



**TAMUCC SGA Meeting Minutes 9.27.17**

- i. **Call to Order 12:29 PM (Started later due to Swearing In Ceremony.)**
- ii. **Roll Call:** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connor Allen, Alexis Richardson, Allen Graham, Cassandra Sheick, Kayla Weeks, Alexis Gordon, Kelly Rojas, Alexandra Phongsavone, Clayton Swift, Esmerald Rodriguez, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Jacquelyn Lara, Kristin Strittmatter, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.
- iii. **Islander Pledge**
- iv. **Guest Introductions**
- v. **Approval of Minutes**
  - i. September 20<sup>th</sup> – Minutes were approved.  
Jacinth, our prior secretary, resigned and Vice President Davis has been taking minutes.
- vi. **President's Report**
  - i. Ms. Ann DeGaish presented on the proposed Health Service Fee increase
    - Flat Fee of \$50 per semester (Fall/Spring) and \$25 per summer session.
    - The University Health Center underwent renovations that have been completed.
    - Trying to fill vacant position of Nurse Practitioner. Salary amount in the budget is \$80,000 though most Nurse Practitioners make +\$100,000.
    - There has been an increased demand for services resulting in increased operational costs.
    - Students are turned away each day because of not being able to meet the demand from existing staff.
    - Services provided include walk in and students can be seen by a nurse, nurse practitioner or physician depending on what the student is coming in for. Administer flu shots, strep throat test, small procedures ex. Stiches, IV hydration for dehydration, etc.
    - Money raised from the fee increase will be used to cover: employee benefits: health insurance, worker compensation, operations of building and salaries of staff.
    - This proposal will be presented to the Board of Regents in the upcoming weeks where they will decide.
  - ii. Hugo Martinez presented on an Islander Mural concept.
    - Public art can help the students express themselves visually.
    - Mentioned several art pieces, mural and statues that exist in Corpus.
    - Public art has helped transformed and revived buildings around Corpus.
    - TAMUCC lacks claim spaced on campus. Claim spaced is a visual area that provides a physical/emotional connection for the students and community to the campus.
  - iii. Meeting with Dr. Quintanilla  
President Bustos will be meeting with Dr. Quintanilla on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.
  - iv. Councilman Smith
    - Has been invited to speak at next week meeting on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. Update on headshots
    - Polos are expected to arrive by October 3. Plan on doing two headshots: one professional and the other with polos.
  - vi. FYC Director Appointment
    - One application was submitted. President Bustos will interview the applicant this week and make appointment next week.
- vii. **Vice President's Report**
  - i. SGA Fall Retreat



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- Held on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 AM-3:15 PM. Had a total of 21 attendees.
  - Topics covered at the retreat included: Risk Management, Step-Up Training, Parliamentary Procedures and overview of SGA.
  - Vice President Davis will send out email containing the Risk Management PowerPoint so members who did not attend can read it and be familiar with the policies.
    - ii. Committee chairs
  - Vice President Davis and President Bustos will be holding interviews for 2 of the Committee Chair vacancies. The vacancies could potentially be filled if applicants meet the requirements.
- viii. Chief Justice's Report**
- i. Parking appeals: 6 Total
    - 1- Denied
    - 5- ApprovedHigh number of approval due to tickets being issued to people nonaffiliated with the campus who came to help during Hurricane Harvey.
  - ii. Election results
    - 104 ballots were casted from students enrolled in the College of Graduate Studies resulting in a 4.5% of graduate student participation.
  - iii. Associate Justice Vacancies
    - Chief Justice Richardson and President Bustos will be conducting interviews next week for the Associate Justice position. The 2 vacancies could potentially be filled if applicants meet the requirements.
- ix. Speaker's Report**
- i. E-Board meeting
    - Finalized the details for the Swearing In Ceremony.
    - ii. Disbanding Constitution and Elections Committee
      - Elections responsibility shift to Judicial Branch
      - Constitution Committee will review amendments to Constitution/Bylaws and provide feedback.
    - iii. Senators reviewing agenda in advanceSpeaker Allen will readjust the deadline to submit items to be included on the agenda so Senators have more time to review it and prepare for the upcoming meeting.
  - iv. Veterans senator
    - President Bustos and Speaker Allen will be contacting SVO and try to attend one of their meetings to provide advice on how to appoint the Veterans Senator. They hope to come to an agreement with SVO regarding the person fulfilling the position so Veterans have representation in the Senate.
- x. Senator Reports**
- i. **Freshman Senators**
    - i. First Year Council Report (FYC)
      - FYC had meeting on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:45-6 PM.
      - FYC is planning to host an open forum next month for freshman on November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:30 PM. Location: TBD. Chief Justice Richardson is working with them.
      - Projects FYC Members are working on consist of PR, SGA TV, SGA Youtube channel, Islander Mural (working on logistics and design), attempt to negotiate catering contract.
    - ii. **College of Liberal Arts**
      - i. Dean Meeting Report



