



Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Student Senate

TAMUCC SGA Senate Meeting 9/24/18

- I. **Call to Order** 5:15 pm
- II. **Roll Call** Connor Allen, Dominic Baptise, Arturo Burgeno, Justin Bustos, Louis Adam Chavez, Desiree Corbett, Tamara Darabie, Fritzi Davis, Sarina Garcia, Jared Gaza, Brittany Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Britney Mathmeson, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Christopher Rios, Sara Rodriguez, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, Ryleigh Washerlesky
- III. **Islander Pledge**
- IV. **Guest Introductions**
- V. **Minutes Approval**
 - i. September 17, 2018
 - Senator Davis moved to approve the minutes and Senator Rios seconded that motion.
 - The senate voted and the meeting minutes were approved.
- VI. **President's Report**
 - i. Swearing-In Ceremony
 - President Allen thanked everyone who came to the swearing in ceremony.
 - President Allen swore in the newly elected senators that were not present at the swearing in ceremony.
 - ii. Voter Registration Drive
 - Right now we have 185 students registered to vote which is more than we've had in previous years. The deadline for voter registration is October 9th.
 - President Allen has achieved this by visiting lectures.
 - iii. Judicial Board Vacancy
 - There is a vacancy in the judicial board that we are looking for someone to take. You can find the form to apply on I-Engage.
- VII. **Vice President's Report** – *Please see attached report.*
 - i. Swearing in Ceremony Speech
 - Vice President Scheick read her Swearing in Ceremony Speech aloud to the senate.
 - ii. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Commissioner Meeting
 - Vice President Scheick met with Raymund Paredes, the THECD Commissioner and John Wyatt, the Director of External Relations on Thursday, September 20th.
 - The main focus of the meeting was to address student concerns, the 60 x 30 Texas plan, and how to incorporate marketable skills into the curriculum.
 - They also discussed seminar courses, double majors, advising, financial literacy, preparatory colleges, leadership skills and increased funding for student activities.
 - iii. Fall Retreat
 - Vice President Scheick thanked everyone for coming to the SGA retreat.
 - If you were not able to attend the retreat, Vice President Scheick would like you to come by the SGA office to pick up your folder and to go over any important information you missed.



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- iv. Town Hall
 - SGA will be hosting a Town Hall in collaboration with Islander Green Team next week on October 3rd and 4th from 11:30am to 12:30pm and 1 to 2 pm in the second floor of the Library.
- v. Campus Wellness Committee Meeting BARELY TALKED ABOUT THIS
 - Vice President Scheick met with the Campus Wellness Committee on Thursday, September 20th.
 - They discussed the Wellness Cup for faculty and staff.
- vi. Committee Chair Meeting
 - Vice President Scheick and her committee chairs will be meeting this Wednesday, September 26th at 10am.
- vii. Food and Services Committee Chair Appointment
 - Vice President Scheick announced her Food and Services Phebe Leach
 - Phebe Leach introduced herself to the Senate. She was inspired to lead this committee because she has seen a lot of changes occur in the university and she wants to make sure
 - Senator Rios moved to approve the minutes and Senator Jorgensen seconded that motion.
 - President Allen asked her what problems she has seen on campus
 - Senator Leach said that added costs within food services on campus is one of her main concerns. She has talked to many employees and Chartwell's about this and they are open to hearing students concerns.
 - The senate voted and the appointment of Senator Leach was passed.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

IX. Chief Justice's Report

X. First-Year Council Director

XI. Senator Reports – Please see attached report.

- i. Library Senator
 - Senator Leach met with Dr. Catherine Rudowsky and discussed the Library Appeals process.
 - The both of them discussed the need to better train the library staff on how the appeal process works.
 - Senator Leach and Dr. Rudowsky also discussed the OER Task Force.
 - Dr. Rudowsky would like SGA to present ideas at the Task Force meeting.

XII. Committee Reports – Please see attached reports.

- i. Student Affairs Committee
 - September 12th Meeting
 - Senator Ortiz spoke about the main goals of their meeting.
 - One of the goals was getting students to voice their concerns to the committee, they spoke about other methods in addition to the SGA boxes.
 - They discussed moving the SGA boxes to areas with more foot traffic.



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- ii. Academic Affairs Committee
 - September 21st Meeting
 - Senator Morrel reported that during their meeting they spoke about introductory topics and they also discussed textbooks.
 - Senator Morrel is hoping to get something in place where professors let students know what textbooks they will be needing in advanced.
- iii. Legislative Studies Committee
 - Meeting with Dr. Albrecht
 - Senator Dewar met with Dr. Albrecht over Day of the Capital. There will be a meeting covering the Day of the Capital on October 1st.

