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Senate Meeting #19 – March 26, 2024

A. Call to Order at 6:31pm

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. Texas Pledge

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

D. Roll Call

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- Veronica entertained the motion to certify the meeting minutes from 3/19/2024.
 - o Jared Taylor moved to certify the meeting minutes from 3/19/2024.
 - Alison Ulloa seconded.

- Unanimous pass.
 - The minutes from 3/19/2024 are certified.

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- Please make sure you are completing your office hours!
- Please make sure you are notifying Dean Smith 3-5 weeks in advance if you are wanting anything to go through marketing such as flyers, posters, shirts etc. And if your activities involve administration, please be sure to CC her in all emails as well as the 3–5-week notice.

B. Treasurer Frederick

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 12:30 – 4pm
- Meeting with Teresa every Wednesday at 2pm
- Go through the Expenditures Tab on Blackboard for all your financial needs
- Room requests need to be sent 2 weeks in advance. Email me with the room you want, a backup room, preferred setup, and any equipment you need.

C. Secretary Cheng

- Directors, please continue to send me your meeting minutes and send in the department attendance form too.

D. Vice President Scott

- Monday 4/1 I will possibly be filling in for Veronica for her 1-on-1 with Dean Smith. If you would like to talk about something with Dean Smith during the first 30 minutes of the meeting, please email Veronica with your request.
- Orange Tie Affair will be Tuesday April 30, 2024, at 6PM at the Walker Education Center.

- If you plan to have a plus one please fill out the google form! Deadline is next Tuesday 4/2 at 8PM.
- SSFC met last Saturday for budget recommendations for Dr. White.
- Sam Switch RECAP
 - o It was a great experience. I plugged SGA everywhere I went. I look forward to hear back from different entities.

E. President Calderon

- Dean Smith 1:1 4/1 at 11am
- CLDF meetings: 4/12, 5/8
- Any emails to be sent out to CAD or Cabinet: CC Dean Smith, Brandon Cooper & I
- Any emails sent out externally for research: CC me and do not affiliate with SGA or SHSU
- Election Season:
 - o Headshot & bio for E-Board candidates (250-word count) due: 3/27 @5pm to engage@shsu.edu
 - o Meet the candidates: 4/1 LSC 242 @5pm
 - o Bearkat Voting Day: 4/8 10am-3pm
 - o Voting: 4/8 - 4/11th
 - Voting starts at noon on the 8th.

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- External Affairs will meet on Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the SGA office. There is a zoom option!
- BEC Collaboration- Project Mayor:
 - o This Thursday at 6pm in LSC 230.
 - o Please attend if you can!
 - o The mayor will be speaking on what he does for Huntsville, how he became mayor, etc.
- Montgomery food drive volunteer opportunity:

- April 5th
- Please let me know at the end of the meeting tonight if you would like to attend.
- Business Showcase:
 - Panel type event where business owners can talk about how they started their business and what it is like.
 - Confirming businesses at the moment.
- City Council Meeting April 2nd at 6pm.

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets on Thursdays at 3:30pm in the office with a zoom option.
- B.A.P.I Tabling April 3rd from 1-3pm in the Plaza.
- SWAW “Student Worker Appreciation Week” Tabling April 8th 11am-3pm in the Plaza.
- 14th Annual B.A.P.I Is April 13th 8am-1pm (Mandatory for all senators!)
 - If you cannot attend for any reason, please let me know ASAP!
- Ideas, questions or concerns: llh033@shsu.edu

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meetings take place at 12:45pm on Tuesdays in the office with a zoom option.
- Trans Visibility Tabling (more come and go) and Care for the Girlies Tabling (interactive) is now on the same day but at two separate tables - March 28th 11-1pm in spot 13
- Keys to Safety: April 16th from 11-3 in the Plaza
 - Free safety keychains for sexual violence awareness month
 - Purchases submitted!
 - I made contact with CVSA discussing their participation in the event
- May Event Idea
 - Free Polaroid Photo Op for the “Last Day of School” possibly combined with Surviving Finals tabling.
 - Planning underway!
 - Proposed date: May 2nd

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Wednesday's at 1pm in the SGA office but I also offer a virtual option.
- Member of the week – will be announced during new business.
- B.A.P.I 2024 has been posted, deadline to sign up is April 10th!
- Black Ren Fest, Bearkat Country Tailgate, and Spring Break recaps have been posted. Engage!
- Working on new flyer requests.
- Caucus Chairs, please take a picture when you meet with your Dean or attend a leadership breakfast so I can post it.
- If anyone wants to see something specific on our socials or has any ideas for PR, please let me know!

