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Senate Meeting #5 – October 29th, 2024

– *Call to Order at 6:01pm*

– *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*

Senators: 47 Senators, 5 Executive Board Members (1 on zoom)

Total: 50

– *Certify Meeting Minutes 10/22/2024*

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by Director Underwood
 - Seconded by Director Guel
 - a. Unanimous Pass
- ***Guest Speaker: Mr. Jess Harris, Chief Marketing Officer***

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Macias

- Office Hours: TUES/THURS 1-2PM
- Make Sure to complete your office hours
- You must fill out your own office hours and it's the director's duty to sign off NOT to fill out the sheet for you.
- 2 or more office hours is equivalent to an absence of senate meeting!!!
- Directors make sure to sign off on office hours and please email me when you need an office hours excuse.
- All office hours must be recorded by SATURDAY 11:59PM!!!
- Looking forward to the events we have this month!
- If you guys need ANYTHING, please don't hesitate to contact me.

B. Treasurer Hernandez

- OFFICE HOURS:
 - Wednesdays 1-3pm
 - Thursday 9-11am
- All room or plaza reservations must be submitted 4-5 weeks in advance with the purchase request
 - I will only except purchase request from Directors and room reservations from Directors and Caucus Chairs
- When submitting a purchase request,
 - Please CC VP Rojas-Caballero to get Purchase request checked faster
- Examples of a purchase request, email, and room reservation can be found on blackboard under the expenditure tab
- Meeting with Brandon and Teresa at 1pm on Wednesdays
- Email: lh033@shsu.edu

C. Secretary Salmeron

- Updating the inventory sheet this weekend for the month of November.
- Working on creating Chair Coleman a post to be displayed in the COCJ building.
- Attendance:
 - A new updated attendance sheet has been uploaded to blackboard.
 - If you are not in this court room by 6:05pm you will be counted as an unexcused absence.
 - If you are on zoom and not actively participating, you will be counted as an unexcused absence.
- Thank you, directors, for sending your department meeting minutes at a reasonable time.
- If you will not be making it to mandatory events, or senate meetings please send me an email with a valid excuse.
- My office hours are every Monday from 8:30am-10am and every Tuesday from 1pm-3pm.

D. Vice President Rojas-Caballero

- Office Hours:
 - Wednesday 2:30pm-4:30pm
 - Thursday 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Internals meets bi-weekly on Mondays IN PERSON at 6:00pm.
- Meeting w/ ELEVATE 10/25 cancelled and rescheduled to November
- Taking Menstrual Product dispenser inventory
 - Taking product to facilities building Friday
- Orange Tie Planning
 - Tentative for April 29th, 2025 at 6:00pm

E. President Scott

- Weekly 1:1 meeting with Dean Smith and Brandon on Mondays at 9am in LSC 210.
- E-Board meetings are on Mondays at 5pm.
- Met w/ Dr. Moore Friday 10/25 at 1:00PM
 - Dean's List Display Approved
 - Recycling in the work

- Emergency Action Plan in final stages of approval
- End of the Year Appreciation
- SGA Picture going up outside the office
- Sparkletts Water dispenser new to the office!
- March to the Polls w/ NABCJ, BSA, and NAACP 11/05
- Election Watch Night Party w/ NAACP next week!
- GO VOTE! Early voting Oct. 21-Nov. 1 Election Day Nov. 5
- Speak at Scholarship Luncheon 11/5, Tree of Lights 11/19.
- Ring Ceremony 11/12. Who's getting their rings???
- TSUS Student Regent Application due 12/02/2024 by 5PM to VPSA

Director Reports

A. Community Affairs – Angela Toscano

- Meetings are Wednesday @2pm in LSC 314 with Zoom Available if requested.
- Tacos for Tatas
 - Thank you to everyone who showed!
- Upcoming in November:
 - Epilepsy Tabling
 - Collaboration with Chair McDonald
 - Moved to Monday Nov. 4 @11am-3pm
 - Tuesday November the 5 is Purple Day
 - Please wear a purple ribbon in support of Epilepsy
 - If you need one, please reach out to me
 - Business Blueprint
 - Postponed to February
 - 2024 Safety Walk = 16 days
 - Thursday, November 14 @6pm
 - MANDATORY FOR ALL SENATORS
 - Sent emails to UNIV 1101, Honors College, Smith-Hudson Scholars, McNair Scholars

