1st SESSION OF THE 44th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, April 11th, 2019

I. Call to Order - 5:34 pm Thursday, April 11th, 2019


III. Approval of the Minutes
A. Previous minutes not approved

IV. Invited Guests

V. Hillary Klingman - Director of Operations - Campus Services

VI. Hillary.klingman@utsa.edu

A. UTSA Dining Contract ending July 2020
   i. Hired external company to do a market assessment and gathering of consumer data of dining experience on campus - Fidela Marketing
      ● Interviews with key personnel
      ● Conducted focus groups
      ● Shadowed consumers
   ii. Outcomes
      ● Students want more choices
      ● More hours of operations
      ● Problems with long lines
      ● Wanting more Tex-Mex options
      ● Students eating choices especially driven by current location on campus
      ● Students largely with meal plans, though commuter students may need unique options
      ● Most employees don't know about the employee meal plan
      ● President’s Office likes the catering options
      ● ULTIMATELY students want freshness
         i. May need to hire more certified chefs to achieve this
      ● There seem to be ample promotions on campus
   iii. Signed policy on Scooters coming shortly
   iv. Adding another apartment to shuttle routes
   v. UTSA signed a contract with VIA Metropolitan Transport to bring more accommodations to UTSA Student
   vi. Greenbooks being introduced in place of Bluebooks for their eco-friendly manufacture
   vii. New Snack vendor coming campus, possibly introducing soft-serve ice cream
   viii. New Parking lot being built, expanding residential parking on East Campus
   ix. Beverage Contract also ending shortly after dining
   x. RowdyBook store also may be having a contract end
   xi. UTSA looking to bring in food trucks onto campus
xii. Possibly looking to sell food at Rec Center

xiii. **Carlo Garica** - We have time for 5 questions

xiv. **Dylan Delgado** - When is beverage contract coming to an end?
   - **Hillary Klingman** - August of 2020 tentatively
   - **Dylan Delgado** - Is it looking like UTSA will renew its contract with Aramark?
   - **Hillary Klingman** - Doesn’t work like that. We will need to receive bids from vendors before looking to engage in a contract with them.

xv. **Katherine Rico** - Will you be taking university community feedback into the decision of the beverage contract? Coke is like the Nike of drinks. It is very diverse. Will you take concerns like this into consideration?
   - **Hillary Klingman** - With our current vendors we ask questions about diversity and fair trade practices. These aspects are discussed in the proposal. It is something to consider

xvi. **Salman Sakib** - Have you looked at a statistic regarding the ratio of available spots to number of permits sold? Has this changed over a number of years? Is there a correlation between this ratio and the number of citations issued in improper spots?
   - **Hillary Klingman** - Number of permits sold goes up every year. This is because enrollment goes up. Citation issuance and resulting revenue has gone down. We have moved towards warnings instead of first-time citations. We aim to educate the community on our policy. First time no permit action is a warning. Second time is a citation of $25. However, if you bring us the citation and buy a permit. We reduce the citation to zero. We are aiming to be more student friendly. We have not studied the ratio you have mentioned.

xvii. **Brittany Garcia** - Can you provide an update on the case involving an alleged university contracted company that was brought to the administration due to its nonpractice of fair trade?
   - **Hillary Klingman** - A misunderstanding had occurred. This company has never sold products on university campus. The UT system has a list of vendors that are authorized to sell branded items on UT system campus. This specific company did have authorization and was contracted with the UT System. Companies become authorized to sell on campus when they meet the standards set by the UT system. The UT system evaluates the operations of the company to ensure best practices and fair trade. Though this company was authorized, it was not encouraged by the UT system to move its practices towards alignment with fair trade twice. It did not comply and is thus not being sought for a renewed contract.

xviii. **Andrew Alexander** - You mentioned the shuttles getting servicing a new apartment complex. Will this be a creation of a new route or an adding of a stop to a current route?

