



**Student Government Association**

**Sam Houston State University**

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**February 8, 2022**

***A. Call to Order***

6:03 pm

***B. 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."

***C. Guest Speaker - Damon Hay, SHSU Faculty Senate and Dr. Maria Botero, Senate Chair-Elect***

- "To establish a line of communication between the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association.

-There are things we can work together on

- University's response to COVID-19

- Bearkat Bundle

-Opened the floor to the SGA body for further ideas or issues faculty may be unaware of

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Academic honesty

-Both hope to further connect, interact, and work with SGA

-Contact for Damon Hay; [dhay@shsu.edu](mailto:dhay@shsu.edu)

-Contact for Dr. Maria Botero; [mbotero@shsu.edu](mailto:mbotero@shsu.edu)

***D. Roll Call***

Present: 48

Absent: 11

Quorum: Yes

**The Official Voice of the Student Body**

## ***E. Icebreakers***

Public Relation Directors

## **Officer Reports**

### ***A. Chief of Staff Polk***

-Office Hours

- They are required to stay in good standing within SGA
- Reminders are sent out twice a week; there are no excuses to miss filling out your office hour
- FAQ sheet is on BlackBoard
- Make up for office hours will be given out soon

### ***B. Treasurer Owens***

-Purchase Requests for the month of March are due Feb. 24th by 5:00 pm

### ***C. Secretary Coyne***

-Emails

- New Style of Email to keep everyone in the loop
- If a different SHSU Org has something going on, email me before Monday at 5 pm to have it put in the weekly email

-SGA Engagement Points

- Link to get points for an event will be sent via remind before events
- Three Points = Free T-Shirt!

-New Visitors

- If you were a visitor Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> or today, come talk to me at the end of the meeting so I can make sure you are on my contact sheet

-Department Directors

- There is a new way to track attendance within departments. At this moment, we have a system that will mainly be used by your e-board member. A list or a screenshot of the senators in each department so forms can be made (Email Kaylee or talk after)

- Notices of Non Compliance
  - You must complete an office hour every week in your prospective department and log onto the office hour excel sheet!
  - Must attend weekly General Body Meetings
    - Absence of three meetings per semester or two consecutive meetings without valid excuse can be up for notice of non-compliance
  - Must attend weekly department meeting
    - If 2 missed, it is equivalent to one absence of regular senate meeting- you may substitute a meeting with a different department
  - Must attend required events or be deemed as absent
  - Must keep final GPA over 2.25
  - If you are up for removal due to not being an active member, you will be notified with a "Notice of Non-Compliance" which will inform you on the issue and the next steps and potential solution to refrain from resignation, removal or impeachment of your position.
    - see bylaws and constitution for more details

#### ***D. Vice President Srikanth***

- GroupMes should be made!
  - Communication is key. Make sure all members are in
- Orange Tie
  - Event has been booked and planning has begun
  - The event is a end-of-year ceremony to reward all the work SGA has done
- Department Icebreaker
  - Sign-up sheet is up in the SGA office
  - Reminders will be sent out individually

#### ***E. President Bonds***

- Guest Speakers
  - Speaker moved to March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - General Glazer & Dr. McCartney
    - Proposed mission, vision, values, and strategic priorities
- New Business Topics to Discuss

- Holly's Arrival
  - SGA's co-advisor and will be here to help SGA in our future endeavors.
  - Currently auditing the by-laws and constitution for discrepancies
    - Has already found some issues that need to be resolved
  - Holly will be holding office hours for any questions, comments or concerns
    - Mondays 1:00 - 5:00 pm

## **Director Reports**

### ***A. External Affairs***

#### ***Director Jones***

Meeting Time - 12:00pm on Wednesdays in the SGA Office

- Town Hall Event
  - Rescheduled to March 3rd at 6:00 pm due to the power outage on January 27th
  - Two of the Three original officials will be able to make the new date
  - Three new officials to be added to the event
  - Location is to be announced

### ***B. University Affairs***

#### ***Co-Director Ramp and Co-Director Wright***

Meeting Time - 5:30pm on Thursdays via ZOOM

- Berkat All Paws In (BAPI)
  - A SHSU day of service for the Huntsville/Walker County area.
  - April 9th at 7:00 am or earlier
  - If you did not put your shirt size in the GroupMe poll, contact Director Wright (nww005@shsu.edu) to get your shirt size

## ***C. Student Affairs***

### ***Director Essel***

Meeting Time - 5:00pm on Tuesdays in the SGA Office

- SGA Soul Train **(Required Event)**
- February 17th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the Orange Ballroom
- Dress up in your best '70s Soul Train Attire
- Guest Speaker for the Event
  - Emmanuel Hudson - "Wild n' Out"
  - Two SGA member needed to play games

