



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC SGA Senate Meetings 3/5/18

- I. Call to Order 5:14 PM**
- II. Roll Call** - Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Sara Elharoun, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Kayla Weeks, Richard Torres, Alex Phongsavane, Garrett Ransom, Clayton Swift, Esmerald Rodriguez, Arturo Burgueno, Chris Rios, Katie Seabold, Olumide Adeoye, Maria Beauford, and Dr. Perez
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Guest Introductions** – Brittney Held, First Year Council Vice President and Alissa Ainsworth, First Year Council Member
- V. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. February 19th
 - The senate voted and the meeting minutes were approved.
 - ii. February 26th
 - Vice President Davis was not able to send the minutes out in time and will sent them out later on this week to be reviewed for the next meeting.
- VI. Treasurer's Report** – Please see attached report.
- VII. President's Report**
 - i. Director of Athletics: Scott Lazenby
 - President Bustos introduced Scott Lazenby, who is the Director of Athletics at TAMUCC.
 - Scott Lazenby talked about the department budget, how the athletic department values academics and their GPA.
 - Scott Lazenby explained that the athletic department partnership with SGA is to encourage student involvement
 - Scott Lazenby opened the floor up for questions
 - Senator Ranson asked Scott Lazenby for a status update regarding the athletic fee increase.
 - Scott Lazenby explained how before-hand they had 3 trainers and 4 grad assistants and now they no longer have the grad assistants and they're moving towards staffing more athletic trainers.
 - Dr. Perez asked Scott Lazenby what his prediction for the baseball team this year.
 - Lazenby responded that they are faring well so far.
 - ii. COSGA Report #1 (June, Alissa, Brittney)
 - President Bustos introduced Senator Scheick, Brittney Held, and Alissa Ainsworth.
 - Senator Scheick, Brittney Held, and Alissa Ainsworth presented their presentation.
 - Spoke about the theme for COSGA, "Beyond All Limits", and shared with everyone their experiences.
 - See attached presentation.
 - iii. Campus Safety Walk Report
 - President Bustos presented a map of the campus and explained the walk.
 - Senator Beauford expressed concern for the way administration handled questions.
 - President Bustos explained how the walk was very surprising and that there was a very obvious lack of connection.



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- Senator Ranson expressed that he did not think that the administration was very well informed on the issue.
 - Senator Reyna said that he thinks that administration was just not expecting such hard hitting questions.
 - President Bustos expressed concern for lighting on campus because there is not actual plan or map that locates every single light on campus. He thinks it is in the campuses best interest to resolve this issue.
 - President Bustos talked about proposal made to implement more lighting in area by library.
 - Senator Reyna wants to implement a lighting source, spoke with advisor for art department to implement a sculpture.
 - President Bustos asked to change features to LED, he was told it would cost a lot of money and he wants to do more research on this.
 - President Bustos continued to speak about areas on campus that do not have lights or working lights.
 - Dr. Perez talked about how there are cameras on campus but cameras will be of no use at night if there are not any lights and she finds this very unsafe.
 - Senator Reyna suggested that in the future the administration should be given time to prepare for questions that will be asked.
 - President Bustos thinks the lack of lighting on campus could be potentially dangerous and needs to be looked into fixing.
 - President Bustos mentioned that they have a proposal to install flashing light signs for pedestrians.
 - Senator Scheick expressed concern and said that she did not realize how bad the lighting is on campus since she doesn't spend a lot of time on campus at night.
 - Vice President Davis explained her experience when the lights went out with the library and she felt very worried and unsafe especially since no code blue was sent out.
 - President Bustos explained his experience where all the lights went out in the parking garage, 1 hr 28 mins, and exiting campus was chaotic.
 - Senator Scheick asked if anyone knew where the previous blue safety poles on campus went.
 - President Bustos explained how corrosion is the reason that they have been taken out.
 - Dr. Perez spoke about how she heard that the blue holes were not being used and that faculty believed students could just use their cell phones
 - Dr. Perez assistant talked about project that he thinks should be introduced
- iv. FY19 Wages Budget Proposal
- President Bustos explained the budget proposal to be reviewed.
 - President Bustos showed table including the new additions, pay totals, pay period, etc.

VIII. Vice President's Report



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- i. Committee Chair Meeting
 - Vice President Davis met with the Committee Chairs last Thursday, March 1st from 5-5:30 PM.
 - They discussed status updates in regards to what each committee is working on, the details for the committee PowerPoint and how each Chair will write a summary report of what they accomplished thus far, as well as to consider whether or not they wish to continue as Chair of their respective committees.
 - President Bustos asked Vice President Davis about how many committee chairs attended the meeting.
 - Vice President Davis responded that 4 out of the total of 5 attended.
- IX. Chief Justice's Report**
 - i. Parking Appeals – 8 Total (4 approved, 4 denied)
 - Chief Justice Elharoun met with the associate justices on Thursday, March 1st at 5:30 PM.
 - Of the eight appeals, four were approved and four were denied.
- X. Speaker's Report – None**
- XI. Senator Reports**
 - i. College of Business
 - Met with Dean and spoke about speakers coming up.
 - Senator Ransom spoke about how the college of business sponsored the men's basketball game.
 - Senator Ransom mentioned that the basketball game had over 400 people in attendance
 - Senator Ransom said that the college of business will be offering classes at an all A&M system school campus in Bryan Texas. This should increase student enrollment.
 - Senator Ransom said that the College of Business is working with EDA for hurricane relief, him and Swift will be heading this project. He hopes to get this turned into a paid internship.
- XII. Committee Reports**
 - President Bustos spoke about athletic department improvements and plans.
 - President Bustos spoke about multiple aspects of athletic department.
- XIII. Old Business – None**
- XIV. New Business – None**
- XV. Advisor's Report**
 - Dr. Perez spoke about the new "Bluesday Tuesday" initiative and believes students are showing good feedback. She loves this idea and wants to increase it publicity.
 - Senator Rios asked if the marketing/communication specialist will be implementing this.
 - Dr. Perez answered that people are excited about supporting this initiative and are on board with implementing it.



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- Dr. Perez urges everyone to promote “Bluesday Tuesday” on social media to help increase student involvement.
- Senator Scheick spoke about the flyer she created and said thinks “Bluesday Tuesday” is an exciting idea.
- Dr. Perez spoke about Dr. Phillips starting as provost and she expressed she is looking forward to Dr. Phillips working.
- Dr. Perez spoke about renewing accreditation.
- Senator Scheick suggested that we table on Tuesdays to reward those wearing blue.
- Dr. Perez wants to go forward with this initiative and will update soon.

XVI. Open Forum

- Senator Rios spoke about Barnes and Noble’s feedback from Town Hall.
- President Bustos spoke about OER task force.
- Discussion took place regarding Barnes and Noble and OER.
- Senator Torres requests that everyone attend athletic departments invitation on the 20th, he will be making a group me.

XVII. Announcements (General)

- i. Big Event Deadline: **MOVED TO:** Friday, March 9th (Register on OrgSync if you want to volunteer) svc.tamucc.edu
- ii. FYC Meet the Candidates & Open Forum: Wednesday, March 21st from 12-2 PM in UC Tejas Lounge

XVIII. Final Roll Call – Antonio Sanchez, Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Sara Elharoun, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Richard Torres, Garrett Ransom, Clayton Swift, Esmerald Rodriguez, Arturo Burgueno, Tommie Reyna, Chris Rios, Katie Seabold, Maria Beauford, and Dr. Perez

XIX. Adjournment 6:59 pm