VII. **Announcements**

A. Brittany Garica and Aileen Montana
   i. Regarding hail and farewell
   - The stoles are still coming in
   - not a lot of commitment from SGA
   - this will be canceled
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- We are instead going to oyster bake on Saturday as a casual hangout
- new and old SGA members are invited
- Please sign up for Fiesta Shifts, Jack will delegate
- Superlatives are still going to happen

ii. Officer Awards announced by Aileen Montana, presented by Jack Rust
- SGA Service and Dedication plaques issued from new exec to old exec
- Awards Presented to Michael Barbosa, Amber Barbosa, Dylan Delgado, Alex Sexton, Brittany Garcia

VIII. Open Forum
A. none

IX. Advisor Reports
A. Drew Shelnutt
B. Drew.shelnutt@utsa.edu
i. Make your own Fiesta Medal in Alverez Hall with right GA
ii. Please come if you are interested
iii. I’d like to share some words about Brittany Garcia. It should be noted that so much of what she did was behind the scenes. Far more so than any other UTSA SGA president in the past. The student affairs division and UTSA as a whole has been fundamentally shaped by Brittany’s advocacy. She has contributed in incredible ways. As an advisor, I cannot go into too much depth. LT Robinson would not be our Dean of Students had Brittany not advocated on that front. I would like everyone to take away that our goal as SGA should be to improve the university. We should not put too much emphasis on getting our names on things. Please think during the summer what you would like to accomplish for the university starting in the Fall. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

X. Executive Reports
A. President - Jack Rust
B. john.rustsga@gmail.com
i. Shane’s middle name is Silver Griffin. This doesn’t mean too much. Just wanted to share.
ii. My name is Jack Rust, I am your Student Body President, a political science major, I am a junior from Houston Area, in Army ROTC, looking to get into Army Intelligence
iii. I apologize for the messy set up of this first GA. They are not always like this. We have placards
iv. Communication is the best thing you can do to enable great work in this or
v. Expectations of me and you (GA)
   i. Availability
   ii. Accountability
   iii. Flexibility
   iv. Personability
vi. Please, if you would like an appointed position, please reach out so we can connect and have an interview
vii. Let’s get to work

XI. Dodgeball
A. Cynthia Lopez
i. gives speech regarding receiving dodgeball and Jack breaking her ankle
ii. **Carlo Garcia** - dodgeball is the official sport of SGA, it is an award given to outstanding SGA members who are doing great work in the organization

XII. **Director Reports**

**A. Downtown Director**

i. Cynthia Lopez
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iii. Smooth Trial Run downtown recap
iv. Meeting with Hillary regarding that
v. We had a make your own fiesta medal and sash event
vi. Rootbeer Float Event Recap

**B. Sustainability Director**

i. Lucy Schoolfield
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iii. Recycle Mania Recap
iv. UTSA placed 4th in Country and 1st in state among colleges with highest percentage of waste recycled

**C. SHAC Director**

i. Anjali Shah
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iii. **Meeting w/ Sports Medicine Director and Health Services**
   ● Questions regarding insurances
      i. 5 more insurances being accepted in fall
         i. blue cross, blue shield, united, cigna, aetna
         ii. 40% of UTSA students uninsured
         iii. UTSA aims to keep student cost low
         iv. You can apply for $2700 a year insurance through UTSA, extra $250 for dental
     v. Health services opening up downtown
        ● $10 co-pay, where is that going?
        ● Lack of care providers
        ● We should have 16 based on our population
        ● At TXST there is a $9 contraceptive,
           i. probably not going to happen at UTSA
           ii. a concern is that people would take the $9 contraceptive as birth control, it is not healthy for your body. It is for emergencies
           iii. **Gage Martin** - How does Texas state regulate their contraceptive program?
           iv. **Anjali Shah** - that is unclear but we aim to be in contact with them

iv. **Meeting w/ Counseling Services**
   ● Wanting more resources for LGBTQ community
   ● not many people show up to focus groups however

v. **Mental Health Meeting w/ all faculty**
   ● (red folder initiative, training SGA, training faculty)
vi. National Sexual Assault Month in April
   ● teaming up w/ Athletics
   ● look out for events

vii. SAAC Meeting every other Wednesday
   ● gives me insight on their events / issues / etc.

viii. Sports Counselor
   ● already have one but needs to be more known possible sports psychology?

ix. Challenge an athlete event Date TBD

tax. Stress Down Days
   ● Day one: DT campus April 30th 11:30 - 1: 30PM
   ● Day Two: Main Campus - May 1st 3 - 6PM
      i. SGA has a table serving herbal teas and will have aromatherapy lotions
      ii. NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR BOTH EVENTS
      iii. SIGN UP SHEET W/ MINUTES

