



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE MEETING 4/16/18

- I. **Call to Order** – 5:17 pm
- II. **Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Sara Elharoun, Connor Allen, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Clayton Swift, Kayla Weeks, Garrett Ransom, Jacquelyn Lara, Richard Torres, Alex Phongsavane, Maria Beauford, Chris Rios, Dr. Perez, and Dr. Albrecht
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **Guest Introductions**
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. April 9th, 2018
 - The Senate did not reach quorum.
- VI. **Treasurer’s Report**
- VII. **President’s Report** – Please see attached report.
 - i. Campus Safety Walk Update
 - Senator Ramson said that the gentleman he met seemed very interested in the concerns and really wants to work with us, Senator Ransom was very receptive towards working with us.
 - President Bustos said that the man’s name is Dr. Dowson.
 - Senator Lara talked how she is very impressed at how much has been done.
 - President Bustos said that last time they mentioned that they will not be replacing anything to LED due to cost, however they have now said that cost is not a problem and all of the lights have been replaced to LED.
 - Senator Scheick asked who all attended the walk.
 - President Bustos responded that Terry Tatum and Kevin Brown attended.
 - Senator Ransom said that they said there will be a speed bump to help people slow down at the crosswalks.
 - President Bustos explained that they are creating rumble strips and speed bumps at the crosswalks.
 - Senator Scheick asked if anything was said about the pot holes.
 - President Bustos said that they said they are aware of these things and they are working towards getting them completed.
 - Senator Scheick asked how we will be able to keep them listening to our concerns.
 - President Bustos believes that the new LED lights should be able to avoid any future concerns because they have a much longer life of the old regular lights.
 - Dr. Perez suggested that we ask for their preventative maintenance schedule and not just hope the LED lights last 10-12 years because sometimes they may only last a few. She believes preventative maintenance is very important.
 - Speaker Allen said that they recommended making light walks a frequent occurrence in order for the students and staff to always be aware of what is not working properly.
 - Vice President Davis spoke about an incident where the police cameras are not fully operating.
 - ii. Senator Transition Guides: Due May 2nd, 2018



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- President Bustos talked about him and Speaker Allen's plan to have SGA positions come up with transition guides for future SGA members taking on those positions.
- President Bustos presented what the transition guides should consist of.
- President Bustos asked that these be submitted directly to the SGA office, and that each guide have a physical and electronic copy.
- Senator Scheick asked where the electronic copies will be saved.
- President Bustos responded that they will be placed in the university drive.
- Dr. Albrecht asked who will be responsible for creating transition guide for positions that are currently vacant.
- President Bustos responded that they will create a transition guide for those positions but they will not be as detailed and they will be electronic.
- Dr. Perez explained how any document of SGA can be archived so she wishes that these guides are professional and are a reflection of SGA.
- Dr. Albrecht asked if there will be new guides made every year.
- President Bustos explained that things that change within SGA will be changed in the guides as well.
- Dr. Perez explained that having a master place for all of the bills and resolutions which should be available in the SGA office.
- Dr. Albrecht explained that if we were to pass a fee increase, we would need to have that accessible in one place and that it survives.
- Senator Weeks said that she believes this would be helpful because she has had incidents where she wanted to reference another senators work.
- Senator Scheick is concerned that if google ever goes away that we will not be able to access our documents.
- President Bustos explained that they will be accessible by a link, google is not needed.
- Speaker Allen explained that everyone on google drive should also be on i-engage.

VIII. Vice President's Report

- Vice President Davis recapped on Islander Tribute and thanked everyone who helped out with tabling and ribbons.
- Vice President Davis reported that the Committee on Committees met last Monday, April 9th. They reviewed the results of the survey each university wide committee was supposed to complete. They are reviewing if the committee is meeting, if the right members are serving on the committee, and if the committee is meeting its mission statement.

IX. Chief Justice's Report

X. Speaker's Report

- Dr. Perez updated the Senate on details regarding the SGA banquet.

XI. Senator Reports

- i. College of Business
- ii. College of Liberal Arts
- iii. *Veterans Senator*
- iv. *College of Science & Engineering*



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- v. *Housing Senator*
- vi. *Freshman Senators*
- vii. *College of Graduate Studies*
- viii. *College of Nursing and Health Sciences*
- ix. *Athletics Senator*
- x. *Disabilities Senator*
- xi. *International Senator*