E. Rules and Regulations – Director Williams

F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa

- Spring 2024 Dean's Call is April 17th at 11am in LSC 320! Agenda has been sent to all Caucus Chairs please review prior to the event on 3/26.
- Chair Gordon is currently working on a bill with Director Williams, I have looked over the material and will be having a meeting with both representatives on the bill this week. The bill is about the responsibilities of Caucus Chairs.
- Director Rojas-Caballero is developing an entrepreneurial panel for students on April 18th.
 - o If you know any small business owners, talk to either of us after the meeting so we can possibly get them on the panel.
- Met with Chair Moody to set a date and time to get all Caucus Chairs' headshots for the college's televisions. Check your emails!
 - o There will be a small bio and QR code.
 - o Be in your SGA polos.

G. Director of Council – Director Toscano

- If this is your first time attending an SGA Meeting, or you're a current council member, please email me at adl080@shsu.edu after the meeting is adjourned.
 - o In the email, please state the following:
 - Name, Classification, Academic College, and if it's your FIRST or SECOND meeting attending.
 - *If you do not send me this email then I cannot mark down for your senate process.
- Please continue to update department attendance and office hours.

Chair Reports

A. Graduate – Chair Fross

- Thankful for the election!
- Planning on sending an email to my Dean to meet later this week.

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – VACANT

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Chair Gordon

- Meeting with Career Success Center scheduled for this week. If anyone has something to mention or feedback, let me know (rescheduled from last week).
- Setting up a meeting with my Dean for the month of April.
- Reaching out to administrative coordinator for information about how to set up a tabling event for CHSS to get more acquainted with students, and to plan an event to introduce the dean to students.

D. Arts and Media – Chair Guel

- I sent out my first email to Dean Shields and will be meeting with associate Dean Anderson on Thursday.
- For all CAM events, students can claim a free ticket to performances and events. You can access this from the GPAC or UTC ticket booth or by

signing in through the website.

- *Unlocking Creativity: College of Arts & Media Career Speaker Series* - Wednesday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the GPAC Recital Hall. Emily Acker, Rhonda Ellisor, Gene Roberts and Bob Milner aim to bring business basics to students seeking careers in creative fields.

EVENTS IN CAM

- *The Bill Watrous Jazz Festival: Evening Awards Concert and Special Guest* will take place on April 5th-6th at 7.30 and within the GPAC in Payne Hall. This is a ticketed event and if you need tickets, you can access it from the SHSU CAM website.
- *The 24th Annual Juried Student Exhibition* will be held Monday–Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the University Gallery at the Dana Hoyt building. This is free admission for anyone during Gallery hours.
- *Heatwave Media & Film Festival* will be held April 29th to May 2nd in the LSC Theater and the Old Town Theater. This will be free admission.

E. Education – Chair Patterson

- My next monthly meeting is currently scheduled for this upcoming Thursday, March 28th.
- We intend on talking about Catalyst For Community Event for this upcoming semester with SGA, other scholarship opportunities for the college of education students, and other changes happening within the college over the summer.
- If you are a part of the College of Education and have any questions or concerns you would like me to address, please contact me at:
hsp008@shsu.edu

EVENTS IN COE

- Student Appreciation Week: 4/8-12
- COE Staff Chat: 4/19

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- This week I will be contacting the CJ building coordinator Sabrina Rowley to schedule a tabling date within the CJ lobby. If you would like to table with me (any senator from any college is welcome to), let me know!
- Will be scheduling my next meeting with Dean Lyons for the upcoming month, any questions please reach out to me via GroupMe or jat099@shsu.edu

EVENTS IN CJ

- The COCJ Grad Fair will be held on April 2nd from 3-5pm in the CJ Building lobby! Learn about some of the different grad programs offered by SHSU COCJ and info about admissions, financial aid and mentorships!
- The Department of Victim Studies will be hosting its “Painting with a Purpose” art event! This will allow students to interact with staff, faculty, and members of the community. All art created can be kept or otherwise donated to survivors in the Huntsville community, all supplies will be provided! Will be held on April 3rd at 10:00am in the Bates Room.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Meeting with Dean Roper March 28th at 1pm. If you have anything you would like me to bring up during this meeting, let me know.
- COHS Career Conference will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 8am to 3pm in the Lowman Student Center.
 - o Different companies and hospitals will be there scouting.
 - o Workshops will be going on throughout the day too on various topics.
- Dr. Grant Tinsley will speak on: “Body Composition Monitoring: Sources of Error and Best Practices” in the Olson Auditorium (AB4) from 11am – 12:30pm on April 4th. This is a professional opportunity for students to gain valuable insights into nuances of body composition monitoring.

