



# Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

## TAMUCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE MEETING 4/2/18

- I. Call to Order** – 5:15 pm
- II. Roll Call** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Sara Elharoun, Connor Allen, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Andrea Gilson, Richard Torres, Maria Beauford, Arturo Burgueno, Andrea Gilson, Garrett Ransom, Haylee Haire, Kayla Weeks, Alex Phongsavane, Antonio Sanchez, Katie Seabolt, Chris Rios, Clayton Swift, Dr. Perez, and Dr. Albrecht
- III. Islander Pledge**
- IV. Guest Introductions** – Graduate assistant for recreational sports, Bobby, introduced himself and announced the upcoming obstacle course that will be on campus.
- V. Approval of Minutes**
  - i. March 25<sup>th</sup>
    - The Senate voted and the minutes were approved.
- VI. Treasurer's Report**
  - i. Treasurer Paez read aloud her report to the senate.
    - Please see attached report.
- VII. President's Report**
  - i. State of the SGA Banquet
    - President Bustos presented information and details on the State of the SGA Banquet.
    - President Bustos talked about the date, time, location, attire, award nominations, and other details regarding the event.
    - President Bustos will be sending an RSVP link this week for the event.
    - Vice President Davis requests that SGA members send her photos by this Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, to include in the event.
  - ii. Safety Walk Update: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 8:00 pm. (Meet at the Anchor)
    - President Bustos presented the report that was made by the administration that included the fixes that have been made to the lighting on campus.
    - The report included what fixes have been made since the last campus safety walk.
    - Chief Justice Elharoun asked if the numerous potholes on campus are being addressed and getting fixed.
    - Senator Torres asked if the engineering building lights were included in the report.
    - President Bustos answered that no it was not.
    - Senator Ransom, Senator Scheick, Senator Beauford, Speaker Allen, Chief Justice Elharoun, and Vice President Davis are all interested in attending the second campus safety walk on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Alpha Sigma Phi Doodle
    - President Bustos requests that everyone fill out the doodle because he wants more people to attend; he will be resending out the doodle for everyone to vote on a time for the meeting.
  - iv. SFA Committee
    - President Bustos discussed a brief overview of his meeting with the SFA Committee.
- VIII. Vice President's Report**
  - i. Islander Tribute
    - Vice President Davis said that tonight is the deadline for CSAC applications.



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- Vice President Davis discussed islander tribute for this year and how we will be tabling and passing out ribbons. Islander tribute will be different this year, instead of a formal ceremony, a memorial wreath will be present in Lee Plaza during the week of April 9-13.
- Senator Torres sent out a doodle about tabling.
- Vice President Davis requests that people help with ribbons and tabling.

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

- i. 24 Parking Appeals, 11 approved, 11 denied, 2 reduced
- ii. Elections
  - Chief Justice Elharoun discussed current elections and what progress has been made with candidates submitting their proof of campaigning.

## **X. Speaker's Report**

- i. E-Board meeting
  - Speaker Allen spoke about transition binders and he is working on creating very good standard transition binders for the E-board.
  - Speaker Allen wants to come up with a template for these transition binders, which would include what to do as a senator and other helpful tips and relevant information.

