San Antonio Higher Education Representative Assembly

February 16th, 2016

AGENDA

I. Call To Order – 8:11 PM
Members Absent:

II. Chairman’s Report
a. Letters were received by every city councilman and the Mayor.
b. Governance Council Committee meeting tomorrow at 1pm in the Media Room. Ron will be bringing up SAHERA and the creation of it as a city commission.
c. Thinking about inviting him to the next meeting of March, thoughts?
d. San Antonio press release did not include Alamo Colleges.

III. Representative Reports
a. Our Lady of the Lake University
   i. Not Present
b. San Antonio College
   i. Charity Ball was very successful
      1. Monetary Donation was better than expected
      2. Upcoming Monday IT’s, Early colleges, and San Antonio university presidents, along with employers attended
      3. Pizza with the President (form)
      4. Upcoming grant for new veteran’s center will be presented soon.
c. St. Mary’s University
   i. Added ad-hoc committees
   ii. New elections coming soon (more traction)
   iii. Constitutional committee created to improve SGA constitutions
   iv. Outreach to organization (LeaderFund)
   v. Sending members to UT- Austin and more to Texas State in 2 weeks
   vi. University Advancement working with SGA to send thank you letters to Alumni & donors (hoping to reach 500 by the end of the week)
d. St. Phillips College
   i.
e. Palo Alto College
   i. Today’s meet.com (take concerns from students)
   ii. Rodowdy day
   iii. Participation budget proposal
   iv. Chang out water fountain
   v. Habitat for humanity
   vi. PAC attack up for an award
   vii. Ediquite dinner coming up in March
   viii. Jacob Long attended last General assembly
f. Texas A&M – San Antonio
   i. Just implemented suggestions board.
   ii. Created new Election code for upcoming elections
   iii. Election held during mid-March
   iv. New incoming Freshmen (2500), this led to changes within the constitution (freshmen Council)
   v. New ring ceremony (elephant walk – to reminisce college career)
   vi. New ceremony for students that pass away current and alumni.
   vii. Big Food Drive (goal for this year is 30,000. Last year was 29,000
   viii. Tracy Lawrence coming to play the university (Free event) (Sunday April 24th) Located at Texas A&M - SA
g. Trinity University
   i. Implemented new white board for concerns (topic of the week)
   ii. New SGA president has been inducted
   iii. Senators participated in Exec meetings
   iv. New ad-hoc committees have been created
   v. University common application so that students can apply for many leadership positons
   vi. Topic of the week (B-Cycle) 2016 is the date
   vii. University president will be inaugurated this upcoming Saturday (Senators and Alumni will be in attendance)
h. University of the Incarnate Word
   i. Not present
i. University of Texas at San Antonio
   i. SHAC (Student Health Advocacy Committee) is in the process of being created.
   ii. Latino Voter summit postponed until February 26th (1- 4PM) these times are subject to change
   iii. Early Voting site on campus
   iv. University Life Award (Thursday April 7th)
   v. Huge university flags placed on campus to be seen from afar
vi. Volunteer opportunities  
vii. High school conference (to teach upcoming freshmen about SGA and college life)  
viii. Forming Athletic Standing Committee  
ine. Increase student participation among the community

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

V. Open Discussion  
a. Summit for Alamo Colleges April 30th or May 7th

VI. Old Business  
a. No Old Business

VII. New Business  
a. Revision of Constitution  
i. Article I:  
1. Organizational name Changes: “Council” to “Assembly”.  

ii. Article II.  
1. Section 1 Changes: act as an advisory body to City Council to San Antonio  
2. Section 2 Changes: it is not the purpose of the assembly for one member to extend their influence or personal matters under the purview of another member of the Assembly

iii. Article III  
1. Section 1 Changes: Deleted completely  
2. Section 2 moves up to 1 and 3 up to 2  
3. Section 2 Changes: change university to institution. Add “or the city”  
4. Section 2 Changes: “speak for the membership of SAHERA”

iv. Article IV  
1. Section 1 Changes:  
   a. Title goes from voting members to members;  
   b. The representatives will be the Student Body President and other appointments made by the president from each institution;  
   c. Delete last sentence  
2. Section 1 Number 4 is deleted
3. Section 1 Number 4 Changes: delete “share”
4. Section 1 now has 3 sections to it instead of 4

v. Article V.
1. Section 1 Changes:
   a. Nominations for all officer positions may take place at the meeting in which the elections take place
2. Section 2 Changes:
   a. Delete second to last sentence of the paragraph
   b. Change chairman to Chairperson
3. Section 3 Changes:
   a. Delete second sentence
   b. Edit to: The secretary shall be elected in a procedure similar to the chairperson and vice chairperson, and must be from a different member institution than the chairperson and vice chairperson. In the event that there is no interest of a third institution in the position, the secretary may come from the same Institution as either the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson. In the event of a vacancy in this position, the chairperson may temporarily appoint someone to fill the position until another election can take place.

vi. Article VI
1. Section 1 Changes:
   a. Add Number 7: appoint ad-hoc committee chairs
2. Section 2 Changes:
   a. Add number 6: Oversee and advise ad-hoc committee chairs
3. Section 3 Changes:
   a. Delete second sentence
   b. Edit Number 1: Record minutes and distribute them to all council members and other relevant individuals once approved by the assembly at the following meeting.

vii. Article VII:
1. Section 1 Changes:
   a. Edit number 2 there are to be at least four (4) general meetings held each year
   b. Edit number 4: Quorum will be defined as “50%” +1 of member institutions
2. Section 3 Changes:
   a. Committees are to be made through a motion and approval by a simple majority of the council
b. Add number 1: Chairs of the ad-hoc committees shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Assembly

c. Add objective on number 3

viii. Article VIII
1. Edit number 3 to …sponsored by at least one (1)
2. Delete number 1
3. Add an s to follow at the beginning of Article VIII

ix. Article IX
1. This article is added to Dismissal
   a. Section 1 added: Removal of a Representative, or Officer
      i. Any member of the assembly may be removed for cause, these causes include:
         1. Neglect of duties
         2. Unethical behavior
         3. Breach of the SAHERA constitutions or by-laws
   b. Section 2 added: Removal of an institution
      i. Any member institution of the assembly may be removed for cause, these causes include:
         1. No longer being accredited by appropriate body
         2. No longer being located within the City of San Antonio
   c. Section 3 added: Procedure for Removal
      i. The Procedure for removal shall be as follows:
         1. An issue with a specific member shall be brought before the Assembly, and the member in question shall be given a reasonable opportunity to rectify the issue before a vote to remove them can take place.
         2. The Assembly will determine at the time the issue is raised what constitutes a reasonable opportunity for the specific issue
         3. A 2/3 vote of the Assembly will take place following the opportunity to remove the member

x. Article X
1. This article is now the Enactment Clause
   a. Change university to institutions

b. Strategy Plan
i. Pilars
ii. Short-term plans
iii. Long-term plans

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment- 11:12pm