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Senate Meeting #17 – March 5, 2024

A. Call to Order @ 6:02 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. Texas Pledge

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

D. Roll Call

18 senators – 5 executive board

E. Icebreaker

Do you have spring break plans? If so, what are you doing?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes from 02/27/2024.

- Veronica entertained the motion to certify the meeting minutes from 02/27/24.
 - o Ali Ulloa moved to certify the meeting minutes from 02/27/24.
 - Connor Brett seconded.
 - Unanimous pass.
 - o The meeting minutes from 02/27/24 are certified.

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- Please make sure you complete your office hours!
- I will be posting E-Board office hours and department meeting times on the office door.

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.
- If there is anything you would like me to include in my weekly email regarding SGA, please email me before Monday at noon!

D. Vice President Scott

- Orange Tie Affair will be Tuesday April 30, 2024, at 6PM at the Walker Education Center.
- Mental Health Day Meeting with Provost Recap
- SSFC will convene soon the week after spring break make to decisions about budgets.
- SGA Grad Advisor Application is NOW CLOSED. We will be interviewing our final candidate soon.
- Graduating Seniors fill out google form!
- Dean's List and President's display in the LSC. Lamar and Texas State have this and we think it would be a cool way to recognize our students further for their accomplishments.

E. President Calderon

- Dean Smith 1:1 3/18 11am
 - o You have the first 30 minutes of the meeting to ask her any questions or relay information. Let me know ahead of time if you would like to come and what you want to talk about.
- Ask the Presidents 3//18 12pm
- CLDF meetings: 3/8, 4/12, 5/8
- FSL Townhall March 6th 5-6pm LSC 115
- University Committee SGA positions
 - o There is a spreadsheet that I got at the beginning of the year that I got to appoint different students to certain committees.
 - o I will be emailing the staff member of this
- Sending emails to the election commission soon so that they can go over the election code.
- 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 Filing opens: 2/26
 - o Filing closes: 3/18 at 5pm
 - o 1st candidate meeting: 3/18 LSC 230A 5pm

- 2nd candidate meeting: 3/21 LSC 115 5pm
- Headshot & bio (250 word count) due: 3/27 5pm to engage@shsu.edu
- Meet the candidates: 4/3 LSC 242 5pm
- Bearkat Voting Day: 4/8 10am-3pm
- Voting: 4/8 - 4/11th

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- External Affairs will meet at 6pm ONLY this Wednesday (3/6).
- Book Drive is still going on till tomorrow (3/6). Please donate!
- BEC Collaboration- Project Mayor
 - We were supposed to meet last Thursday but it was cancelled. I will update you all when I get more details on how we can support the event as SGA.
- Potential Business Showcase
 - Business owners from Huntsville will come out and speak to students interested in opening a business or a small business. It would essentially be a townhall-type event. More info to come!

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets Thursdays at 3:30pm in-person with a zoom option.
- B.A.P.I Sign up sheet has been posted on give pulse – orglink
 - Organizations can sign up directly for BAPI through give pulse.
- Design for t-shirts has been chosen. It will be in the SGA groupchat!
- Ideas, questions or concerns: lh033@shsu.edu

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meetings take place at 12:45pm on Tuesdays in the SGA office.
- Trans Visibility Tabling - March 28th 11-1pm in spot 13 on the Plaza
 - Buttons approved and ordered!

- We will have 100 buttons to give out for free on tabling day
- Care for the Girlies - March 21st, 1-3pm in the Plaza
 - Will be a trivia style event with questions regarding women throughout history.
 - Trivia is finalized.
 - Prizes include a multitude of different small plushies & candy!
 - Purchased and on its way.
- The Key to Safety: In Progress
 - Free safety keychains for sexual violence awareness month
 - Purchases being decided.
 - Proposed for April 11th, 1-3pm
- May Event Idea
 - Free Polaroid Photo Op for the “Last Day of School”
 - 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” - winner will be announced during new business.
- SGA Showcase recap has been posted – Congratulations Director Williams!
- Black Ren Fest recap is in the works. There are over 2,000 pictures! Looking at making a drop box for your pictures.
- Have reached out to our t-shirt company for a quote for our casual shirts – it was a little over \$500. Shirts will be free for SGA members.
- We will be taking professional pictures for SGA on March 26th at 6pm. Please come in your polo and black slacks and professional shoes.
 - Check out TriPod for clothing if you need to.
- 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

- Meet every Monday from 12pm-1pm.
- Meeting with the Provost went great! Provided great advice on how to proceed with a mental health day.

