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Senate Meeting #9– April 1st, 2025

Call to Order at 6:03pm

Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Texas Pledge

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

Roll Call: 54 Senators, 5# Executive Board Members

Total: 59

Certify Meeting Minutes 03/25/25

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Chair Coleman

- Second by Chair Castro
- Uni pass.

Officer Reports

A. *Chief of Staff Macias*

- Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 11am-12pm!
- Directors assign office hours that are following by-laws
- Directors now have to sign off on office hours with their name, no more checkboxes!
- All office hours must be put in the sheet by senators by SATURDAY 11:59PM
- Directors and Chairs please sign off on hours by SUNDAY 11:59PM
- President Scott and I are meeting with FSL to discuss the issues that were addressed during the FSL Townhall meeting

Treasurer Hernandez

- Office hours: Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm and Thursdays 3pm-5pm
- Examples of a purchase requests, plaza/room reservation, emails, and the budget can be found on blackboard under the expenditure tab
- BUDGET AS OF APRIL 1st

B. Student affairs: \$817. 74

C. Community affairs: \$1083.66

D. Public Relations: \$829.72

E. Rules and regulations: \$53.22

F. Admin. Discretionary: \$233.07

G. Special Events: \$2845.5

- These Numbers are subject to change we will be having a budget Meeting to discuss the rest of the semester budget.

- o Email: llh033@shsu.edu

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B. *Secretary Salmeron*

- Office Hours: Monday – 9am-10am, Friday – 9am-10am
- Attendance: If you will not be at mandatory events or Senate meetings, please let me know by Tuesday's at 12pm.
- SGA Picnic will be next Friday, if you want to sign up to bring food

items, please fill out this form.

- Green Market promo photoshoot happened this weekend, so thankful for those who participated.

C. Vice President Rojas-Caballero

- Office Hours:
 - Monday- 9:00am-10:30am, 3:15-4:00
- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly on Mondays at 6pm in the SGA office
 - No Legislation!
 - Will meet next Monday at 6pm in the SGA office
- Internal Members: E-board, Directors, and Chairs
 - Begin working on your transition documents!
 - Deadline is April 30th
- Orange tie
 - RSVP Form- Will close **April 8th**
 - No plus ones
 - RSVP QR code is on black board
 - If you are a graduating Senior, please fill out the QR code on black board- Will close **April 20th**
 - If you are graduating and haven't filled out the form, Today is the last day to come talk to me!
 - People who are currently receiving a stole
 - Jared Scott
 - Maria Rojas-Caballero
 - April Huerta Salmeron
 - Liv Hernandez
 - Kaylah Rhone
 - Seth Balfour
 - Morgan Montgomery
 - Ashari Gordan
 - Maleah Murray
 - Connor Brett
 - Clarence Williams
 - Alex Reyna
 - Omari Sandifer

- Jason Chavez
 - Please take RSVP seriously!
 - April 29th, 2025 at 6:00pm- Peabody library
- SGA FEST
 - Little surprise for you all!
- New Senator Orientation
 - 3/28 with President Scott and Director Washington from 3:00pm-4:00pm
 - Dates for the remainder of the semester are now on black board in the “New voted in senators” tab!
 - 4 more for the semester

D. President Scott

- Continue to keep it cute during Election Season
- BAPI IS A MANDATORY EVENT
- Black Excellence and Florecemos 4/28 and 30th respectively in the Orange Ballroom at 6PM
- Speaking Auditions will take on Thursday April 3, 2025.
- BAPI Updates
- TSUS Student Regent Presentation 04/08
- Kat Health Vending Machine Now Open, ribbon cutting coming soon!
- Voting Opens Monday at 8AM
- Student Life Video
- SGA Display Update
- Campus Partner Relationships
- Congrats Bro. Gillespie

Director Reports

- ***Community Affairs – Angela Toscano and Akylia Washington***
 - Thursday @2pm in LSC 321 with Zoom Available
 - Link can be found in Outlook and Black Board :)
 - 15th Annual B.A.P.I
 - Saturday April 12 | 11 Days
 - Site Leader Registration is OVER

- Student Volunteer Registration: April 2 😊
- Email to SGA about what's to come this next week.
- LAST C.A. EVENTS OF THE 2025 YEAR
 - Empower to Prevent Program (Today)
 - Eco-Week collab with Student Affairs (April 10th)
 - Paws & Claws Donation Drive
 - Stress Busters: Tools for a Chill Mind (April 14)
 - Blurred Vision: Alcohol Awareness Challenge (April 23)
 - All About Kids Expo (April 26)
 - Sammy's Sunset (May 1)
- Contact Us: aiw010@shsu.edu | adl080@shsu.edu

- ***Student Affairs - Lily Temple-Dozier and Aly Underwood***

- Tomorrow's meeting is at 4:00pm in LSC 321
- April Student Affairs Meetings:
 - April 2 --> LSC 321
 - April 9 --> LSC 321
 - April 16 --> LSC 321
 - April 23 --> LSC 321
 - Please let us know if you need to join on zoom
- Upcoming Events:
 - Eco-Week - TBD
 - SGA Field Day
 - Saturday April 26th, 2-5pm
 - IM-3
 - Request awaiting Treasurer submission
 - Kickball, Relay Races, Popsicles, Tug of War
 - Namaste with SGA
 - Thursday April 24th, 6:00-6:45pm
 - Free yoga class
 - Gym Three at the Rec Center
 - Study with SGA
 - Thursday May 1st
 - Library
- When submitting office hours or questions please email them to the

BOTH of us.

