

**COLLEGE STUDENT COMMISSION
MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING
(Friday, April 16, 2021)**

The College Student Commission convened in a regular meeting on *Friday, April 16, 2021* virtually in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jared called the Board Meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jared D. Breckenridge, Jessica Riley, Brandow Barrows, Jeffrey Clemmons, Cristobal Garcia-Quiroz, Kindle Kreis, Kristen Marx, Bryan Nya, and Lira Ramirez

Staff in Attendance: Staff Liaison David Alcorta

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 4/16/2021 were approved on Board Member Kristen's motion, Board Member Jessica second on a unanimous vote (8-0-0).

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. There was a Food Insecurity working group update to inform of next steps getting on the council agenda for Recommendation #20210122-3b.
- b. There was an 87th Texas Legislation update on how they are working on laws regarding open-carry of guns on college campuses.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There was a suggestion from David Alcorta for the commission to fill out the form for Recommendation #20210122-3b to get on the agenda in the near future.
 - i. There was a motion by Co-chair Jessica, seconded by Board Member Lira, to change the wording of the working group's description to: "City of Austin Food Insecurity Grant Program intended to fund initiatives and programs aimed at assisting food-insecure students across college campuses in Austin."
 - ii. The motion to reword the description of Recommendation #20210122-3b by Board Member Lira's motion, Board member Brandon second on a unanimous vote (8-0-0).
- b. There was an update from Board Member Jeffery and Co-chair Jessica on the Transition working group and has discussed writing out the history of the commission for that section of the handbook.
 - i. Staff Liaison David will ask Ms. Eugene for a description of the history of the commission.
 - ii. There was a discussion on new committee members filling graduating senior's seats and how each school's respected advisor was handling the situation.
- c. Discussion of possible action of the commission to act on all universities' policies on guns.
 - i. St. Edward's University received text alerts of an armed intruder on campus April 10th, 2021. No students were harmed and the situation was resolved off campus by the police. The university has an app called Topper Safe.
 - ii. All other universities have the resources to receive text message alerts.

- iii. Natalie Cox, a student at Huston-Tillotson, was lost to gun violence off campus a few weeks ago.
- iv. Several UT students and their families were lost to gun violence a few weeks ago. UT allows concealed carry except for entering buildings, except for sororities/fraternities. UT does not have the right to restrict guns from the classrooms.
- v. Chair Jared recommends writing a general letter, on behalf of the commission, to universities giving recommendations on gun policies.
- vi. Concordia also has an app and has a lack of police presence on campus.
- d. College Student Commission Senior student recognition
 - i. There will be a senior recognition ceremony tomorrow, Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Betty Dunkerly Public Health Campus.
- e. Future Agenda Items
 - i. Discussion and possible action on sexual assault on university campuses.
 - ii. Discussion and possible action on what the commission can do about HR1, the federal bill.
 - iii. Discussion and possible action on mental health policies on campus.

4. ADJOURN

Chair *Jared* adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. without objection.