- The Mental Health Survey to the student body will be ready to go soon.
- Still waiting to hear back from Dr. Ratcliff to hear her opinions on our mental health initiative.
- Bill/resolution workshop is scheduled on March 28th in the SGA office, I will send in purchase request for food too.
- Student Transportation Task Force will have its first meeting March 18th.
- Will get in contact with Uber again regarding student discounts here at SAM in the process I will try to schedule a meeting with CFO Amanda Withers.

F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa

- Spring 2024 Dean’s Call date has been moved to April 17th at 11am (room to be confirmed in next report)! Agenda has been approved by President Calderon and Dean Smith.
- In discussion with Director Rojas-Caballero and other caucus chairs about a possible professional career development event. More info to come!

G. Director of Council – Director Toscano

- If you are a council member (someone who has not been voted-in), please come see me after the meeting is adjourned!
- Any new people who are interested in joining SGA, come see me as well!
- Department Directors: Please update the attendance and office hours. These requirements are crucial to voting in council members.
- Thank you to Secretary Cheng and Chief of Staff Ivory for the department office hours flyers.
- My “Thank you!” to the President, E-board, Senate, and Council Members for this opportunity to be Director of Council.

Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – VACANT

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Chair Gordon

- I have my meeting with my dean this Thursday (3/7). I have a list of things I will be talking with him about. If you have any suggestions, let me know!
- My survey for CHSS students will be sent out Thursday (3/7) through the CHSS newsletter.

D. Arts and Media – Vacant

E. Education – Chair Patterson

- I had my February meeting with Dean Edmonson last week and we were able to talk about getting more involved with SGA when having events, how to spread information out when hosting any events, and improving communication through the main campus as well as The Woodlands Center. My next monthly meeting is currently scheduled for March 28th and if there are any questions or concerns you would like me to address, please contact me at hsp008@shsu.edu

EVENTS IN COE

- Career Fair
3/20
The Teacher Career Fair is hosted each semester. Representatives from 80-100 school districts attend, ready to meet, interview and hire our graduating teacher candidates. This event is typically held in the Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum.
- Dean's List Reception
3/20
The Dean's List Reception celebrates College of Education students who earned a 3.5 or greater GPA the prior semester. Students are invited to a reception hosted by the dean and awarded a certificate and a College of Education t-shirt for their accomplishment.

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- Our CJ Leadership Breakfast was last week and went great, thank you to all of the CJ senators who made it! Will be following up with Dean Lyons about potentially hosting a Q&A session for the general CJ student body.
- Will be coordinating with Director Salmeron to begin developing a slide myself and senators that will be posted on the CJ building tv's.

EVENTS IN CJ

- The CJ Internship and Career fair is tomorrow! It will be held in the LSC Orange Ballroom from 9:00am-2:00pm.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Thank you to those who donated blood today (3/5)!
- In contact with Erica Bumpers about more price transparency with the SHC. I will be meeting with her sometime soon.
- COHS Career Conference will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, in the Lowman Student Center. This will be from 9am-4pm. Please dress professionally and bring your resume.
- The Student Wellness Office is actively seeking Bearkats to join the PHA Program for Fall 2024-Spring 2025. All majors are welcomed, and the application deadline is March 21, 2024 at 5pm. Visit SHSU Wellness Center on social media.
- 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. I highly encourage kinesiology majors or anyone interest in PT/OT school to come.

H. Business Administration – Chair Moody

- Meeting with Dean Self March 20th at 2:30 p.m.
 - o If anyone has complaints about COBA, please let me know!
 - o Current issues I have heard about are A/C problems, bathroom cleanliness, and more.
- Breakfast with the Dean! March 5th at 8am
 - o We discussed several topics at the meeting, one of which was a new

app that is being developed for COBA. This will be hosted by the Center for Building Business Professionals. Any COBA senators interested in learning more, let me know!

- EMBA Program for Banking / Finance Majors! This is coming out next semester. Let me know if you would like more information. I have flyers.
- VITA Center (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)
 - o This for anyone in this room who has had a job salary under \$60,000 in 2023.
 - o While TurboTax does exist, having a qualified individual go over your taxes with you is always recommended.
 - o Check out the VITA website before 4/12 (the last day they offer services).
 - o Tax day is 4/15!
- If any COBA chairmen or senators have something to share, please let me know. I will include it in my reports! (if it's applicable)

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Working with university to fix dispensers. In the process of ordering spare keys from Aunt Flo so students can troubleshoot the dispensers.
- Annual Menstrual Equity Survey. We came up with some really good questions!
- Continue to collect extra product. Please put this in the box in the office.
- Meeting with M.E. committee
 - o I met with the committee last Friday (3/1) and we briefly went over the troubleshooting menu and the quality intake form. We are trying to figure out a training plan for the dispensers.

B. Celebratory Event Committee – Chair Ivory

- Black Renaissance Fest was a success, thank you to everyone who helped! We even had people from other organizations stay after to help.
- BOLO for another event.

