



# Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

## TAMUCC SGA Senate Meeting 8/10/18

- I. **Call to Order** 9:07 am
- II. **Roll Call** Cassandra Scheick, Connor Allen, Brittney Held, Kirk Jorgensen Jr., Clayton Swift, Sarina Garcia, Dung Pham, and Dr. Lisa Pere
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **Guest Introductions**
- V. **President's Report**
  - i. Associate Justice Appointment
    - i. Morell Jenkins was a collegiate high school student and demonstrated knowledge about the Constitution and bylaws. He wrote an introduction that mentions that he is a double major in Political Science and Biomedical Science. Jenkins held many different leadership positions such as secretary and treasurer for the College of the Mainland Student Government.
    - ii. Voting will be placed on I-Engage on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - ii. Dr. Quintanilla meeting
    - i. Meeting was held Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Concerns about scholarship office was presented to Dr. Quintanilla. International Graduate Students are now eligible for the international scholarships. A capital campaign is being presented to improve the number of donors for scholarships.
    - iii. TAMU-CC is in the process of owning the "campus beach" so the university will be able to maintain the beach. The plan is to build a ramp for students, and long term will be to build a pier and create recreational activities for students.
    - iv. Del Mar's summer classes are designed to be 7 weeks long meanwhile 5 weeks at TAMU-CC. This leads to overlap that causes stress on the students. Dr. Quintanilla will discuss this further with the President of Del Mar College.
    - v. Hazlewood Act was discussed because the state does not fund the initiative enough. This act allows veterans and beneficiaries to attend college for free, but this does not provide funding for the university. Possible outcomes stated by President Allen could be that students under the Hazlewood Act could apply for financial aid
    - vi. Senator Jorgensen expressed concerns that students under the Hazlewood Act will most likely not receive money from financial aid.
    - vii. Dr. Perez added that the financial aid would potentially not go towards the University because no expense would be owed.
  - iii. Miramar Housing
    - i. A student posted a picture and videos on social media showing mold in the Miramar Housing and an article by Kris.tv was posted
    - ii. Moses Olukoya was contacted and the pictures and videos were received months ago and the problem has allegedly been resolved.
    - iii. The cause of the student posting the video was allegedly due to a separate grievance.



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- iv. Senator Rios asked to tour the Miramar Housing to ensure that the students are not moving into a space with mold.
- v. ACC has a scheduled walk through in September
- vi. Dr Perez received a phone call after SGA posted on social media about working with administrators. ACC is not administrators of TAMU-CC. It is important to speak to Stephanie Box or Dr. Amanda Drum about what is being done with this situation. There was also a concern that the tone from an email from Senator Rios may have misrepresented SGA without intent.
- vii. President Allen is interested in pursuing the tour of the individual spaces about the mold
- viii. Dr. Perez asked why there is concern that ACC is not resolving the problem when they have previously stated that they are currently working through it.
- ix. Dr. Perez reminded that SGA's role is to listen to the concerns of the students and be wary of malicious intent.
- iv. Athletics Green Friday
  - i. A letter was sent to the interim director Willis Wilson about the initiative about students wearing green on Fridays and the parallel to Bluesday Tuesday. President Allen is interested in working with athletics with Bluesday Tuesday. Willis Wilson stated that the Athletics Green Friday was an internal event.
- v. UTRGV SGA meeting
  - i. Met on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm to discuss the rivalry between the UTRGV and TAMU-CC SGA rivalry.
  - ii. Senator Garcia is working on the schedule in which UTRGV and TAMU-CC will be on the same campus.
- vi. Aloha Days Islander Pledge
  - i. President Allen is doing a speech about the Islander Pledge
- VI. Vice President's Report**
  - i. Environmental Affairs Committee Chair Appointment
    - i. Sara Elharoun is a senior biomedical science major and previous chief justice. Elharoun would like to ban plastic straws and reduce waste. This will be on the same voting ballot as the associate justice appointment being posted later on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
  - ii. Wellness Committee meeting
    - i. Senator Clark and Vice President Scheick met with the Marci Garza, registered dietician, Mary Canales, benefits manager of human resources, and an intern met Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Discussion about the heart walk for the American Heart Association. Walk will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Whataburger field. There will be a \$20 entrance fee that includes a t-shirt. Dr. Albrecht's team may be open for SGA to join.
    - ii. Upcoming events include: competitive nature that involves wellness and this may include a Zen Garden, a wellness app, field-day style event.



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- iii. August 13<sup>th</sup> will be the presentation with Marci Garza about the Wellness campaign
- iii. International Student Orientation
  - i. President Allen, Vice President Scheick, and Senator Pham are preparing a presentation about SGA and the importance of the organization on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be between 1:00-5:00 pm
- iv. Graduate Student Orientation
  - i. President Allen and Vice President Scheick are tabling for SGA to appeal to the graduate students between 4:30 and 5:30 pm.
  - ii. Graduate students are invited to assist tabling to appeal for the audience.
  - iii. Dr. Perez mentioned that appealing to graduate students will be different than the previous tabling that occurred due to the fundamental differences between graduate and undergraduate students.
- v. E-Board meeting
  - i. Meeting Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am to do introductions and discuss goals for the next year
- vi. Safety Walk
  - i. September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm there will be a safety walk around the campus and this will be advertised across all students. Terry Tatum, Don Dawson, and Chief of Campus Police, Alan Gutierrez will be in attendance. This will focus on all safety concerns.
- vii. SGA Retreat
  - i. Fall retreat will take places September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 4pm.
  - ii. An RSVP will be sent out soon
  - iii. Goal is to target multiple different audiences, this will promote teamwork throughout the next year. Food will be provided.
  - iv. If anyone has any questions, concerns, or would like to present during the retreat please contact President Allen or Vice President Scheick
- VII. Treasurer's Report**
  - i. Summer Budget
    - i. T-shirts have been funded. A total of 1,000 Bluesday Tuesday T-shirts have been ordered. 900 shirts were bought by SGA for \$4,050.00 and the last 100 were purchased by Ann DeGaish
    - ii. Stole was purchased for \$57.00
    - iii. Bluesday Tuesday Buttons were purchased for \$300.00
    - iv. Parking passes were purchased for \$830.00
    - v. This budget year ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>
    - vi. Money was put aside for polos
    - vii. Lollipops for Bluesday Tuesday tabling for \$10
    - viii. 1500 magnets were ordered for \$682
      - May be the wrong color. These magnets appear purple under certain light, but is very subtle. The distributors have been contacted about the magnets.



