



Senate Meeting
January 20, 2021
Pride @ 6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order-6:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - Senator Carlee-Present
 - Senator Drake-Present
 - Senator Ford- Absent
 - Senator Hays-Excused
 - Senator Plunkett- Excused
 - Senator Standbridge-Present
 - Vice President Cooper-Present
 - Vice President Rios-Present
 - President Williams-President
- III. Approval of the Minutes- Carlee moves to approve, 2nded by VP Cooper, no objections
- IV. Approval of the Agenda- Carlee moves to approve, 2nded by VP Cooper
- V. Open General Student Input-No Students.
- VI. Guest Speaker
 - A. Cynthia Rios- Cynthia wanted to come introduce herself since she is the new Assistant Director of IEL (Intercultural Engagement and Leadership) office. She is working more towards the social justice component of the office. Cynthia was both an undergraduate and graduate student here at Texas A&M University-Commerce. She graduated in May 2020 with Masters in Higher Education and an undergraduate in Public Relations. Some new programs include Lion Peer Educator-increase workshops/trainings for faculty, staff, and students. There was already an “UndocuALLY training” that was already presented to the RA’s on campus and the CAB members. Another program is “Leadership without Limits” which will be revamped to fit the social justice component. Applications come out in March/April for juniors and seniors.
 - a) Question: On SGA, we recently added a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee, is there anything they should tackle?

(1) They can schedule a meeting with our office to see which initiatives we can help them conquer.

b) Question: Are you in the office all week?

(1) Yes, Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5:00 p.m. Please sign in at the front desk.

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. President: Jasmine Williams- More information about bonding night to come (what days are y'all available). Please think about ideas for both a poster and brochure for SGA to use at tabling events such as Mane Street.
- B. VP/Senate Chair: Peter R. - Please let him know if you have anything to add the agenda. He usually sends them out on Tuesday.
- C. VP/Senate Affairs: Jaelyn Cooper- Hope all committees are starting their projects.

VIII. Advisor Report

- A. Jeremy Sippel- First, I want to start with something a little different. I was watching the inauguration today and there were many great moments and performances. If you have the opportunity to listen to Amanda Gorman or check out her poetry please do, her words are very inspiring. I think part of her poem today really hits on what SGA stands for and strives to accomplish. "We close the divide because we know, to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside. We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another. We seek harm to none and harmony for all." It continues, "If we're to live up to our own time, then victory won't lie in the blade, but in all the bridges we've made." Reach out to students, keep engaging students, and keep building bridges with departments and students. Next, please send me your availability for 1 on 1s this semester. These will need to be scheduled by end of next week.

IX. Old Business- No Old Business.

X. New Business

- A. New Senator Application- Noah Garcia
 - 1. He definitely wants to see change on campus, and would make a great fit.
 - 2. He would be a go- getter if elected.
 - 3. He is very personable which would help when it comes to tabling events.
 - 4. He is very motivated-very eager to get started.
 - 5. If we were to go fully virtual, we would be able to use his ideas.



6. He has a drive which is unique to see at a young age.

a) Vote passes 4-0-0.

XI. Officer Reports

A. Secretary- Have a good semester.

XII. Announcements-

XIII. Adjournment- Moved by Senator Carlee to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. seconded by VP Cooper.