H. Business Administration – Chair Moody

- Meeting with Dean Self recap!

- Great ideas discussed:
 - Business Themed Fashion show!
 - Introduce students to the world of Professional wear.
 - Double as a recruitment event for COBA majors.
 - Business cards for Juniors & Seniors that are free of charge.
 - Free “Suit-up” program for students. (Free suits for students)
 - Student Success Fund, external donors, or even \$5 donations from students could help this go a long way.
- Complaints about the COBA Building- an unfortunate dead-end with an initiative I would like to introduce (open forum)!
 - Everything got deferred immediately to Facilities Management.
- Next meeting scheduled for April 18th @ 1p.m.
- Emailed the COBA Marketing Director about Caucus Chair headshots for college TV screens.
- Working with External Affairs on an entrepreneurship event.
 - More details to come!
- Reminder to check out the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center for help on filing taxes (Due April 15).
- And as always, remember to read your emails!

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Manual Update
 - Updating the manual with a brief campus update and the research I currently have. It will be on Blackboard once I am done.
- Annual Menstrual Equity Survey will be sent to Dean Smith tomorrow.

B. Celebratory Event Committee – Chair Ivory

C. Student Life Committee- Chair Lopez

- Meetings every Tuesday at 2pm in the SGA office.

- Currently working on a survey and event for a change in dining hours again.

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

- 2024 Democratic & Republican Primary election unofficial results
- <https://www.co.walker.tx.us/departments/division.php?structureid=140>
- ESD #3 & Riverside SUD Special election
- Deadline to Register to Vote: Thursday, April 4th
- Early Voting In-Person: April 22nd – April 30th
- Last Day to Apply to Vote by Mail: Tuesday, April 23rd
- Election Day Saturday, May 4th

General Information

A. Old Business

- Crawfish Boil Tailgate
 - o Thank you to everyone who came to help!
 - o Such a success!

B. New Business

- Fill vacancies
 - o COSET chair
- State intents
- Vote in:
 - o Alyssa Rodriguez
 - Aly Underwood moved to vote-in Alyssa Rodriguez as a senator.
 - Alison Ulloa seconded.
 - o Unanimous pass.
 - Alyssa Rodriguez is officially a senator.
- Member of the Week
 - o April Salmeron

C. Open Forum

- Rules and Regulations report
 - We meet every Monday at 12pm in the office.
 - Bill/Resolution workshop at 6pm on 3/28.
 - Met with Dr. Ratcliff about Mental Health Day
 - Gave me great advice and insight.
 - In the process of getting in contact with Uber for student discounts.
 - Possible Resolution on Title XI in the works.
 - Thank you to those who came to the R&R meeting on Monday. Dr. White enjoyed it!
- Chair Moody stated that the Deans have no control over the building they reside in. The building complaints that he put in about the COBA building were immediately deferred to facilities management.
 - This is clearly a high-priority issue for SHSU students.
 - Chair Moody proposes a Student Government-wide initiative to better the communication between students, faculty, administration, and facilities management.
 - With this initiative, Chair Moody believes that SGA can spearhead the path for a safer, cleaner, and better campus.
 - Chair Moody will be working with University Affairs and Rules and Regulations.
 - Requesting that all SGA members, the student body, or any administration listening aid in this initiative. Anything from a personal experience with facilities management to any ideas is appreciated.
- COSET = College of Science Engineering and Technology
- Chief of Staff Ivory announced that festivities of cultural events will be placed on SGA because the university cannot celebrate those events themselves due to SB 17.
 - Asian Pacific Islander Month is coming up. Looking at doing a lantern decorating event with Secretary Cheng. Will also be reaching out to Vivian Lee from Asian Pacific Student Association for help.
 - If you have any ideas, let Chief of Staff Ivory know!
- What is Senate Bill 17?
 - “Under this law, public institutions of higher education cannot engage in diversity, equity, and inclusion activities.”
 - SHSU is state-funded. This means that if Sam were to fund an event for DEI, they could lose state funding as it is against SB 17 to do so.
 - The overall purpose for this bill was to ensure that all DEI events are for everyone and not targeted or exclusive to any particular ethnicity, race, gender, etc.

- Student Organizations are able to put on these events, but not the University itself.
 - SGA is technically considered a Student Org in this circumstance.
- Shoutout to Vice President Scott for Sam Switch!

D. Announcements

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:14pm

- Veronica Calderon entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Jared Scott moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - Piper Cheng seconded.
 - Unanimous pass.
 - The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.