XIII. Old Business

- i. SB 28-2 Resident Housing Association Act
 - Senator Jorgensen moved to take the bill from the table and Senator Rios seconded that motion.
 - Senator Rios introduced himself to the senate and introduced the bill as well.
 - Senator Rios explained that this committee would act in a similar way to the Food and Services Committee. Since students typically address their concerns to the leasing office only, Senator Rios believes this isn't very efficient.
 - Senator Rios explained some of the main points of the bill and how the committee would be structured.
 - Senator Gray asked Senator Rios about what sort of problems this committee would be working to solve.
 - Senator Rios responded that areas such as structural damage and other related issues would be addressed.
 - Senator Davis asked who would fill the positions of this committee.
 - Senator Rios said that there will be RA as a possible co-chair and the rest would be students from housing.
 - Vice President Scheick explained that SGA does not condone co-chairs so she does not support this idea.
 - Senator Rios responded to Vice President Scheick saying that he understands this may not be a possibility and he doesn't think it is vital to have a co-chair.
 - Senator Jorgensen asked what is currently in place for students to solve their housing issues.
 - Senator Rios said there are people that students know to contact but the response rate is very slow.
 - Senator Nellums explained that he believes there is already a club on campus that works alongside housing.
 - Senator Rios said that he will look into this club but he isn't fully aware of it's purpose.
 - Senator Louis asked if it was possible for non-resident students joining the committee.



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- Senator Rios said that he would be open to that idea.
- Senator Burgueno asked if this would be allowing a quicker response rate to students or if this committee would pose as another layer which would lengthen the process.
- Senator Rios responded that it would be an additional layer of contact but it would improve the way students can voice their concerns.
- Senator Davis asked how this would benefit students in any way, if it would still be the same sort of process students are already having to do.
- Senator Matheson said that this bill as is doesn't ensure quicker response time and she wants to know if there is a way he could achieve this.
- Senator Rios said that he has some ideas in place to hopefully ensure a quicker response time and help students more efficiently.
- Senator Leach asked if this committee would be for addressing maintenance issues or actual SGA related issues.
- Senator Rios explained that it would not on be addressing maintenance issues but concerns such as internet as well.
- Senator Jenkins believes that this bill may not take into account SGA procedures.
- Vice President Scheick explained some of her concerns of the bill and she does not believe this is a good fit for SGA.
- Senator Chavez believes this may be a good idea because a second and anonymous channel would be helpful for students when addressing issues.
- Senator Romero asked Senator Rios if this committee would strip responsibilities from RA's and they're actually getting paid for it.
- Senator Rios explained that the RA's still have to be on call 24/7 and they would still have a fair amount of roles.
- Director Held asked how this differs from the RA program.
- Senator Rios explained that Director Held makes a good point so he may reconsider the idea of an RA as co-chair.
- Senator Burgueno moved to end debate and Senator Davis seconded that motion.
- The senate voted to end debate and debate was ended.
- The senate voted to pass the bill as is and the bill was not passed.

XIV. New Business

XV. Advisor's Report

XVI. Open Forum

- i. Senator Davis spoke about her meeting with the dean of Science and Engineering.
 - She spoke with him about how SGA operates as a whole.
 - She spoke about how science & engineering students have been reassigned advisors at a concerned rate. This is a big concern amongst Senator Davis and her peers and she would like this to be looked into because student advisors play an important role in students degree plans.



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- This semester the safety quizzes for labs were adjusted and every lab has one consecutive lab quiz. The concern is that students have to answer questions that don't even apply to their course.
- The science and engineering senators will be service on the grade appeal board.
- President Allen said that he believes the advisors need to be paid more as well and that this would encourage more advisors to stay at TAMUCC.
- ii. Senator Jorgensen spoke about how today's swearing in ceremony went very well and he was happy with the ceremony and everyone there.
- iii. Senator Myers said that there is an issue with Hummingbirds in the Dining Hall. They keep flying into the windows and dying.
 - Director Held said that Hummingbirds do not have very good eye sight and recommended that a decal placed over the windows.
- iv. Senator Corbett asked how she could join the Spirit and Traditions Committee.
 - Speaker Garcia responded by saying that she should attend the next meeting.
 - Vice President Scheick said that if you want to formally join a committee you need to fill out the form on I-Engage.
- v. Senator Opola asked if SGA has any limits to what issues they can address.
 - President Allen explained that we can tackle any necessary issues but regards to implementation there may be limitations.
- vi. President Allen asked that everyone contact him with ideas for Homecoming Themes.
 - Treasurer Bustos said that
 - Senator Corbett thinks a resolution would be a good idea that we do a resolution.
 - President Allen wants to send them a lot of ideas and not just one
- vii. Senator Nellums asked if there is a way to present a bill to get help before presenting it to the senate.
 - President Allen said that last year he sent out bills before reading it aloud and that may help it get passed.
 - Vice President Scheick said that bills do need to be sent to Speaker Garcia.
 - Speaker Garcia said that when bills get sent to her she is open to forwarded them to the senate to read.
 - Vice President Scheick said that anyone is welcome to come get assistance with their bills.

XVII. Announcements

- i. Public Relations Committee Meeting Monday, September 24th 7:15 p.m. UC 123
- ii. Dr. Quintanilla Luncheon Friday, October 12th 12:00 p.m. UC Legacy 145

XVIII. Final Roll Call Connor Allen, Dominic Baptise, Arturo Burgeno, Justin Bustos, Louis Adam Chavez, Desiree Corbett, Tamara Darabie, Fritzi Davis, Sarina Garcia, Jared Gaza, Jackson Gray, Brittany Held, Kirk Jorgensen, Jacquelyn Lara, Phebe Leach, James Maji, Britney Mathmeson, Mason Myers, Jordan Nellums, Jamiu Opoola, Dung Pham, Christopher Rios, Sara Rodriguez, June Scheick, Clayton Swift, Angel Tellez, Ryleigh Washerlesky

XIX. Adjournment 6:15 pm



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