



**Student
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Association
Sam Houston State
University**

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State University System*

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Senate Meeting #1 – August 27th, 2024

A. Call to Order at 6:03pm

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

Quorum: 19 Senators & 2 Executive Board Members

Total: 34

E. Icebreaker

- What is your name, major and what brought you to our senate meeting?

Officer Reports

A. *Chief of Staff Macias*

- Office Hours Sheet on BB
- The showcase went great! Thank y'all for all your hard work.
- Please make sure you notify Brandon or Teresa 3-5 weeks in advance if you want anything to go through marketing such as flyers, posters, shirts etc.
- If your activities involve administration, please be sure to copy Dean Smith and Brandon.
- If you guys need ANYTHING, please don't hesitate to contact me.

B. *Treasurer TBD*

- **2024-2025**
 - o Total: \$74, 205.00
 - o Stipends: \$35,100
 - o BAPI: \$4,500
 - o O-Tie: \$7,000
 - o Community Affairs: \$3,000
 - o Student Affairs: \$4,000
 - o Internal Affairs: \$350
 - o Public Relations: \$3,000
 - o Rules & Regulations: \$350
 - o Menstrual Equity: \$2,500
 - o Special Events \$6,500
 - o Discretionary: \$3,832 (Means up to the E-Board)
 - o Misc: \$2,000
 - Motioned by Director Underwood, Senator Ulloa Second
 - 14 Yay; 1 abstention; 1 nay
 - Passes
- All Directors can pull from their funds starting September 1st
- **ALL PURCHASES MUST BE SUBMITTED 4-5 weeks in advance! If it does not fall within that timeframe, I will NOT approve your request nor will the President or VP.**
- All LSC rooms & yard space reservations need to be sent to me at 3-5 weeks

in advance or email me the room/yard space, the time you need it, and all other details including if you need a laptop, catering needs, etc. The budget was adjusted with the help of pro-staff, past SGA Executive members, and current SGA Executive members.

Questions:

- “Why do other departments, get more money than the department rules and regulations?”
 - o Answered by President Scott:
 - Each department is allotted a certain amount of money because of the events they host. Since the department does not host events, they will be allocated less money than other departments, but they can always request more if needed. (Must do the correct protocol for that)

C. Secretary Salmeron

- All departments on blackboard are updated such as where & when they meet
- Directors, I have added your own customized department meeting attendance form to keep stuff more organized. After your department meeting, please send me your meeting minutes.
- If you will not be making it to mandatory events, or senate meetings please send me an email with a valid excuse.

D. Vice President Rojas-Caballero

- Internals will begin meeting bi-weekly next Monday via zoom at 6:00pm.
 - o It is imperative that you make it. If you find yourself in a position where you cannot, please reach out to me via email.
 - o Reminder that we will meet in person when legislation is being brought to the floor the following senate meeting
- Director Recruitment Idea with Secretary Salmeron! Thank you for bringing your friends!
- TSUS SAB Aug. 7-9, met with the 7 system institutions and solidified topics surrounding students' engagements and retention with an emphasis on upperclassmen retention, mental health and well being
- Thank you to everyone who helped with summer projects!<3 (inventory, project me, etc.)

E. President Scott

- Thank you senators and E-Board for you work during summer senate and also helping to execute an amazing very 1st Inauguration and SGA Showcase***

- President White and Dr. Moore monthly meetings have been scheduled for the rest of the semester on randomly scheduled Thursdays and Fridays***

- Weekly 1:1 meetings with Dean Smith on Mondays at 9am***

- E-Board meetings Mondays at 4 PM***

- Spoke at New Student Convocation Sunday August, 18***

- University Committee Appointments have been sent out by Lila Alvarado in the summer***

- Texas State University System, Student Advisory Board met with TSUS universities LU, SRSU, LSCO, LSCPA, SHSU, TXST, LIT)***

- We solidified four topics to present to the Board of Regents which were concerns shared amongst all 7 components including Retention and Enrollment amongst upperclassmen, Campus Safety, Student Involvement and Engagement and lastly Mental Healthcare resources. We will meet next in November at***

Lamar University, February in Austin, and May at TXST.

-Next week we will vote to adopt the new SAB Constitution.

- Appointments:

D. of Community Affairs – Liv Hernandez & Angela Toscano

D. of Student Affairs – Aly Underwood & Je’hmory Coleman

D. of Public Relations – Rhiannon Guel & Alyssa Hernandez

D. of Council – Alyssa Rodriguez

***D. of Rules and Regulations Emarie Schweikhardt
Attorney General – Rianna Flores***

Seargent at Arms – Alexander Reyna

- Motioned by Director Underwood, Senator Tayloe Second
 - 14 Yay; 1 abstention
 - Passes
- Discussion/Question:
 - “Last spring you already appointed directors, so what changed?”
 - Answered by President Scott:
 - Directors change with each administration, as it states in our constitution.

Director Reports

A. Community Affairs – Liv Hernandez & Angela Toscano

- ***Meetings are Wednesday @2pm in LSC 314***

- *Start with HELLO week :)*

B. Student Affairs - Je'hmory Coleman & Aly Underwood

- *Our meetings are Wednesdays at 3:00pm in the SGA office (zoom is available if requested)*
- *We have two events in the works*
- *Showcase was today!*

C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Alyssa Hernandez

- *Meetings are Thursday at 3:30pm*
- *Flyer Requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks ahead of time.*
- *“Your Voice Matters” Flyer*
- *“Alopecia Awareness” Flyer*
- *SGA Retreat Recap?*
- *If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at rlg080@shsu.edu and amh223@shsu.edu*

D. Rules and Regulations- Emarie Schweikhardt

- *Meetings will be on Thursdays at 1:00pm*
- *Email: eps017@shsu.edu*

E. Director of Caucus – TBD

-election date shall be set by third senate meeting Sept. 10 amongst sitting caucus chairs

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!

- *This year, we'll use separate attendance forms and QR codes for council members and voted-in senators and directors.*



Chair Reports

- A. Graduate – VACANT*
- B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology - VACANT*
- C. Humanities and Social Sciences - VACANT*
- D. Arts and Media - VACANT*
- E. Education - VACANT*
- F. Criminal Justice - VACANT*
- G. Health Sciences - VACANT*
- H. Business Administration - VACANT*

General Information

- A. Old Business*
 - SGA Inauguration*
 - SGA Showcase*
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- Intents stated by:

- Rishardae Stafford
- Gabriella Akaba

- Emmy Castro
- Eva McDonald
- Munachi Moge kwu
- Betzabell Velasco

- Amber Robinson
- Luis Hidalgo
- Kei'Ara Gipson
- Abigail Dittman
- Dai'jion Jackson
- Emilia Alvarez
- Ashari Gordon

C. Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

D. Announcements

- Bearkat Mania – attend welcome week events!
- First meeting of African Student Association is September 9th
- The Voice is September 5th in the Kat Klub
- Next meeting is business casual

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:09pm

- Motioned by Senator Moody, Second by Director Coleman; Unanimous pass