San Antonio Higher Education Representative Assembly

November 18th, 2013

Minutes

I. Call To Order

Members Present: Our Lady of the Lake University, The University of Texas at San Antonio, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio College, St. Phillip’s College

Members Absent: Trinity University, St. Mary’s University,

II. Chairman’s Report

a. UTSA sent a representative to St. Phillip’s Homecoming Week Ball. The reason for the council is to support one another so this was a great start.

b. The Facebook group is now live. Please use this group for discussions and to promote your institution’s events.

c. We are constantly updating email list, so please let me know if you do not get our emails. If you would like anything added to minutes, be sure to let Jerome Scott, (Jerome.ScottSGA@gmail.com) know.

d. Every university in San Antonio with a Student Government Association has been contacted. We are awaiting response from TAMU-SA. It was identified that two other schools, Northeast Lakeview and Northwest Vista, have representative assemblies. Andrew Hubbard of San Antonio College volunteered to reach out to these institutions.

e. We will wait to ratify the Constitution until we have a majority of the institutions in San Antonio present.

f. National Voter Registration Day was September 24; the gubernatorial election is coming up on November 4, so we should set this up as our piece de resistance for the Fall

   i. Remember that we will need to get deputized
   ii. And, you will need to register your university as a contributing partner / http://www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org/signup
   iii. We can go over logistics in Open Discussion

III. Representative Reports

a. University of the Incarnate Word

   i. Parking motion passed through administration. Each student is allowed one forgiven parking ticket for an academic year.

   ii. The Golden Harvest was well run and received many compliments. Less cans were received due to shift in the location. This year, volunteers weren’t able to knock on doors. UIW is currently working towards
building trust with members of the community where the harvest will be held.

iii. Working towards pushing Student Legacy Fund, a $45-a-semester increase in the student service fee that will be used to improve outdated facilities and increase student ownership in UIW.

iv. Working towards improving school spirit by creating the hashtag #FillTheNest to promote the upcoming football game.

b. Our Lady of the Lake University
   i. Working towards extending the library hours for the first floor computer lab to be 24 hours. The computer lab currently closes at 24 hours due to security reasons.
   ii. Ducks will serve as the new mascot for Our Lady of the Lake.
   iii. Institution as well as Student Government is going through a change in leadership as the organization is currently seeking a new Vice President.

c. San Antonio College
   i. The Alamo Colleges’ Student District Council is council comprised of all the institutions within Alamo Colleges. The follow topics were discussed.
      1. A vote will be hosted in February concerning an increase in student fees from $1 per credit hour to $2 per credit hour.
      2. The institutions would like to have a Student Trustee to serve on the Board of Trustees. If passes, Alamo Colleges would be the first community college district with a Student Trustee to serve on the Board.
   ii. San Antonio College’s Student Government Association is in the process of redesigning survey techniques to passing out food from different parts of campus to gain more student input.

d. St. Mary’s University
   i. Absent

e. St. Phillip’s College
   i. Met with faculty and students to put together a plan for the campus’s future fitness center.
   ii. Recently had annual luncheon to build relationship with the students
   iii. Preparing the Southwest Campus Representative to become the Vice President of campuses

f. Texas A&M – San Antonio
   i. Absent

g. Trinity University
   i. Absent

h. UTSA
   i. Working towards making internal improvement for the organization. Have been held under the same constitution for 8 years. The executive officers will be coming together to redesign the constitution
ii. Discussing the Student referenda process with the other University of Texas institutions. Currently, if the SGA is working towards a concern, the process is to go from the students, to the President, to the Board of Regents. The Board would like to review any legislation before it goes to the students.

iii. The organization will be having our final SGA event for the semester which is the Scantron Giveaway. UIW mentioned that they will also be hosting an event, Waffle Mania, in the upcoming weeks where ornaments can be decorated and students can enjoy waffles.

IV. Committee Reports
   a. No committees or special projects have been formed

V. Open Discussion
   a. National Voter Registration Drive Ideas for next Fall. The event would be a co-sponsored voter registration or voter education drive to tie into San Antonio’s main problem of being the worst in the nation in voter turnout. The project could be our first potential project that would span the city

   b. What are some of your greatest strengths as an organization and what might be holding you back from being even greater?

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<td>Support from faculty, staff, and other organizations</td>
<td>Low number of members. In the past, there was a low interest in SGA</td>
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<td>University of the Incarnate Word</td>
<td>The team is unified.</td>
<td>Participation from student organizations could be higher</td>
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<td>Strong relationship with other organizations</td>
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<td>Trusting officers to handle tasks</td>
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VI. Old Business

VII. New Business
a. Be prepared for next meeting: What do you feel is most holding you back (external or internal)?

VIII. Announcements / Upcoming Events
   a. Next Meeting will be at Trinity University on December 2nd. Please check your email for more details
   b. UIW- Waffle Mania will be on November 24th from 6-8pm
   c. OLLU- Time Capsule was recently opened. The time capsule had been planted in 1986. Another time capsule will be placed on March 4th.
   d. SAC- Play of “The Boys Next Door” will be held in the McAllister Auditorium.

IX. Adjournment