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- ix. Gum was purchased \$357
- ii. E-Board wages
  - i. The transition to include all E-Board positions except the First Year Council Director will be discussed during the E-Board meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

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

- i. Parking Appeals
  - i. 33 appeals have been approved, 7 denied, and 7 reduced
- ii. Elections
  - i. Election form is open on I-Engage
- iii. Library Appeals update
  - i. See attached report

## **IX. First-Year Council Director**

- i. Islander Launch
  - i. Thank you to everyone that helped with Islander Launch and getting first year islanders involved with SGA. 250 people showed interest in joining those two Islander launches.
- ii. DUGS meeting
  - i. FYC Director Held and Vice President Scheick met with Rita Sperry, the First Year Learning Community Program Coordinator, and Chelsie Hawkinson, the Seminar Coordinator, about correspondence between FYC and the First year Learning Communities. Discussion about FYC presence at the Ice Cream Social and Tailgate on August 31<sup>st</sup> hosted by the Department of Undergraduate Studies as well as the First Year Convocation on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Promotion of FYC during the first week of classes approximately five minutes before each seminar class meets in order to promote FYC to the fullest extent.
  - iii. Possible future correspondence with the Honors program to discuss FYC.
- iii. Julie Shuttlesworth meeting
  - i. FYC Director Held met with Julie Shuttlesworth to discuss created an FYC Twitter and Instagram to give information directly to First Year Students.
- iv. FYC Recruitment
  - i. FYC Director Held will need volunteers during the first week of classes to assist in tabling between 11am-2pm. Please contact her at [bheld@islander.tamucc.edu](mailto:bheld@islander.tamucc.edu) if you can assist.
- v. FYC Retreat
  - i. The First Year Council retreat will be September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm in Lonestar Ballroom A. Please see FYC Director Held if you would like to assist during this event.

## **X. Senator Reports**

- i. Housing Senator



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- i. Senator Rios received a reply from Moses Olukoya that includes that the situation is under control and that there is no longer an issue. A remediation specialist will be at Miramar in September to further assess.
- ii. Allegedly, the only student in the Pelican building who was affected by this situation was the one who posted the initial pictures and videos.
- iii. Magnets will be given out by Resident Advisors, and it will be discussed about distributing ice cream scoops and frisbees.

## **XI. Committee Reports**

- i. Public Relations
  - i. Election recruitment
  - ii. Islander Launch
    - Promoted throughout the Summer and this led to more followers and more people interested in SGA
  - iii. Public Relations Committee will meet September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm in UC Jetty 123
  - iv. Dr. Perez mentioned a sticker about I-Engage to promote SGA and this would help the overall involvement of students.
- ii. Spirit and Traditions
  - i. T-Shirt Swap
    - Will be asking students to bring canned food for Izzy's Food Pantry in exchange for the Bluesday Tuesday shirts.
  - ii. UTRGV Rivalry Series
    - There will be four games between UTRGV and TAMU-CC that may be used in promotion of the rivalry between the two schools.
  - iii. Bluesday Tuesday Bash
    - This is a promotional event for Bluesday Tuesday hosted during Waves of Welcome on September 4<sup>th</sup> in the Tejas Lounge.
    - First meeting will be the second Friday of September
- iii. Student Affairs
  - i. Relocation of Suggestion boxes
  - ii. Online suggestion form
    - Can be accessed through I-Engage
- iv. Environmental Affairs
  - i. Banning straws on campus
    - The dining hall will be banning straws in the facility soon.
    - The SGA platform on the subject will fall on the Senate in the Fall
    - President Allen spoke on the encouragement of Barnes and Noble to sell reusable straws

## **XII. Old Business**

## **XIII. New Business**

## **XIV. Advisor's Report**

- i. Homecoming



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- i. There will be restructuring of the University wide Homecoming Committee
- ii. This restructure will include an executive committee focused on the decision-making aspects of homecoming. President Allen will be on the executive committee and Senator Garcia will be placed on the working committee.
- iii. The Homecoming Game will be February 9<sup>th</sup> and homecoming week is February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**XV. Open Forum**

**XVI. Announcements**

- i. FYC Retreat Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 4 pm
- ii. Meet the Candidates Monday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 11 am to 2 pm
- iii. SGA Retreat Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 am to 4 pm
- iv. Swearing in Ceremony Monday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 11 am to 12:30 pm

**XVII. Final Roll Call** Connor Allen, Cassandra Scheick, Chris Rios, Brittney Held, Kirk Jorgensen Jr., Clayton Swift, Sarina Garcia, Dung Pham, Dr. Lisa Perez

**XVIII. Adjournment** 10:34am