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- Senators met with their Dean on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 PM.
- Want to host an open forum within their college and are working on survey to gauge students to see if they would be interested and suggested topics to cover at the open forum.
- Scholarships pertaining to the College of Liberal Arts weren't easily accessible to students. An updated list of scholarships will be completed by next semester and will work on making it make more accessible to students.
- Issue of accessing textbooks through the University Bookstore. The bookstore did not have them in stock and students were put on a waiting list, brought the wrong textbook and affordability of price.
  - iii. *College of Graduate Studies (Reported 9/20/17)*
  - iv. *College of Nursing and Health Sciences*
  - v. *College of Business*
  - vi. *Athletics Senator*
  - vii. *Disabilities Senator*
  - viii. *College of Science & Engineering (reported 9/20/17)*
  - ix. *Veterans Senator*

## **xi. Committee Reports**

- i. Environmental Affairs
  - i. Triple Stream Waste Bins
- Ana is considering getting Triple stream waste bins for UC. The bins will be used for recycling, land fill, and compost. The bins can be personalized with school logo or other signage.
- ii. Composting Program Expansion
  - Islander Green Team is currently collecting organic pre-consumer food waste from the Dining Hall, UC Cove, and Starbucks.
- iii. Sustainability Office
  - The Environmental Council will provide funding for expansion of the compost program but the expansion will require more work from volunteers to collect and process food waste for compost.

## **xii. Old Business**

## **xiii. New Business**

## **xiv. Advisor's Report**

## **xv. Treasurer's Report**

- Payroll benefits in the amount of \$1.04 and Student Wages in the amount of \$144.92 hit the account.

## **xvi. Open Forum**

- i. Midterm Act
  - Senator Gilson mentioned from her conversation with the Speaker of Faculty Senate, Dr. Frank Spaniol, that he will be moving forward with the Midterm Act.
  - President Davis mentioned how she and President Bustos will be meeting with Kevin Houlihan to discuss the details.
- ii. Spirits & Traditions
  - Committee will be meeting next week on Tuesday & Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 PM in UC Seahorse 310.
  - Volleyball game on Thursday, September 28th @ 6:30PM vs. Nicholls in the Dugan Wellness Center.
  - Soccer game on Friday, September 29th @ 7:30PM vs. Southeastern Louisiana at the Soccer and Track Field Stadium.



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- Volleyball game on Saturday, September 30th @ 1PM vs. McNeese in the Dugan Wellness Center
- Soccer game on Sunday, October 1st @ 1PM vs. Nicholls at the Soccer and Track Field Stadium.

**xvii. Announcements**

- i. Fall Town Hall Meeting is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. 12PM-2PM
- ii. Meeting with Dr. Quintanilla October 20th 11AM-12PM

**xviii. Final Roll Call:** Justin Bustos, Friederike Davis, Connar Allen, Alexis Richardson, Joyce Paez, Allen Graham, Kayla Weeks, Alexis Gordon, Alexandra Phongsavone, Richard Torres, Clayton Swift, Esmerald Rodriguez, Kirk Jorgenson, Arturo Burgueno, Haylee Haire, Andrea Gilson, Olumide Adeoye, Jacquelyn Lara, Kristin Strittmatter, Katie Seabolt, Dr. Lisa Perez and Dr. Don Albrecht.

**xix. Adjournment 1:48 PM**