XII. Committee Reports

XIII. Old Business

- i. SB 27-8 Fraternity and Sorority Life Act
 - Senator Scheick motioned to remove it from the table which was seconded by Senator Phongsavone.
 - Senator Scheick met with Stacy Rowan and
 - Senator Torres explained how she was concerned about their only being one person holding the position, she is on the fence about it but she does like the idea of having greek life connected with SGA.
 - Senator Scheick explained with Stacy Rowan how the whole process would work and that if it is a popular position they would consider making it more than one, but right now there is a concern for even filling the position so it is advisable to keep it at one position.
 - Senator Scheick mentioned that Stacy Rowan is concerned about finding someone to fill the position since she has noticed students rarely want to get involved outside of their respective sorority or fraternity.
 - Vice President Davis asked Senator Scheick if she reached out to any of the students that this position would consider.
 - Senator Scheick explained how she doesn't believe she needed to contact them prior to writing this and thinks that someone will be willing to fill the position.
 - Senator Weeks is someone who has been in greek life and believes that having it be three positions and should not be at large. She explained how there are different entities involved in greek life as a whole.
 - Senator Ransom explained how Senator Sanchez is the greek life president and he should voice his input.
 - Senator Sanchez thinks that having it be three positions in order to represent the different entities and he thinks that reaching out to greek life and educate them on this position and what it would entail, like who they would meet with, etc. He believes reaching out to them for input would be a great idea instead of passing the bill without them being informed.
 - Senator Scheick said that in her meeting with Stacy Rowan, Stacy explained how she would bring this information to the respective councils.
 - Senator Torres said that Stacy would want this position to sit in the 3 respective council meetings to stay informed.



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- Senator Scheick explained that we need to start at one position and see what sort of feedback we get and then move from there, and if an amendment is needed to add more individuals to the position then we can at that time. She explained that the position would meet with the advisors for greek life and believes this position will be a learning experience and it'll be up to the person taking up this position to decide what issues matter most within greek life.
- Dr. Perez is concerned about if there is really a need for this position, since SGA students tend to be involved in other organizations there is always representation of SGA outside of SGA itself. She thinks that if collaborating with greek body is what is needed, then a task force could be put in place.
- Senator Scheick believes it would improve communication between the SGA and the greek student body, she would like to maintain good relations with greek life.
- Senator Weeks motioned to table the resolution and Senator Beauford seconded it.

XIV. New Business

XV. Advisor's Report

- Dr. Albrecht explained that there needs to be more consistency in how we are representing the student body and to see if how we are representing the student body is appropriate. He recommends looking into this and looking into making adjustments.
- Speaker Allen thinks that the goal of amending the constitution should be to never have to amend it again, he agree we need to look at these problems and communities as a whole.

XVI. Open Forum

- Vice President Davis would like to look into updating and increasing security cameras on campus.
- President Bustos explained the situation of a student getting their car broken into in an area without lighting.
- Vice President Davis said that there was a student that had their car vandalized once and then a second time and the security cameras did not accurately video the incident like they were supposed to.
- Senator Lara asked if lighting might have been an issue.
- Vice President said the event was not able to be seen on security footage, however she is not aware of the lighting in that specific area.
- Dr. Perez explained that for the meantime if we do get complaints like such, we should understand that there is a process in place for complaint resolutions for those students that feel that their complaints are not being resolved.
- President Bustos believes it is important that we are not here to fix situations but we are here to advocate for the safety of the students, so when students do come to us with concerns as such we should direct them to the proper resources.
- Senator Ransom asked what type of vandalism was done to this persons vehicle.
- Vice President Davis explained that it entailed profanity, foul drawings, and scratches to the surface of the vehicle.



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- Dr. Perez recommended that we request UPD to make more rounds, or something in that matter to ensure safety of student property.
- Senator Reyna talked about packing up food for Izzy's Pantry.
- Senator Sanchez shared a concern about his chapter. He was disappointed in the catering received at the banquet they were hosting.
- Senator Sanchez is concerned with going through chartwells for catering since he got declined for bringing in outside food. Students received uncooked steaks and he finds this very embarrassing for our campus.
- Dr. Albrecht explained that he does not think that Senator Sanchez will be able to fight this after the matter had occurred since it is standard to resolve cooking complaints right after the food is received.
- Dr. Perez explained that this situation was different than a typical one, where the students received the food last minute and cooks were no longer present.
- Chief Justice Elharoun said that she has received a lot of complaints regarding the food on campus.
- Senator Rios said that when he used the chartwells catering, the students received uncooked food and he believes that he was very uninformed regarding catering at all.
- Senator Scheick explained how chartwells will label something as vegan or vegetarian that is not actually such, so she is concerned for students that live on campus especially.
- Senator Ransom said that if chartwells can make whatever it is your ordering from outside then they will decline your exception request.
- President Bustos asked how the food for the Big Event was even allowed.
- Dr. Albrecht said that the Whataburger was donated.

XVII. Announcements (General) – Please see attached presentation.

XVIII. Final Roll Call Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Sara Elharoun, Connor Allen, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Kayla Weeks, Clayton Swift, Garrett Ransom, Jacquelyn Lara, Richard Torres, Alex Phongsavane, Maria Beauford, Chris Rios, Olumide Adeoye, Tommy Reyna, Antonio Sanchez, Dr. Perez, and Dr. Albrecht

XIX. Adjournment – 6:28 pm