

# Student Government Meeting Minutes

April 11th, 2018

## Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Lorine, Senator Bush, Senator Adkison, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Vicklund, Senator Aguilar, Senator Syed, Senator Marin, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Garcia, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator White, Senator Albiso, Senator Chang

## Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

## Clause 3: Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Minutes from April 9th, 2018

*Motion to approve the Minutes; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to Clause Six before Clause Four and Clause Five with the exception of Representative and Senator Speaking Times for Clause Four; Motion Passes*

## Clause 6: New Business

### **I. Appointment of Andrew Bahlmann to TPAC**

- Managed traffic in the city of Lubbock, Texas
- Was previously part of the Committee last year, hoping to be reappointed
- Part of the Transportation and Parking Organization
- Hopes to limit the amount of parking lot growth until a better parking solution can be found
- Trying to implement transit fee

*Motion to extend speaking time by 1 minute and 30 seconds; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Andrew Bahlman to TPAC ; Appointment Passes ; 28 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining*

### **II. Appointment of Reed Fryar to TPAC**

- Served on TPAC previously, looking to be reappointed
- Enjoyed working on the committee and has a good understanding of the ins and outs of the committee
- Main concern they want to tackle is regarding the increasing permit costs for faculty and staff
- Looking into implementing zoned parking and the North South connecting shuttle

*Motion to extend speaking time by 1 minute and 30 seconds; Motion Passes*

*Motion to extend speaking time by 1 minute and 30 seconds; Motion Fails*

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Reed Fryar to TPAC ; Appointment Passes ; 29 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining*

### **III. Appointment of Sarah Durham to TPAC**

- As a commuter, has experience with the difficulties of parking and the need for reform with the current system of such
- Strong connection with the commuter crowd
- While not having experience with TPAC, believes that they can present initiatives that will ultimately benefit commuters

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Sarah Durham to TPAC ; Appointment Passes ; 20 for, 6 against, 0 abstaining*

#### **IV. Appointment of Elliot Kauffman to TPAC**

- Has previously worked closely with TPAC in order to be a voice for commuters
- Was previously involved in SGA
- Was Chair of the Committee and was more recently Vice Chair, so has a great understanding as to how the committee works
- Working hard towards implementation of zoned parking

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Elliot Kauffman to TPAC ; Appointment Passes ; 20 for, 6 against, 0 abstaining*

#### **V. Appointment of Tala Odat to Solicitor General Position**

- Political Science Major with minor in Law Values and Policy
- Unbiased stance when dealing with conflicts
- Wants to implement workshops so that senators have a better understanding of procedure
- Good understanding of the SGA constitution

*Motion for a 3 minute moderated caucus with 30 second speaking time; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Tala Odat to Solicitor General Position ; Appointment Passes ; 28 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining*

#### **VI. Appointment of Hannah Ajrami to Academic Affairs Committee**

- Extremely passionate about Academic Affairs and already has initiatives planned out that they want to implement
- Wants to prioritize Scholarships and the advertising of such

*Motion for a 3 minute moderated caucus with 30 second speaking time; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Hannah Ajrami to the Academic Affairs Committee ; Appointment Passes ; 28 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining*

#### **VII. Appointment of Cassandra Butcher to Graduate and Professional Students Committee**

- Ideally would like to reach out to more Graduate Students to help them out with their problems
- Plans on creating more dialogue with Graduate Students
- Implementation of a more flexible schedule for aforementioned students

*Motion for a 3 minute moderated caucus with 30 second speaking time; Motion Fails*

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Cassandra Butcher to the Graduate and Professional Students Committee ; Appointment Passes ; 29 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining*

#### **VIII. Appointment of Devon Bush to Internal Affairs Committee**

- Was in Academic Affairs committee last semester
- Hoping to be able to clarify bylaws and to simplify Robert's Rules so that it will be easier for senators to follow
- Worked closely with individuals in IA previously and as such already has a background with the committee
- Wrote the constitution in Student Council at the College of Architecture
- Open to suggestions regarding initiatives and changes

*Motion to extend Question Answer time by 3 minutes; Motion Passes*

*Motion for a 2 minute 30 second moderated caucus with 30 second speaking time; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to the previous question: Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Devon Bush to the Internal Affairs Committee ; Appointment Passes ; 27 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining*

#### **IX. Appointment of Kim-Briana Lorine to Student Life Committee**

- Has served in SGA since freshman year
- Has had extensive leadership experience
- Ran Mother Language Day Committee and organized everything
- Planning to make Carrell Space 24/7 for officers

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Kim-Briana Lorine to the Student Life Committee ; Appointment Passes ; 27 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining*

#### **X. Appointment of Tomas Bryan to Administration and Finance Committee**

- Currently studying Mathematics applied to Finance
- Wants to refine bylaws to have a clearer understanding as to what the Administration and Finance Committee entails
- Leadership experience through leading other organizations
- Wants to improve upon skybridge
- Focus is on lifestyle improvements for students

*Motion to extend speaking time by 1 minute and 30 seconds; Motion Passes*

*Motion to extend Question Answer time by 1 minute and 30 seconds; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Tomas Bryan to the Administration and Finance Committee ; Appointment Passes ; 19 for, 4 against, 6 abstaining*

