San Antonio Higher Education Representative Assembly
August 2nd, 2016 – Alamo Colleges District Offices

AGENDA

I. Call To Order – 8:46 PM
   a. Attendees:
      i. Quintin Longoria – San Antonio College – qlongoria@live.com
      ii. Jamilyn Keeton – San Antonio College/ UTSA – jamialise@gmail.com
      iii. Luis Zaragoza – St. Mary’s University – Lzaragoza1@mail.stmarytx.edu
      iv. Trevor Mason – University of Incarnate Word – tamason@student.uiwtx.edu
      v. Olympia Cuellar – University of Incarnate Word – ocullar@student.uiwtx.edu
      vi. Chris Robinson – Our Lady of the Lake University – crobinson@ollusa.edu
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      viii. Alyssa Pope – MOVE SA – alyssa@movesanantonio.org
      ix. Brian Harrin – Texas A&M University – bribritx@gmail.com
      x. David Flores Sr. – Texas A&M University – Davidf2011@gmail.com
      xi. Erick De Luna – Texas A&M University – deluna23@gmail.com
      xii. Alexandra Luna – Palo Alto College – aluna195@student.alamo.edu
      xiii. Marissa Narvaez – Palo Alto College – mnarvaez20@alamo.edu
      xiv. Adriana Alvarez – Palo Alto College – aalvarez200@student.alamo.edu
      xv. Alexandria Alvarado – Palo Alto College - aalvarado271@student.alamo.edu
      xvi. Emmanuel Nyong – Palo Alto College – enyong@student.alamo.edu
      xvii. Chris Garcia – Trinity University – cgarcia9@trinity.edu
      xviii. Harley Williams – San Antonio College – Hwilliams55@student.alamo.edu
      xix. William Trynoski – University of Texas at San Antonio – William.TrynoskiSGA@gmail.com
      xx. Mariah Crippen – University of Texas at San Antonio – Mariah.crippensga@gmail.com
      xxi. Rebecca Conejo – University of Texas at San Antonio – Rebecca.conejosga@gmail.com

II. Approval of the Minutes
   a. A vote was not taken to approve minutes.

III. Chairman’s Report
a. Presentation on the National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) by MOVE San Antonio
   i. Goal is to get as many students as we can to get registered to vote
      1. MOVE San Antonio is a non-partisan organization created to engage young people to vote
      2. MOVE wants to help partner with and organize NVRD with one on one conversations to benefit each campus
   ii. NVRD – September 22nd, 2016
      1. Each president of each college needs to appoint a NVRD director (Make sure they are accountable and able to attend meetings)
      2. Each college should put aside funds for the day
      3. NVRD person will be in charge of telling MOVE what they need for the day
         a. Be in charge of volunteers
         b. Available for most of the event
         c. Meet with UTSA Vice President Frankie Trynoski
         d. Understand the entire Voter Registration Process
         e. Doesn’t need experience
         f. Aids campus plans (you know the campus best)
         g. Ensuring Voter Registration forms and turning them in
         h. Go to MOVE and get deputization training
      4. First meeting is August 15-22
b. The Incorporation of SAHERA
   i. Progress of becoming a City Committee
      1. Challenges to becoming a City Committee
         a. Go to the sunset committee to ask to become a committee and assign a city liaison
            i. Chances of becoming a City Committee are slim because there is an overflow of City Committees looking to be cut
         b. Not a lot of support
            i. Concerns from the city because they don’t have a lot of jurisdiction with Higher Education
         c. Represent a large number of people who are not residents of San Antonio
            i. Anyone elected into SAHERA needs to be a resident
   ii. Alternatives
1. UTSA SGA President Andrew Hubbard to meet with Dr. Ric Baser College President of NVC to see if there is a partnership that could happen
2. Non-profit organization

IV. Representative Reports
   a. Northwest Vista College
      i. Not present
   b. Our Lady of the Lake University
      i. Trying to tear down a building that is not used but it is being fought to be a historical landing which pause plans
      ii. Trying to improve student involvement by making a Wings Up scholarship to find their schools identity
      iii. Work with all colleges to get together to come up with a spring event where SGA of all colleges comes together to create a budget
   c. Palo Alto College
      i. Hosing new student orientation bumping
      ii. Opening a share center, clothes drive to help students with business attire
      iii. Opening a health center on campus to open before school starts
   d. San Antonio College
      i. Hiring new vice president for student success, selected in for student services, working on college services
      ii. Working on a memorial garden or bench for student/faculty who have passed away
      iii. First convocation for students
      iv. Creating a veteran’s services
   e. St. Mary’s University
      i. Held interviews for executives, VP of internal affairs and VP of finance have been selected
      ii. Reviewing the constitution
      iii. Hosting an event called Rock the Vote
   f. St. Phillip’s College
      i. Not present
   g. Texas A&M – San Antonio
      i. Downward expansion, 50 new applicants to SGA, 750 new students
      ii. Hosting Rock the Vote
      iii. Thinking of an SGA retreat
   h. Trinity University
      i. Getting ready for the welcome back concert
      ii. Retreat coming up
iii. Bell Center (REC Center) being renovated by Fall 2017
iv. Political debate with professors and partisan groups with students, hosting an open discussion and hoping to engage students to vote in November
i. University of Texas at San Antonio
   i. Having orientation, trying register incoming freshman to vote and getting them excited about SGA
   ii. Working with MOVE for NVRD, planning class visits
   iii. Concealed carry went into effect
   iv. Working closely with a member, but looking to have a debate. Topics will be controversial and used to help and educate students keeping it as civil exchange of ideas early November
j. University of the Incarnate Word
   i. New SGA structure, moving from bicameral into a unicameral body
   ii. Renovating the student center
   iii. Recently opened a new campus in Mexico City
   iv. Registered over 200 students to vote
   v. Planning to host a mock presidential vote

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

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business
   a. Creation of the National Voter Registration Day SAHERA Committee
      i. Andrew Hubbard entertained a motion to work with MOVE for National Voter Registration Day
         1. Trevor Mason so moved
         2. Emmanuel Nyong seconded the motion
         3. Voted 7-1, Ayes have it
      ii. Andrew Hubbard entertained a motion to create a subcommittee for National Voter Registration Day
         1. Emmanuel Nyong so moved
         2. Quintin Longoria seconded the motion
         3. Voted 7-1, Ayes have it

VIII. Open Discussion
   a. How do you increase recruitment and retention in your SGA?
      i. Item was tabled.
IX. Announcements
   a. Emails; Chairperson.SAHERA@gmail.com, Secretary.SAHERA@gmail.com

X. Adjournment