## **XI. Senator Reports**

- i. College of Business
  - Senator Ransom read his report aloud to the senate.
  - Please see attached report.
  - Senator Ransom requests that if anyone is interested in helping with the hurricane relief program to contact him.
  - Senator Weeks asked if they have to be a business major to participate in the program.
  - Senator Ransom answered that they do not have to be a business major.
- ii. College of Liberal Arts
  - Senator Weeks spoke about the events that will be taking place for "COMM Week".
  - Senator Scheick discussed upcoming "COMM Week" events as well and she will be putting the flyer on Org Sync.
- iii. *Veterans Senator*
- iv. *College of Science & Engineering*
- 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 27-7 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 amend S.B. 27-7 which was seconded by Senator Rios.
- President Bustos felt that this may be counterintuitive to remove a whole committee and creating one position for the sole purpose of said committee, which could put more pressure on one person.
- Senator Ransom believes that this position is just a title change, it appears it is still one person doing the same amount of work.
- Senator Scheick responded by explaining how it seemed unpopular having it be 2 people, thus she changed it to be 1 person.
- Senator Weeks believes that the statement noting that this position is “arguably most demanding chairman position” is not a completely accurate statement and creates bias towards other committees because any chairman position an SGA can prove to be demanding.
- Senator Scheick said that she considered the position to be the most demanding due to the amount of tasks that they are responsible for. She believes they have such a wide range of responsibilities which can be difficult to oversee, thus being her reasoning to argue that this position is the most demanding.
- Chairwoman Leshare said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> “whereas” and in the last line it says “sole” and it should be corrected to “sole”.
- Senator Scheick motioned to amend “whereas” and where it says “advisor” and the last “therefor let it be enacted” which was seconded by Senator Seabolt.
- Vice President Davis said that there is not exactly any voting taking place, she usually just sends the image and asked for it to be posted.
- Senator Scheick said that this could be the same way under a coordinator; just the general idea of a committee for public relations does not make sense because you vote in a committee but that may not be the way it is in reality.
- President Bustos asked Senator Gillson to give input as a previous chair on the public relations committee.
- Senator Gilson said that she felt that most of the work fell on her, she believes this job requires uniformity and she thinks it should be one person’s job since it needs to be so organized. Senator Gilson believes allowing this position to get class credit would be very beneficial and attract people towards joining student government.
- President Bustos explained how he does not think this should be a paid E-board position.
- Senator Scheick believes that our current issue is in recruiting people to student government and she believes this position would appeal to more creative and artistic students who would typically overlook joining student government.
- Senator Gilson explained why this should be a one man position instead of a committee because a committee isn’t efficient. She does not think this position needs to be on E-board, however it should have close communication with E-board.
- Speaker Allen asked how a such a position would fall if it didn’t fall under the E-board.
- Senator Weeks asked how “SGA TV” would run if there was only one person.



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- Senator Swift mentioned that “SGA TV” is supposed to be moved to the first year council and he does not mind teaching them how to do video editing.
- Senator Scheick does believe that this position could assist with “SGA TV” but it would still fall under the jurisdiction of first year council.
- Speaker Allen moved that the bill be taken from the table which was seconded by Senator Seabolt.
- Senator Scheick moved to replace the old text with the new text which was seconded by Senator Reyna.
- The senate voted and the bill was amended.
- Chief Justice Elharoun said that since the position is more demanding, she believes that it would make more sense to have more than one person.
- Vice President Davis asked what would happen if someone was interested in helping with this position and how that would be viewed.
- Senator Scheick responded that in the future, when SGA is bigger, it would make sense to amend the bill to allow more individuals to work in the position.
- Senator Ransom moved to end debate which was seconded by Senator Rios.
- The senate voted and S.B. 27-7 did not pass.

#### **XIV. New Business**

#### **XV. Advisor’s Report**

- Dr. Albrecht asked if anyone had heard about “Duo” and he said that the faculty and staff have been having issues regarding improper set up; so he requests that everyone carefully read the instructions and inform other students to as well.
- Vice President Davis asked why all students have to utilize “Duo”, since not every student is a student worker.
- Dr. Albrecht said that this is just a security measure to protect students files.
- Senator Reyna asked if the instructions are thorough or not; he expressed concern because some students are not good with electronics or able to understand.
- Dr. Perez said that there is a link that includes the instructions and
- President Bustos talked about elections with duo
- Dr. Perez explained how this will just take a little bit longer.
- Dr. Perez announced that this week is Greek Week and listed the events that would be taken place, such events can be found online.

#### **XVI. Open Forum**

#### **XVII. Announcements (General)**

- Please see attached presentation.

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

#### **XIX. Adjournment – 6:35 pm**