experience at COSGA and shared their findings.
 - The presentation included topics revolving around the following: leadership improvement, student organization improvement, significance of legitimizing typical SGA processes such as appointments, connecting with local high schools, tactics that could increase involvement, and ways to uplift the student body such as increasing awareness of counseling center.
 - Senator Rios recommended an anonymous questionnaire be used as a tool to get feedback from student body.
 - ii. Early Registration List
 - President Bustos explained how points for early registration eligibility were due March 26, which is today.
 - President Bustos read the list of students qualified for Early Registration aloud.
 - iii. Dr. Quintanilla Meeting
 - President Bustos read aloud his report from his meeting with Dr. Quintanilla.
 - Senator Scheick asked why the midterm procedure would be passed to the next administration.
 - President Bustos said that his plan is to assign the task to the next administration because the deadline has already passed. The procedure will be written in time to hopefully be passed for Spring 2019 semester.



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-Senator Weeks asked if the position in charge of student communication will cover issues such as 'code blue', because she believes the current communicating methods in place for relaying such information to the students are flawed as of right now.

-President Bustos responded that he is unsure, but the main problem the position will improve is communication with students.

-Dr. Perez asked if President Bustos was given a timeline on these future plans.

-President Bustos explained how Dr. Quintanilla is looking into funding and that by our next meeting she requests we have recommendations for concerts.

-Please see attached report.

iv. 2nd Safety Walk

-A discussion took place over what time the safety walk should take place and what issues would be addressed during the walk, such as issues other than lighting like pot holes.

-President Bustos declare the date and time would be set for April 2nd 8pm, and he will be forwarding the time onward.

VIII. Vice President's Report

-Vice President announced that last week she sent out the "Chancellor Student Advisory Committee (CSAC) Representative application, and it will close a week from today.

IX. Chief Justice's Report

-Chief Justice Elharoun requests those interested in helping with the election to come see her.

-Chief Justice Elharoun reminded those who are graduating to submit their applications for stools and chords, the deadline is next Monday, a week from now.

X. Speaker's Report

i. Senator reports: Freshman Senators, Nursing and Health Sciences, Disabilities Senator have not reported this semester.

-Speaker Allen explained how some senators have not been making reports; he requests that if they need assistance and advice to come visit with him and he can help them.

-Senator Lara mentioned that she did present a report in February.

ii. E-Board Meeting

-Speaker Allen explained the election requirements.

-Dr. Perez explained how senators must be in good disciplinary standing and how she verified it beforehand; there is a new method in place now.

-Speaker Allen wants to focus on delegating tasks next year, this is because he believes that the "Midterm Act" should've been handed to those passionate about it.

-Dr. Perez mentioned that the E-board should handle tasks whether they're passionate about it or not, because they are here to voice for the students.

-Speaker Allen explained how he agrees with Dr. Perez, but he wishes that such tasks be handled of course but handled in a better more effective manner.

XI. Senator Reports

i. *College of Liberal Arts*

-Senator Scheick read aloud her report from her meeting with the dean.



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-Senator Weeks spoke about the concerns that they have within communication majors such as, inconsistency with offered classes. She is concerned that there is a communication course offered that is half online and half in person.

-Senator Scheick spoke about how a class which is half online and half in person is not an effective way to teach a course.

-Senator Scheick expressed her concern for the lack of summer courses for communication and political science majors. She discovered this is an issue with the faculty not wanting to teach these 'major' courses and prefer to teach core classes in the summer semesters.

-A discussion took place over lack of electives to choose from and a lack of summer upper-division courses.

-Please see attached report.

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

XII. Committee Reports

- i. Spirit and Traditions, Deputy Director of Athletics Meeting

-Senator Torres talked about the baseball game against College Station tomorrow which will be at Whataburger field, there will be a bus leaving at 5pm from the curlew lot to and from the game.

-Senator Torres spoke about the upcoming sporting events and how Athletics wants to get more involved with SGA's because he notices our spirit.

-Please see attached report.

- ii. Legislative Studies Meeting

-Senator Scheick's committee met last Wednesday and it went very well.

-Senator Scheick had a departmental meeting with the library today and explained how they were curious about the Library senator position. The library suggests that the Library Senator have a committee that gets feedback from the students about the library.

-Senator Scheick discussed how she wants to work on the following: legislative report card, Midterm Act, and starting a survey over classes.

XIII. Old Business

XIV. New Business

- i. S.B. 27-7 Public Relations Act

-Senator Scheick introduced the bill which is co-sponsored by Senator Gilson.



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- Senator Scheick read the bill aloud to the Senate.
- Senator Scheick motioned to approve the bill what was seconded by Senator Gilson.
- A discussion was held regarding the bill.
- Senator Ransom motioned to table the bill which was seconded by Senator Weeks.

XV. Advisor's Report

XVI. Open Forum

- Senator Reyna presented that our veteran dropout rate has improved greatly, and he believes this is because of improved student veteran relations; thus he requests that everyone spread the word about benefitting the Student Veterans organizations.
- Senator Reyna presented the upcoming Student Veterans Organization events on March 31 and March 28.
- Senator Rios showcased his progress on the cross-form application he has been working on; he showed some the updates that have been made to the application.
- Senator Ransom handed out flyers for the Parade of Nations.
- Senator Ransom motioned to end discussion, which was seconded by Senator Burgueno.

XVII. Announcements (General)

XVIII. Final Roll Call Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Sara Elharoun, Connor Allen, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Tommy Reyna, Richard Torres, Maria Beauford, Arturo Burgueno, Andrea Gilson, Garrett Ransom, Olumide Adeoye, Haylee Haire, Alex Phongsavane, Esmerald Rodriguez, Katie Seabolt, Chris Rios, Clayton Swift, Dr. Perez, and Dr. Albrecht

XIX. Adjournment – 7:09 pm