- Please have them in by 11:59 on Saturday! (As per Chief of staff rules)
- Email: aeu003@shsu.edu lkt009@shsu.edu

Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Adison Trowbridge

- Meetings are Mondays at 3:30PM
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of when it needs to be POSTED. We will only be accepting flyer requests from Internals. Please CC Secretary Salmeron in your emails and include “Flyer Request” in your email subject.
- Office Hours need to be sent to BOTH of us and need to be on time (Friday). Reach out to us if you need an extension!
- Member of the Week will be announced in new business! Make sure you are filling out the form!
- Paws and Claws Donation Drive – April 1st
- Bring Your Own Items (BYO) - April 3rd
- B.A.P.I. Promo – April 1st
- SGA Fest and Ask the Prez recap – April 2nd and April 4th
- Black Excellence - April 11th
- Florecemos – April 11th
- Stress Awareness Tabling – April 14th
- Alcohol Awareness Tabling – April 22nd
- SGA Field Day – April 26th
- Thank you to everyone for helping at SGA Fest
- If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at rlg080@shsu.edu axt158@shsu.edu

D. Rules and Regulations- Krista Henderson

- Meetings at 4:00pm on Thursdays in the SGA Office (LSC 314)
- Please contact Director Schweikhardt or Director Henderson if you have ideas for legislation
 - Email: eps017@shsu.edu and knh090@shsu.edu

E. Director of Council – D’Juan Fontenot & Alyssa Rodriguez

- DATE: 4/1/2025
- 2 vote-ins Kateleen Kent (COSET) and Jason Chavez (COCJ)
- Feel free to ask any questions: ddf028@shsu.edu & amr257@shsu.edu



Director of Caucus/COBA Caucus Chair – Abigail Dittman

- Will be tabling for Student Money Management
- Will be meeting with Dean Self on April 2nd
- Going to the Small Business Breakfast on April 10th
- **Volunteered with J’s House**
- Email: Agd039@shsu.edu

Chair Reports

H.Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Emmy Castro

Tabling with COCJ/ Chair Coleman on April 10th from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm in the CJ building!

STEM week:

- Monday, April 14th- Science tabling in LSC with the COSET departments and Orgs

- Tuesday, April 15th- Fred Pirkle building room 100, informational, bracelet making, Jenga game, and monsters!
- Wednesday, April 16th- Pizza in the STEM center
- Thursday, April 17th- Meet the Deans, Lee Drain

Floreccemos

- Spanish speakers/ translators
- Informational meeting
- Speaking auditions
- Any further questions can be directed to me at enc033@shsu.edu

I. Humanities and Social Sciences – Ashari Gordan

- Scheduling Dean meeting for April, didn't meet in March because of lack of availability
- Survey being reviewed for CHSS
- Working on legislation with R&R about FSL following the town hall
- If you have any ideas or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to email me: ajg128@shsu.edu

J. Arts and Media – Daijion Jackson

- My dean meeting is April 22nd
- Mcomicon is happening April 2nd in the dan rather
- I will be tabling with a few cam senators at the Mcomicon event
- If you have any questions my email is ddj041@shsu.edu

K. Education – Alexis Argueta

- **HISD Board Meeting Visit w/ Director Dittman**
 - HISD's New Education System
 - Got to witness HISD community
 - Got to meet members of the Community Voices for Public Education organization! What a wonderful group of advocates!
 - Director Dittman and I have a point of contact with CVPE and if you are interested in attending the "Save Texas Schools Rally" at the Capitol on April 5th (11am-1pm), to advocate please let us know! CVPE can provide bus transportation!
- **COE Senators and Council Members**

- Please reach out to your (COE) friends, organizations, and classmates about joining SGA! Senators, if you are wanting an office hour from me, please check the email I sent out on how to receive one!
- **Contact Me**
 - I'm happy to answer any questions or help execute ideas, please email me at: ara093@shsu.edu.