- Site Leader Form is for Senators, Chairs, Directors
 - Was sent through GroupMe
- Volunteer Form is for students
 - QR code
- Invested in flashlights for this year and future
- Huntsville City Council Meeting
 - Nov. 19
 - Will speak about the crosswalk buttons
- Email adl080@shsu.edu 😊

B. Student Affairs - Aly Underwood

- Our meetings are Wednesdays at 3:00pm in the SGA office (zoom is available if requested an hour before the meeting starts)
- Upcoming Events:
 - Halloween LSC Takeover TOMORROW
 - October 30th 7-10pm, LSC 116
 - If you would like office hours and or volunteer hours, let me know and you can work this event!
 - Fall SGA Potluck
 - November 7th
 - RSVP has closed
 - Chair Coleman is working on reserving the Villas to host our gathering.
 - If you need ideas, I have a list!
 - Surviving finals upcoming
- If you have any SGA questions or need guidance, please let me know, I'd love to help!
- Email: aeu003@shsu.edu

C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Adison Trowbridge

- We will be meeting Thursday at 3:30 this week...
- We are officially moving our meetings to Mondays at 2:00 starting next week
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of time. We will only be accepting flyer requests from Directors and Chairs.

- Member of the week will be announced in New Business.
- Safety Walk
- Diabetes Awareness
- Epilepsy awareness
- 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- Emarie Schweikhardt

- Meetings are on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
- Bill on the floor today
 - Email: eps017@shsu.edu

F. Director of Council – Alyssa Rodriguez

- If you plan on stating your intent today, please stay after the meeting so I can gather your information. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about the council member process—I'm here to help!
- Please join GroupMe – after your intent email is sent!
- Make sure you complete all requirements by Monday at 5pm!
- Feel free to contact me at – amr257@shsu.edu



D. Director of Caucus/COBA Caucus Chair – Abigail Dittman

- I emailed the College of Graduates and professionals to ask for leadership recommendations for a Caucus Chair representative.

- Meeting Wednesday, tomorrow at 9AM.
- We will be discussing the luncheon with the caucus chairs.
- We are tabling on Wednesday at 3PM in COBA!
- Our Senators came up with the idea of “Small Business Highlight of the week” and will be in collaboration with Professor Milner, who is a co-director of our Center for Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. He oversees the entrepreneurship side of the center and provides a leadership role in the college’s entrepreneurship program.
- Please contact me if you have any questions or initiatives
- Email: Agd039@shsu.edu

Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Emmy Castro

- Upcoming Caucus meeting: Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30pm
- Tailgating with Susan Floyd
- Discussed creating a newsletter
- Tabling once a month
- Training senators to help with tours
- Mentoring programs with the STEM center
- Upcoming meeting with Dr. Lester to discuss sorting COSET scholarships. (Monday November 4th at 12:30)
- Setting up a meeting with Dr. Lester, Dr. Jones, and the COSET ambassadors
- Meeting with Dean Holt and the COSET Caucus
- Any further questions can be directed to me at enc033@shsu.edu or come see me after today's meeting!
- If you are a COSET Senator and still haven't joined Groupme please scan!



C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Ashari Gordan

- 1st CHSS caucus meeting was productive, reps gave feedback on legislation, and we discussed tabling, and other outreach ideas
 - Currently reaching out to orgs and tabling in CHSS twice a week with the feedback flyer
 - Took group photos for the caucus who could be present for the flyer
- CHSS tailgating Tuesday at Blackout game
- CHSS first Gen breakfast 9-10:30am 11/04 (Monday)
- 11/06 Medical and Health Humanities Talk series- Iris Clever
- 1st Gen student Resource Fair Wednesday 11/06
- Career Diplomat Presentation from Director Katherine Ho 11/14 9am-2pm

Arts and Media – Daijion Jackson

- Some upcoming events in C.A.M are the First-Generation Celebration on Nov 8th in the University Theater center
- The School of Music Twenty Four or The cure for Love in the GPAC Payne concert Hall on Oct 31, Nov 1, and Nov 2 all at 7:30pm
- Im in the process of reaching out to C.A.M orgs and drawing up an outline for the possible talent show for next fall.
- I reached out to Anita furr to see about a tabling in the GPAC building
- We will be moving our caucus meeting to next month in November If you have any concerns, questions about the meeting or recommendations on the caucus meeting time based on availability, please email me at ddj041@shsu.edu
- If you are a C.A.M Senator and have not scanned the QR please scan this



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D. Education – Hailey Patterson

- I am currently working on setting up the first monthly meeting with Dean

Edmonson before September is over. When we have our first meeting, I plan on addressing: Events coming up for the College of Education, what the college wants to do with SGA, and what we can do personally in order to help them grow. If you are an education major and have any questions, or concerns that you would like me to bring up during our meeting, feel free to email me at hsp008@shsu.edu.