XIII. Office Hours
   A. Updated next week

XIV. Standing Committee Reports
   A. Business Affairs
      i. Kaitlyn Law
      ii. kaitlyn.lawsga@gmail.com
      iii. Business Affairs Administration Meetings
         ● Another meeting with Dave Riker / Facilities April 29th @ 2 pm
         ● Meeting with Hillary Klingman tomorrow at 2:15
         ● Campus Walkthrough Tuesday the April 16th 8-10 and 23rd 8-10w/ Chief Lewis

iv. Initiative Update
   ● Rental Umbrella Initiative - making our own survey
      i. tabling next week from 10 - 2 to push our survey
   ● Feminine Hygiene Initiatives
      i. Met with Period this morning at 9 am
      ii. aiming to start trial run on Monday
   ● Navigation Act
      i. tabling to push survey 10 - 2
   ● Baby Changing Stations
      i. waiting for planning and development to get back to us
   ● Flag Pole initiative
      i. Bought 8x11 flags, spent about $1200, money from BA committee and Jack’s presidential line item
      ii.
   ● Claudeth Garcia - Did this money come to this administration or last administration?
      i. Jack Rust - Brittany did not use her Presidential line item, I received those funds at utilize. Also, I know these flags sound expensive but they are huge and incredibly durable. It will be an incredible honor for SGA to raise them.
v. Kaitlyn Law - Business Affairs meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays in the Montgomery room

XV. Old Business
A. none

XVI. New Business
A. Internal Affairs Committee Report
   i. Jose Escobedo
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   ● Reading of first paragraph of IA final report (see attached for full report)
   ● Takeaways from Internal Affairs Final Report
   ● Resources
     i. We would recommend delivering to SGA a centralized hub of resources for officers to use, possibly budget reports, legislative templates, and documents of the like
     ii. Anjali Shah - Did you foresee this a website or something of the like?
        i. Jose Escobedo - We did not foresee specific implementations, just broad recommendations. the GA or exec can come up with specific plans with regards to this.
   ● Conduct
     i. perhaps create internal affairs director that would help deter the inception of a hostile environment in SGA
   ● Downtown Campus
     i. While the DT campus was served well by the DT director, we recommend activating DownTown committee to ensure better engagement and representation for DT campus
     ii. Cynthia Lopez - Quick announcement have a small group of students downtown that regularly meets with me to discuss concerns of the school. If you want to learn more about that or get involved you can contact me.
   ● Structure of the Organization
     i. We recommend clearly articulating and educating new members on the rights and responsibilities of student government officers
     ii. Perhaps reconsider seating arrangement
     iii. Reconsider the role of Speaker of the Senate and Vice President
   ● Communication
     i. Education, transparency, and respect for the obligations of different roles. Perhaps incorporate the importance of these concepts at the upcoming summit.

iii. Jose Escobedo - I entertain the motion for the GA to adopt these report recommendations.

iv. Anjali Shah - Did you have recommendations for media of communication like Slack, Groupme, etc?

v. Claudeth Garcia - This seems to be less about the utility of one medium over another and more about what are the best practices to be adopted when communicating with each other
vi. Azfar Budhwani - What will be adopting this document mean?
   ● Jose Escobedo - It means the organization will endorse the report and the respective recommendations.

vii. Dylan Delgado - Adopting doesn’t necessarily mean promising the implementation of every recommendation, right?
   ● Jose Escobedo - Just means you understand and endorse them

B. Claudeth Garica - I motion to adopt this recommendation into this GA
   i. Seconded
   ii. With no discussion, we move into a vote
   iii. Motion so passed by verbal vote

XVII. Takeaways
A. Drew Shelnutt - The first 30 minutes of next GA is a training session for Day at the Capitol, please be there if you are going. If you are interested, in attending DAC please reach out to me. I will provide an excuse note that requests leniency towards your absence in your class.

B. Carlo Garcia - Please adopt the SGA Gmail. We are still using slack as well. Come to Oysterbake for hail and farewell


XIX. Adjournment - 7:24pm