

SGA Senate Meeting

Place: Campus Center Ballroom

Time: 3:00pm -4:00pm

Note Taker: Penelope Cruz

Meeting called to order by: Vice-President Edward Tully

Date: January 28, 2013

Minute Writer: Maria Cervantes

Members Present:

- Vice-President Edward Tully
- Senator Aleyca de Leon
- Senator Penelope Cruz
- Senator Elvis Batista
- Senator Angiulina Magdalena
- Senator Lisa Millstein
- Senator Peter Saenz
- Guest Dr. Corti
- Advisor Eunice Ro

Late:

- Senator Michelle Gonzalez
- Senator Josue Sencion
- Senator Larry Chow
- Senator Laura Urena
- Secretary Maria Cervantes

Excused from Meeting:

- Senator Josh Biebling
- Senator Vianna Reyes

Approval of Minutes: motioned by Lisa Millstein, Unanimous

Approval of Agenda: motioned by Aleyca de Leon, Unanimous

Senate Leader Election: Vianna Reyes got 2 votes, and Elvis Batista is the new leader with 5 votes.

Training for Clubs Procedures: SGA members will be trained by Alicia Femoyer on February 4th.

Promotional Polo-Shirts: Senator Penelope Cruz is in charge of printing the invoice out and vice president Edward Tully is going to order them.

Meetings Promotion: In order for clubs to know about SGA’s weekly meetings, secretary Maria Cervantes will send an email to the clubs’ secretaries with an invitation with date, time, and place.

The Government Operations Board/Committee: Senator Elvis Batista proposed the implementation of a new committee. This is his proposal’s first draft:

Legal definition of Judge/Justice:

A public official chosen or elected:

- To make a decision or reach a conclusion after examining all the factual evidence *presented*;
- To form an opinion after evaluating the facts and applying the law

Section V: Duties of the Student Senate

d. Shall have the power to establish boards and committees to aid in legislative processes.

Creation of the Government Operations Board/Committee

The Government Operations Board/Committee shall be a unit of the Student Senate, established:

- To facilitate and oversee the internal operations of the Student Government Association
- Shall be responsible for enforcing all Student Government Association Bylaws
- Shall have the power to meet with and discuss the fulfillment of duties of all Student Government Association officials, such as but not limited to:
 - o Evaluating the nature of absences
 - o Supervising the fulfillment of the office hours
 - o Conducting investigations regarding the impeachment of SGA officials
- The Government Operations Board/Committee shall affect liaison with the Judicial Branch and the Board of Elections, by:
 - o Suggesting actions to be taken to the Executive Committee (in the case of an executive member) or to the Senate (in the case of a senator) against SGA

SGA Retreat: It will take place on February 21 from 10am to 4pm; the place is yet to be determined. In this retreat SGA members will know one another better, learn skills to work as an effective team to accomplish more tasks, and learn about Robert Rules of Order to properly conduct their weekly meetings.

Students Feedback: SGA will host a meeting for all students on February 18th at 3pm to get feedback from them about the new fees for students.(Recreational, Technology, and Activity).

Issues around Campus: Over the winter break Vice-president Edward Tully recorded a list of issues that students feel that Student Government should address. The main problems are the following:

- Declining dollars from 150 to 250
- Dining hall hours during the weekend
- Bring Teddys back
- Shuttle bus from school to train station
- Library and dorms updated furniture
- Sidewalk in lawn by Orchard
- Improve homecoming (more targeted to students)
- Update game room
- Cheaper prices in campus dining hall and store