#### **XI. Appointment of Erika Jacobs to TPAC**

- RA at CV2
- Wants to get involved with TPAC to establish a direct line of communication between students and parking administration
- Wants to better inform the student body regarding parking policy and procedure
- Better information spreading by use of email and by being forward with students

*Motion to move to previous question; Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Erika Jacobs to TPAC ; Appointment Passes ; 30 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining*

### **Clause 4: Special Reports**

#### **III. Two-minute speeches by the members of the Senate**

*Senator Bush*

- Not much activity currently at the College of Architecture however if anyone needs any help with initiatives or needs to contact, will ultimately be available

*Senator Moiz*

- Meeting with team for CLASS ambassadors
- Implementing more CLASS career fairs hopefully

*Senator Marvel III*

- College of Law very hectic currently due to exam week coming up

*Senator Lorine*

- Need more syllabi
- Looking for people to join IMLD taskforce

*Senator Veeramachaneni*

- Improving relationships with RSOs
- Talking to different leaders in NSM
- Looking into how to get more NSM individuals involved with shadowing in internships, following the example of Cougar Paw
- NSM even upcoming

*Senator Adkison*

- Blaffer Art Museum is posting new works up
- Recital going on at the Moore's School of Music
- Red Block Badge upcoming which is akin to Cat's Back but for art majors

*Senator White*

- College of Technology will officially move in 2019 to the Sugarland Campus
- Technology Annex is going to be torn down and rebuilt so as to accommodate more students

## **Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports**

### **I. Report of the President**

- Recently met with Dr. Khator and discussed ideas for the SGA
- Meeting with administration of Auxiliary Services to discuss student fees and the upcoming shuttles
- Trying to work on current meal plans to fix how overpriced they seem
- Big Involvement Bill, Halaal/Kosher Bill, Election Bill, and Parking Bill upcoming

### **II. Report of the Vice-President**

- Hopefully bringing Dr. Khator to SGA meeting someday soon
- Sending out email to student body about the newly appointed TPAC officials so that student body will know who to contact regarding parking issues

### **III. Report of the Chief of Staff**

- Working towards revamping the Emerging Leaders Program
- Putting senators in contact with the Deans of their respective colleges
- Executive Agenda is in the process of being formed and will be put up on the website once it is completed
- Planning to use Cougar Carnival to recruit people into the Emerging Leaders Program

### **IV. Report of the Speaker**

- Working on Standing Rules
- Working on Graduate School initiative, planning to get a career fair going so that the student body can learn about the graduate programs available to them here
- Will be sending out emails with the upcoming agendas attached either every Monday or Tuesday

### **V. Report of the Director of External Affairs**

- Currently focused on filling up all open staff positions, will be done by Friday
- Will start finishing initiatives after the first tabling event on April 19th
- Planning to continue tabling events every Thursday until October 4th (after the first tabling event on April 19th)

### **VI. Report of the Director of Public Relations**

- Officially hired everyone this morning
- If anyone has any ideas, feel free to notify
- Event on the 12th, feel free to sign up to help if you haven't already

#### **VII. Report of the Attorney General**

- Trying to fill up staff positions, if you know anyone that is interested, notify them that positions are open
- DOJ wants to do informational classes for the Senate and student body regarding bylaws
- Planning to sit in all the following IA meetings to get a better grasp on the bylaws present and how they are being changed and/or enforced

#### **VIII. Report of the Associate Director of Outreach**

- About to finish hiring everyone for the office
- Weekly meetings starting next and every following Thursday at 4 PM
- Officially setting up email
- If anyone needs help with something that this department could help with, notify us

### **Clause 7: Closing Remarks**

#### **I. Comments and Announcements from Officers**

##### *Senator Bush*

- If anyone is interested in the Internal Affairs Committee, I will be free after the meeting for questions

##### *Senator Lorine*

- Will be present after meeting for anyone having questions regarding the Student Life Committee

##### *President Barrett*

- For the following meetings keep in mind to speak up and even motion for a caucus if you really have an issue with an appointment or bill, don't just concede for the sake of finishing faster

##### *Chief of Staff: Alridge*

- Trying to schedule appointments between the senators and Deans, working out any issues that may be present with this

##### *Speaker Trinh*

- Try to refrain from using social media during the meetings, there are students inside of the meeting as well and them seeing their senators not paying attention and using said outlets can cause issues

#### **II. Open Forum**

##### *Caldwell*

- Be careful about what you say on social media as it can easily loop back around
- Mental Health is extremely important so be careful as to how you are approaching a situation, don't be rude
- Administration sometimes sit inside the SGA meetings, so keep an eye on your mannerisms

##### *Perez*

- When the transit fee eventually comes up in the SGA meeting keep in mind what you are voting for and how that will affect students, make sure to ask the student body if this is what they really want

### **III. Closing Call of the Roll**

- *Present: Senator Lorine, Senator Harricharran, Senator Butcher, Senator Bush, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Seemani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel III, Senator Aguilar, Senator Syed, Senator Marin, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Garcia, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator White, Senator Albiso, Senator Chang*