C. Student Life Committee- Chair Lopez

- Meetings every Tuesday at 2pm in the 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 Elections
- Election day! March 5th TODAY! I will get the results to you all at the next meeting.
- Don't forget to fill out your applications for your position in the senate!!!
The applications are in the office.
- Last day is March 18th to apply.

General Information

A. Old Business

- Black Renaissance
 - o Even though it was cold and a little rainy, so many people still came out! It was very community-oriented and super fun.
 - o People from the Bingo event still stopped by Black Renaissance!
 - o Our social media account hit 2,000 followers!
 - o Some people did not hear about the event.
 - **The event was publicized as much as it could have been via social media on our SGA account and other organizations too. Our posts received well over 200 likes.
 - **There were some marketing issues with the SHSU Student Affairs department. It was not approved by marketing so it could not be printed and posted on SHSU emails or around buildings. We did plan to do this as well as sandwich boards, but we could only do so much within the timeframe.
 - **There were still over 250 students who came to the event!
 - **The University posted the event, and the radio announced it.

- Special thank you to Nicole Ivory for all her hard work and efforts towards this event.

B. Five Minute Recess

- Connor Brett motioned for a five-minute recess.
 - Nicholas Moody seconded.
 - 20 yays – 2 nays – 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes.
 - We will enter a five-minute recess and reconvene at 6:52 pm.

C. Call to Order at 6:52pm

D. New Business

- Resolution S-01-24 on the floor.
 - Connor Brett moved to pass Resolution S-01-24.
 - Jared Scott seconded.
 - Unanimous pass.
 - Resolution S-01-24 has been passed.
- Fill vacancies:
 - Graduate chair
 - COSET chair
 - CAM chair
 - Rhiannon Guel stated her interest in the position of CAM Caucus Chair.
 - Veronica Calderon entertained the motion to vote-in Rhiannon Guel as CAM Caucus Chair.
 - Aly Underwood moved to vote in Rhiannon Guel as CAM Caucus Chair.
 - Kezia Frederick seconded.
 - Unanimous pass.
 - Rhiannon Guel is the CAM Caucus Chair.

- State intents
 - Yusuf Khan
 - Ahjinae Liggins
- Member of the Week
 - Nicole Ivory!

E. Open Forum

- Everyone is required to submit one question for Ask the Presidents. This is the one time that the SGA President and the University President get to sit down and answer questions in front of the student body. This is super important!
- A good number of students have told Alison Ulloa that they have experienced issues with price transparency in the Student Health Center. For example, prices of flu tests or COVID tests. This is what she means by price transparency. Students would like verbal communication of prices rather than a posting on the back of the door.
- Plus-ones for Orange Tie are not due by a specific deadline quite yet. More information is to come.
- Anyone running for an E-Board or senator position for next year must attend at least one candidate meeting. This is required!
 - You only need 10 votes from people in your college to be voted-in again during the election for senator positions as well!
- Candidate meeting dates are March 18th (LSC 230A) and March 21st (LSC 115) both at 5pm.
 - You are allowed to send a representative for yourself if you cannot attend. They cannot be running for anything themselves.
 - These meetings will not be over Zoom.
 - We will be going over the election code at these meetings. Please refer to the link on the SGA website.

F. Announcements

- Chargers/blocks/microphones are missing in the office. Please return them if you have it! These are for you guys to use inside the office and that is it. If this continues, we will have to do a check-out process in Veronica's office.
- To those who donated blood today, please eat a hearty meal!
- Welcome to those interested in SGA!
- Ubuntu has garden days twice a month. The first garden day is tomorrow (3/6) at 5:30pm in the garden behind the food pantry. No gardening experience needed! It is just for fun!
- Tomorrow (3/6) is the FSL townhall! Please attend! Casual attire is ok. Wear your nametag!
- It is imperative to network with others, get involved, and throw your name out there for career building purposes. Be proactive! Get an internship! Seek opportunities! Dean emails are typically super helpful in finding ways and resources to build your network.

[Point of Order issued by Rianna Flores due to maximum time for announcements to commence.]

- If there is no one in the office, you must lock it!

[Connor Brett moved to extend announcements by two minutes – Nicole Ivory Seconded – Unanimous pass – Announcements are extended by two minutes.]

- If the office is locked and no one is in there, you can pick up the key from DOSO.
- If anyone would like their picture taken tonight, April has the camera today. Just let her know!
- The CJ Dean complimented SGA on our clean uniform appearance!
- The Society of Forensic Science will be hosting a general body meeting tomorrow (3/6) in the Chem building room 103 at 5:15pm.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

- Veronica entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - o Jared Scott moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - Nicole Ivory seconded.

- Unanimous pass.
 - The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.