E. Criminal Justice Chair - Je'hmory Coleman

- I met with Luke Putman yesterday and discussed:
 - i. An organization committee for CJ
 - ii. Getting on the screens
 - iii. Tabling in the college
 - iv. Upcoming events for Cj that they would like us to attend/participate in
- I will be meeting with Dean Lyons Thursday November 7th at 12:00pm
- Our next Caucus meeting will be next Thursday November 7th at 5pm but is subject to change because of conflicts with the potluck
- If you have any ideas pertaining the college of criminal justice talk to me after the meeting or email me at jwc061@shsu.edu

F. Health Sciences – Eva McDonald

- The Epilepsy Awareness Tabling is going to be on November 4th from 11am-3pm
 - My sister is working on a personal document illustrating her experience with epilepsy
 - If you or someone you know has epilepsy and would like to share their experiences, please get in contact with me!
- November the 5th is Purple Day- wear a purple ribbon
- I met with the Dean on Monday, and we discussed the ideas we came up with at our caucus meeting.
- If you have any question or concerns that you would like to discuss with me or want me to discuss with the dean, please get in contact with me @ exm196@shsu.edu

A. Old Business

- Tacos for Tatas: Breast Cancer Awareness event

B. New Business

- Approving President Scott's appointment to a co-director role for Community Affairs: Akylia Washington

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Ulloa
 - Seconded by Ashari

COBA Senator Moody motioned to suspend the rules and step outside while we vote.

President Scott clarified that Akylia Washington is a voted in Senator already and must stay in the room while voting.

- Motion made for a secret ballot by Senator Ulloa
 - Seconded by CJ Senator Arreguin
 - Motion passes
 - Secret Ballot results: 24 Yays, 17 Nays, 4 Abstentions

Congratulations to our new Co-Director Akylia Washington!

- Approving President Scott's appointment to a co-director role for Student Affairs: Lily Temple-Dozier

- Entertained by President Scott
- Motion made by Ulloa
- Seconded by Ashari
 - 39 Yays, 1 Nays, 5 Abstentions

Vote In's:

- ***Ethan Vo: COCJ***
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Ulloa
 - Seconded by Toscano

- 45 Yays, 2 Abstentions
 - Passes congratulations!
 - ***D’Juan Fontenot: COBA***
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Eva
 - Seconded by Dittman
 - 46 Yays
 - Passes congratulations!
- ***Member of the Week: Angela Toscano!***
- ***Bill F-24-02 Caucus Chair Delegation of Office Hours***
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Chair McDonald
 - Seconded by Senator Abrego
 - 36 Yays, 7 Abstentions
 - ***Bill F-24-02 Caucus Chair Delegation of Office Hours passes.***

Questions over Bill F-24-02 Caucus Chair Delegation of Office Hours:

- COHS Senator Ulloa: “Does this mean that the caucus chairs are allowed to give office hours to just anyone in the senate, or specifically within the college that they’re representing?”
 - Answered by Director of R&R Schweinhart:
 - “It is not necessarily specified! However, here it states that, to improve the overall productivity, and communication with SHSU student.”
 - Chair McDonald pointed out that the bill does state it, in the college that they represent.
- COHS Senator Ulloa: “I’m in Cohs, but I’m also in community affairs. If Director Toscano gives me office hours. Does she (Chair McDonald have to give me one, too, if I already have one for community affairs.”
 - Answered by Director of R&R Schweinhart:
 - “If you already have an office hour, you don’t need to get one from your chair, and you’ll also see here that center, like in one of the

airports, it says centers shall have no more than 2 office hours from their caucus chair per month. So, the caucus chair office hours are secondary, so it would be. They can't have more than 2, but you can have less than 2 from a caucus chair in a month.”

- Parliamentary Brett: “Is there's a reason why they are limited to 2 office hours per month.”
 - o Answered by Director of R&R Schweinhart:
 - It's just so that Senators aren't overrun with office hours, and to make sure that senators are involved within the departments and aren't just only doing stuff with their college.

Stated Intent:

Alexandria Sanders – COCJ

Charles Coburn – COCJ

Emma Lindell – CAM

C. Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

D. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:06pm

- Entertained by President Scott
 - o Motion made by Chair Coleman
 - o Seconded by Director Guel
 - Unanimous Pass
 - o See y'all next week!

