



# Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

## TAMUCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE MEETING 4/9/18

- I. Call to Order** – 5:15 pm
- II. Roll Call** – Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Sara Elharoun, Connor Allen, Ryleigh Washerlesky, Olumide Adeoye, Jacquelyn Lara, Cassandra Scheick, Andrea Gilson, Richard Torres, Maria Beauford, Arturo Burgueno, Andrea Gilson, Garrett Ransom, Haylee Haire, Kayla Weeks, Alex Phongsavane, Katie Seabolt, Chris Rios, Clayton Swift, Dr. Perez, and Dr. Albrecht
- III. Moment of Silence**
- IV. Islander Pledge**
- V. Guest Introductions** – Collin Hale, from the men’s basketball team, sat in on SGA meeting to observe.
- VI. Approval of Minutes**
  - i. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
    - The Senate voted and the minutes were approved.
- VII. Treasurer’s Report**
- VIII. President’s Report**
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Safety Walk: Tonight April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 8:00 pm. @ the Anchor
  - ii. SGA Headshots/Campus Photos: Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9:30am-11:30am – Legacy Ballroom
  - iii. SGA Awards Nominations: Due Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - iv. Ad-Hoc Committee
  - v. SFA Committee Report
- IX. Vice President’s Report**
  - Vice President Davis reminded everyone that there will be tabling tomorrow for Islander Tribute and she would like anyone who would like to help out to contact her.
- X. Chief Justice’s Report**
  - i. Election Results
    - Chief Justice Elharoun spoke about election results and went on to explain the demographics and statistics that she calculated from the voter turnout.
  - ii. Parking Appeals
    - 34 approved, 3 reduced, 11 were denied
- XI. Speaker’s Report**
  - i. Legislation Overview for SGA Banquet: Need short report on triple stream waste bins, Veteran Lending Library, Islander Mural, Ennis Joslin and Nile Intersection, Leadership Wall
    - Speaker Allen would like those who helped with the writing of these resolutions to help him get updates on how those are going.
  - ii. UCSO I-Engage Training, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 11-1pm
    - Speaker Allen believes this would be a helpful presentation and thinks that people should look into going.
    - Speaker Allen said that students must RSVP to this training event, which gives more details about the location, etc.
  - iii. CSAC Voting



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- Speaker Allen introduced that today the Senate will be voting on the CSAC representatives, he mentioned that he received two absences votes which ended up canceling each other out.
- Candidates introduced themselves to the Senate and gave a speech explaining why they would like to be CSAC representative and any relevant information they felt the Senate should know.
- The candidates are President Bustos and Senator Scheick.
- Vice President Davis asked the candidates how they would engage the student voice of those student not involved in SGA.
- Senator Scheick responded by saying she definitely wants to implement technology, Twitter, Facebook, etc., and take feedback from students and taking that to the Chancellor in a clear and concise voice. She plans to reach out to students via social media and find out what their concerns are.
- President Bustos responded by coming up with agenda items and then reaching out to the student body about which items on the agenda they feel most strongly about. He would use this method to get student feedback that also aligns with SGA meetings, so that he is able to really dig deep and take these findings to the Chancellor.
- The candidates left the room so that a discussion could be held regarding the candidates.
- The Senate voted and President Bustos was elected as the CSAC representative.

## **XII. Senator Reports**

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

## **XIII. Committee Reports**

## **XIV. Old Business**

## **XV. New Business**

- i. SB 27-8 Fraternity and Sorority Life Act
  - Senator Scheick introduced the bill which is co-sponsored by Senator Torres.
  - Senator Scheick read the bill aloud to the Senate.
  - Senator Scheick motioned to open up debate which was seconded by Senator Rios.



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- Senator Lara asked who this Senator would be meeting with.
- Senator Scheick responded by stating that they would be meeting with Lili Gonzales and Stacy, the advisor
- Senator Weeks believes that this would be a good thing to potentially implement into SGA, but she does not think it would be beneficial now because we do not have a full senate and that we are just not ready for this growth wise.
- Speaker Allen asked what Senator Scheick's inspiration was behind this bill.
- Senator Scheick explained that she would like people to change their view of SGA and she thinks by having sorority and fraternity's connected with SGA would be great representation. She also mentioned how we actually have 5 active greek members in the senate as of right now.
- Vice President Davis is concerned whether one seat would be able to fully represent the entire greek student body, since we currently have multiple sorority and fraternities on campus.
- Senator Sanchez explained how he believes that it would be more appropriate to add three senate seats so that it could cover all aspects of Sorority/Fraternity life.
- Senator Scheick responded that she thought about having it be 3 senator seats, but she also believes that at this moment it would be best to just represent this certain community at large.
- Senator Weeks asked Senator Scheick how long she has been thinking out this bill, in regards to recruitment and other factors besides this position just being good representation.
- Senator Scheick responded by saying that she has been handling this the same way the library senator would be handled, by reaching out to the respective people would have some part in this, i.e Lily Gonzalez.
- Dr. Albrecht suggested that the bill would sound better if the wording "no solid" were changed to "specified".
- Senator Scheick motioned to amend the bill by changing "solid" to "specified" in the first whereas, removed "Allen Contreras" from the list of people who this bill will be sent to, remove the word "equally". This amendment was seconded by Senator Gilson seconded.
- Dr. Perez proposed that the position for Lily Gonzalez be switched to her correct position and also to add the director who oversees fraternities and sororities to the list of people. Dr. Perez also asked if Senator Scheick if she met with any of the people that the bill will be sent to, in order to engage their opinion and feedback.
- Senator Rios motioned to table, which was seconded by Senator Beauford.

## **XVI. Advisor's Report**

- Dr. Perez discussed how she was reached out to about the upcoming Buc Days. Someone has reached out to her about finding volunteers for the "Calf Scramble".



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She requests that if anyone is interested in volunteering to please reach out to her so that she can forward names. It is Thursday evening, the day after our Banquet.

- Dr. Perez reminded everyone that commencement is around the corner and she will need two student martials for the ceremony.
- Dr. Perez has been asked to find volunteers for the KED TV live auction, they are looking for script readers and bid takers. If anyone is interested are asked to contact Dr. Perez. The date is May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30pm-12am.
- Dr. Perez announced that the university submitted a grant proposal to HEB, they have agreed to give us \$1000 in gift cards to be used for Izzy's Food Pantry, as well as 500 reusable bags.

## **XVII. Open Forum**

- Vice President Davis said thank you to those who helped her create ribbons and table for islander tribute.
- Chief Justice Elharoun reminded those that are graduating to submit their applications for stoles and chords as soon as possible.
- Senator Adeoye reminded everyone that the Parade of Nations April 12<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm.

## **XVIII. Announcements**

- i. Marry and Jeff Bell Library Fine Amnesty Food Drive, April 2<sup>nd</sup>-April 15<sup>th</sup>
- ii. National Library Week, April 8<sup>th</sup>-April 14<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Crime Scene Demo, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Library second floor
- iv. Book Drive March 26<sup>th</sup>-April 14<sup>th</sup>
- v. 1 Man 2 Guvnors, April 17-22th

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

**XX. Adjournment** – 6:13 pm