L. Criminal Justice – Je'hmorey Coleman

- We have our caucus meeting with Dean Lyons Tuesday, March 25 at 2:00 pm
- I received swag from the college to table with
- I met with Kimberley Foster regarding social media improvements
- I presented our event ideas to Ms. Doris Powell
- CJ ambassador applications close on the 31st
- If you are a part of the College of Criminal Justice and are voted in and are not in the GroupMe let me know
- If you have any questions, comments, or concerns that you would like to bring to me, my email is jwc061@shsu.edu

M. Health Sciences – Tyree Roberts

- Personal Statement workshop 4/2 12 pm to 1 pm in Library 106/110
- Public Health Internship Applications are due April 4th for Fall 2025
- Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society for students within Human sciences is accepting applications must have 45 credit hours and a 3.3 GPA
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week is from March 31st to April 3rd, and there are events every day hosted by the Graduate and Profession School
- I'm open to feedback, concerns, and ideas so please don't hesitate to reach out my email: tdr050@shsu.edu

Committee Reports

A. Parking Enforcement Committee– Matthew Neal

B. Rec Hours Committee– Munachi Mogekwu

- *Join the GroupMe for the rec hours Committee*



A. Old Business

- Ask The Presidents

Feedback:

- Senator Robinson: Highlighted that a lot of insightful questions were asked during the event and praised President Scott and Dr. White for their thoughtful and thorough responses.
- Vice President Rojas-Caballero: Served as moderator for the event. Felt it was a successful session overall but expressed the desire to see more representation and engagement from SGA members at future events.
- SAA Reyna: Was invited to meet with General Glazer to continue discussions regarding the future of SHSU. Overall, he considered it a productive and impactful event.
- President Scott: Thanked everyone who attended the event and emphasized the need for stronger turnout and participation from SGA in the future.

- Meet the Candidates

Feedback:

- President Scott: Asked how everyone feel about the outside location
 - Chair Castro: Mentioned the awkwardness of the placements
 - Director Guel: Thought the location was a better choice than having it in the LSC

- Fuel Her Fire

- Director Tuscano: Although tabling materials ran out and were instead handed out around the LSC, the event was still very successful. Expressed appreciation to the CA Senators for their support at the table. Overall, it was a great experience and should definitely be continued next year.
- Senator Smith: Enjoyed working the CA table and appreciated the opportunity to meet new people. Despite the weather, the event went well. Believes that postponing might have led to a better turnout, but still considers it a success.

- Senator Canto: Thanked fellow Senators and Madame Vice President for their efforts. Felt it was a great event and supports hosting it again in the future.
- Senator Canto: Had a positive experience engaging with students and learning more about SGA. Only suggestion was to consider switching up the music selection for future events.
- Vice President Rojas-Caballero: Thanked everyone who contributed and showed up despite the weather challenges. Noted that there was no backup location, so it was fortunate the event went smoothly. Emphasized the need to encourage next year's SGA to expand the event further. Mentioned that vendor participation wasn't confirmed in time, and postponing again wouldn't have been worthwhile. Expressed gratitude once more to all who were involved.

B. New Business

- Executive Order SP 25-01
- 2 Vote In's

- President Scott opened the floor for any COCJ Senators interested in switching to a different college caucus.
- Senator Menefee questioned whether she would still be able to attend COCJ meetings if she switched.
 - Madame Vice President confirmed she could, but would also be required to attend her new caucus meetings, based on her declared minor.
- Senator Moge kwu reached out to current COCJ Senators to encourage them to consider switching.
- Senator Menefee asked if switching back to COCJ would be possible next year.
 - President Scott confirmed that it would be allowed.
- Senator Menefee officially stated she would switch over to the CHSS Caucus.
- Senator Cantu raised a concern about switching next year, noting that her affiliation with COCJ is already listed on the election ballot.

Jason Chavez (COCJ)

- Moved by Senator Mugekwu
- Second by Senator Sanchez

- Passes, congratulations Senator Chavez!

Chief of Staff Macias made a motion to table the vote regarding the appointment of Kathleen Kent.

The motion was seconded by Director Tuscano.

Motion passed.

Kateleen Kent (COSET)

- Moved by Chief of Staff Macias
- Seconded by Director Tuscano
 - Passes, congratulations Senator Kent!

Open Forum

Appeal of Executive Order:

- Senator Connor moved to appeal the Executive Order.
 - Seconded by Senator Muna.
- Discussion:
 - Initiated by Senator Mugekwu in support of the appeal.
 - Senator Menefee also spoke in favor of the appeal.
 - Vice President Rojas-Caballero expressed opposition to the appeal.
- Vote on Appeal:
 - Yay: 34
 - Nay: 12
 - Abstentions: 4
 - Result: Motion failed.

Motion to Limit Discussion:

- Chair Jackson moved to limit discussion to 8 minutes.
 - Seconded by Senator Smith.
- Vote on Limiting Discussion:
 - Motion failed.

Attorney General Brett made a point regarding the vote, highlighting the power the Senate holds in checking the President's decisions.

- Senator Smith moved to end the debate.
- Seconded by Senator Arreguin
- Vote to End Debate: Yay: 34, Nay: 12, Abstentions: 4
- Result: Motion passed.

A. Announcements

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:41pm

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Senator Chaves
- Seconded by Director Henderson
- Passes