## ***D. Public Relations***

### ***Co-Director Martinez and Co-Director Adjei-Sarpong***

Meeting Time - 5:00pm on Tuesdays in the SGA Office

- Posting
  - Please Like, Comment on, and Repost **all** SGA social media posts
  - All Senators must follow the accounts
- Black Wall Street **(Required Event)**
  - Next Tuesday (February 15th) from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
  - A fair to showcase black-owned businesses in the Huntsville, Houston, and Dallas areas.
  - If you are able to help set up, starting at about 9:45 am, meet in the SGA office in your SGA polo or business casual dress

## ***E. Rules and Regulations***

### ***Director Preuss and Attorney General Murley***

Meeting Time to be Moved

- Legislation
  - Rules and Regulations is working on drafting legislation for different SGA members
  - If you are wanting Rules and Regulations to aid you in drafting legislation, send an email to Director Preuss at [lp038@shsu.edu](mailto:lp038@shsu.edu) or Attorney General Murley at [mbm064@shsu.edu](mailto:mbm064@shsu.edu).
- Umbrella Project

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- The department is starting to conduct research an idea first brought up by Senator Green
- The idea is for student to be able to rent or borrow umbrellas on rainy days
- Looking at different universities to see how they implemented this project, and how we may be able to implement it at SHSU

***F. Director of Council***  
***Director Ventura***  
No Report

## **Chair Reports**

***A. Graduate***  
***Vacant***

***B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology***  
***Chair Ejikeme***  
No Report

***C. Humanities and Social Sciences***  
***Chair Calderon***  
No Report

***D. Arts and Media***  
***Vacant***

***E. Education***  
***Chair Duran***

- Education Opportunity Fair has been rescheduled to February 17th  
3:00 - 5:00 pm in the Education Center in Room 239

## ***F. Criminal Justice***

### ***Chair Greenwald***

- The Director of Classification and Records, Timothy Fitzpatrick, will be speaking on Wednesday, February 16th at 2:00 - 3:00pm in the Criminal Justice Courtroom
- The CIA will be at the Criminal Justice Building on February 16th for recruiting. Bring a resume if interested.

## ***G. Health Sciences***

### ***Vacant***

## ***H. Business Administration***

### ***Chair Scott***

- COBA is in the middle of COBA Awareness week
  - Career Fair on February 15th from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm in the LSC Orange Ballroom
- Professor Concern
  - Has been brought up to Deans of the College and they will be looking for a potential resolution

## **General Information**

### ***A. Old Business***

None to Note

### ***B. New Business***

- Caucus Chairs
  - Arts and Media Caucus Chair Position vote will be held Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Health Sciences and Graduate Chair– Vacant
  - Will be adding COM Chair
- Required Upcoming Events
  - Black Wall Street - February 15th
  - SGA Soul Train Awards - February 17th

- Reporting of Concerns
  - Report any student issues through Student Voice, Any E-board Member or email [SGA@shsu.edu](mailto:SGA@shsu.edu)
  - Title XIII

### ***Stated Intent***

None to Note

### ***C. Open Forum***

- SGA was nominated for the Annual Inclusive Excellence Awards for our work with Aunt Flow! The award ceremony is in the White Ballroom on February 10th at 5 PM!
  - Senators that can come
    - Chloe Cox
    - Yaa Dapaah
    - Nardos Gerom
    - Robert Greenwald
    - Stella Essel
    - Adrianna Brasher
    - Kaylee Coyne

### ***D. Announcements***

- Join Remind!
  - Text @shsusga21 to (951) 543-4330
- BlackBoard
  - Please make sure you are on the BlackBoard. If you are not, let an E-Board Member know
- Welcome Week Applications are due on Friday (February 11th)
  - \$350 scholarship
  - Resident Hall Advisors need not apply
- Bid Day
  - This Saturday (February 12th) in the Old Main Pit (Across from Belvin-Buchanan Residence Hall) at 9:00
  - Questions? Contact Senator Amaya
    - [axa248@shsu.edu](mailto:axa248@shsu.edu)



-Internship Opportunities

-A well-paid, summer internship that is asking for students that are graduating after December 2022.

-Questions? Contact President Bonds

[-lsb023@shsu.edu](mailto:-lsb023@shsu.edu)

-Priority One Podcast

-Hosted by Chief of Staff Polk and is interviewing President Bonds

-Full podcast can be found soon on instagram

@bearkat\_student\_media

***E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting***

7:09 pm