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TAMUCC SGA Senate Meetings 7/20/18

- I. **Call to Order** 9:04 am
- II. **Roll Call** Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Connor Allen, Sarina Garcia, Britney Held, Damian Olvera, Kirk Jorgenson, Dung Pham, Charis Clark
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **Guest Introductions** None
- V. **President's Report**
 - i. **Constitution Week**
 - We basically have to recognize our constitution and promote it. The library will be handing out types of promotion.
 - During election week we will be helping people register to vote. We can also hold a competition to get people to vote. Last year we had our elections right next to the registrar.
 - Vice President Schick mentioned that you have to be registered in Corpus Christi, which is something not a lot of students know about.
 - President Allen wants to get more people to vote than previous years.
 - ii. **Provost meeting**
 - President Allen and Vice President Scheick met with Dr. Clarenda Phillips.
 - They spoke about the PSA program and what their goals are.
 - President Allen is concerned that our dropout rate and transfer rate is so high because of the PSA program.
 - The A&M system is basically forcing students to come here without taking into consideration our reputation.
 - President Allen wants to look into if the UT system is similar.
 - Dr. Phillips and President Allen also spoke about how their having trouble creating new majors.
 - Vice President Scheick mentioned that we will be welcoming new engineering majors like industrial and civil.
 - President Allen is looking into how science and engineering isn't being treated fairly.
 - President Allen wants to look into how beneficial the PSA program is.
 - Senator Jorgensen explained that a lot of colleges will try to show bias so that's why the statistics are federal guidelines.
 - The new VIP program is where people that don't get accepted into TAMUCC that they can take classes at Del Mar.
 - iii. **Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs**
 - She is looking into figuring out what is working and what is not working out in other schools.
 - One of her goals is to help students succeed and have skills that will help them in their future career to make them more marketable.
 - She wants to look into new degrees and programs that we may need.
 - She really wants to be an advocate for the system.

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- Vice President Schieck explained that parking is something that is hard to resolve because it's not allowed to get funding.
- President Allen believes that we need to tackle career preparation in the classrooms.
- iv. Committee Appointments
 - President Allen spoke about committee appointments.
- v. Midterm procedure
 - President Allen mentioned that a couple of changes were made to the midterm procedure.
 - Something that was put back was that it is viable to have short semester classes provide midterm grades.
- VI. Vice President's Report**
 - i. Islander Launch and Passport to the Island
 - Roughly 30 people gave their emails to SGA.
 - We now have 10 people how have applied for the FYC.
 - On the 30th of July and August we need to have a lot of help.
 - ii. Bluesday Tuesday Bash
 - Tuesday September 4th, Tejas Lounge 11-2pm
 - President Allen wants to make sure we get rid of shirts and allocate a certain amount to each event.
 - iii. Committee Chairs needed
 - Some of the committee chairs that are needed currently are academic affairs, leg studies, food and services, etc.
 - Vice President Scheick wants anyone interested in a committee to come talk to her about it.
 - iv. Waves of Welcome bags
 - We labeled a bunch of gum that says "SGA sticks with you".
 - August 17th we will be helping out with the waves of welcome bags.
 - v. Fall Retreat
 - Dr. Quintanilla has offered to come, as well as Julie Shuttlesworth.
- VII. Treasurer's Report**
 - i. Summer budget
 - Treasurer Bustos is not here today so Vice President Scheick read allowed the treasurer's report to the senate.
- VIII. Chief Justice's Report**
 - i. Parking Appeals
 - 9 approved, 3 denied, 1 reduced
 - ii. Elections
 - By the end of July he is wanting to have all his emails and templates ready to send out and be ready for elections.
- IX. Secretary's Report**
 - i. 7/6 meeting minutes
- X. First-Year Council Director**

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- i. FYC contracts/applications
- ii. FYC Retreat
 - This is going to be a bit different from the SGA retreat and she is working on trying to make it exciting for freshmen students.

XI. Senator Reports

- i. International Senator
 - He wants to look into getting international students informed about SGA because he feels they don't know what it is really about.
 - November will be an event for international students but they do not know the date yet.
 - Last semester the university sent out a scholarship to international students but it only went to undergraduate students. He wants to look into getting it applied to both undergraduate students and graduate.
 - Vice President Scheick explained that the scholarship department use to underfund but now they are working on trying to overfund instead. The scholarship department is undergoing a "revamp" currently to hopefully make it more organized.

XII. Committee Reports

- i. Student Affairs
 - Vice President Scheick is looking into moving the suggesting boxes and opening an online forum for suggestions.
- ii. Public Relations
 - i. Julie Shuttlesworth meeting
 - Senator Jorgensen went over with her how to post on our social media. He wants to increase our image and try to reach out to the whole student body.
 - He wants to increase campaigning for our events, etc.
 - Shuttlesworth wants to have a photoshoot of the new senators coming in.
 - September 34th there will be a public relations meeting and hopefully Shuttlesworth will be able to attend.
 - A discussion was held regarding social media posting.
 - Vice President Scheick mentioned that Senator Jorgensen created a twitter for "Senator Jorgensen" and she recommends that if anyone else wants to do that they should.
- iii. Spirit and Traditions
 - i. Athletics meeting
 - The meeting expressed that Blue Crew came to an halt in Athletics.
 - Senator Garcia however is not interested in running Blue Crew.
 - ii. T-shirts
 - The "Bluesday Tuesday" shirt design is out.
 - Dr. Perez encouraged us to go out and hand out t-shirts.

XIII. Old Business

XIV. New Business

XV. Advisor's Report

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- i. Texas A&M System Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs SGA meet and greet July 12th
- ii. Athletic Director Search Committee

XVI. Open Forum

- SGA will be helping with move-in and Vice President Scheick wants people to come help.

XVII. Announcements

- i. Islander Launch for College of Liberal Arts on Monday, July 9th.
- ii. Islander Launch for College of Business and College of Education and Human Development on Friday, July 13th.

XVIII. Final Roll Call Ryleigh Washerlesky, Cassandra Scheick, Connor Allen, Sarina Garcia, Britney Held, Damian Olvera, Kirk Jorgenson, Dung Pham, Charis Clark

XIX. Adjournment 10:24pm

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