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**Senate Meeting #10 – November 14, 2023**

***A. Call to Order @ 7:37pm***

***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***

4 Executive Board – 25 Senators – 30 Total

***E. Icebreaker***

What is your go-to restaurant in Huntsville?

### ***F. Certify Meeting Minutes***

- 11/6/2023
  - Moved: Jared Scott
  - Second: Connor Brett
    - Unanimous pass

## **Officer Reports**

### ***A. Chief of Staff Ivory***

- Office Hours are due every Friday @8pm
- I will meet with the commencement committee on December 1<sup>st</sup> for final details

### ***B. Treasurer Frederick***

- Go through the Expenditures Tab on Blackboard to find the purchase request form, financial reports, FAQs, and examples.
- ALL Purchase Requests need to be made at least 1 month in advance
- When submitting a Purchase Request, I need the actual form (this is on blackboard) and an email with all the links.
- All LSC Room Reservation requests need to be made 2 weeks before the reservation date (ballroom requests 1 month). Email me with the date, room you would like, backup room, estimated attendance, preferred setup, and any equipment you need.
- If you ever need your LSC reservation confirmation, let me know and I can forward it to you. Having this confirmation means the LSC has to honor your reservation and cannot cancel or switch your room.

### ***B. Secretary Cheng***

- I will be redesigning the senate meeting slides for next semester! Send me suggestions!

### ***C. Vice President Scott***

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly via Zoom on Mondays at 6pm.
- Internal Affairs Department Meetings Attendance.
- Orange Tie Committee. The first meeting was today! If interested in joining, please reach out to me via email or group me direct message.
- In process of communicating with Rules and Regulations to schedule a meeting with Provost Stephenson on how a mental health day would be beneficial to our campus.
- Sent Resolution F-23, 04 and, 05 to respective organizational heads.
- BOR Student Advisory Board Meeting November 15-17 Lamar University.

### ***D. President Calderon***

- 11/21 - Last Senate meeting will be on Zoom
- Tailgate: Nov. 25th SHSU vs Middle Tennessee
- Dr. White 1:1 Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm.
  - o Ask the Presidents 3/18/2024 12pm-1pm LSC Atrium
  - o University Camp Tour & Lunch 4/1/2024
  - o Resolution advice – broader suggestion
- VPSA Drew Miller 1:1 12/5 2pm
- Board of Regents - Student Advisory Board:
  - o Report done!
  - o Nov. 16-18th Lamar University in Beaumont

## **Director Reports**

### ***A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero***

- External Affairs meets every Wednesday at 5pm in the SGA office.
- Meet your local council members is cancelled.

- Revised the constitution, EA will be reaching out to collaborate with external entities.
- Next City Hall meeting is taking place on November 21st from 6pm-7pm.

### ***B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez***

- University affairs meets every Wednesday at 4pm on Zoom.
- I think it's safe to say that safety walk was a success, and I want to thank everyone who contributed to making sure Safety walk ran smoothly. So thank you to all SGA Senators, Directors, Chairs and E-board members that participated as group leaders. And a special shoutout and thank you to Director Salmeron and the rest of public relations for their post on the SGA Instagram :)
- BAPI April 13<sup>th</sup> 7am-1pm

### ***C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood***

- Student Affairs meets every Tuesday at 12:45 in LSC 314
- Dunk the President:
  - o Date: November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:30pm at the Plaza.
    - Pubbing tabling MOVED from November 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 in Plaza spot 13 to November 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 in spot 8
  - o Vendor information for the dunk tank is sorted.
- Surviving Finals:
  - o November 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00pm in spot 13
  - o Material donations include 200 Rockstar energy drinks.

### ***D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron***

- PR meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office.
- Giveaway winners have been reached out to, waiting for them to pick up vouchers to move forward receiving the gift cards.
- Updating the highlights, creating an October Recap (any behind the scenes or things that anyone wants to include please send them to me).
- A repost of the link and Instagram post have been made for tomorrow's Safety Walk event.
- Working on flyer requests.

- If interested in PR, please attend meetings moving forward!

### ***E. Rules and Regulations – Director Williams***

- Meetings will be every Monday from 12 pm-1 pm.
- R&R workshop on went excellent.
- Mandatory Roberts Rules workshop for all Senators is today!
- Discussed a potential mental health day for students on campus.
- SGA Townhall complaints! Earlier today
- 4 bills will be presented on the floor today!

### ***F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa***

- I am planning a crash course meeting on effective business communication with all Caucus Chairs. Possibly this week depending on everyone's availability.
- I'm going to start sending chairs the agenda items from deans call so they can discuss changes with their respective deans.

### ***G. Director of Council – Director Redmond***

Directors:

- Take attendance in every department meeting. Even if there aren't any new members or council members in attendance.
- The attendance sheet is located in your department section on Blackboard.
- Mark off your council members' office hours on the Excel Spreadsheet. This is imperative to their council member process.

Council members:

- When you complete your office hour, document it in the senator office hour spreadsheet
  - o It is your responsibility to document your hour.
  - o Additionally, make sure it's on the correct page.
- If anyone has any questions, please come see me after the meeting.

- All council members, see me after the meeting as I need to gather attendance.

#### Additional Info:

- I sent out Outreach emails to all 9 of our Council members that we have not seen in a while.
- I have reached out to multiple Orgs for recruiting, ASA, Elite/ Evolve, NAACP and now Soul Lifters. My vision is to be able to present our outreach slideshow and tell them all about SGA.
- If you have any other suggestions, please let me know.
- As we continue to strive to meet all of our own goals and initiatives, I believe it is imperative that we don't stop there and continue to encourage our like-minded peers to join.
- I found out that our goal is to gain 50 more senators by the end of the semester. That is a HUGE stretch, but I'm committed to trying my best to make it happen.

## Chair Reports

### *A. Graduate*

### *B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Chair Ballah*

- Meeting with Dean Holt

#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN COSET

- SEA - (Student Environmental Alliance)
- Hiking with me: 11/18th from 9am to 11 at Lone Star Trailhead
- Bake sale- November 28th
- SHAG (Sam Houston Association of Geology) - Is hosting their SHAGsgiving potluck 11/15 @5pm in the Lee Drain building room 318 and all students are welcome to come

### ***C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Chair Williams (Interim)***

- Met with Dean Li and Associate Dean Crosby
- Waiting to hear back from Dean Li, regarding the scholarship fair to assist students on campus with finding scholarships and navigating scholarships4Kats
- CHSS has two Scholarships for Travel: One is for research purposes and the other is if you want to present work at a conference with a faculty member (Must Submit a request) - S.P.U.R
- Poll is ready regarding if students prefer in-person or online classes more to create solutions to the “issue” of many online classes
- Poll is ready regarding a speaker for Ted Talk or TedxSHSU
- CHSS Student Ambassador Program provides Networking and volunteering opportunities for students

### ***D. Arts and Media – Chair Powers***

- My meeting with Dean Shields was postponed due to a personal illness and is in the process of being rescheduled.
- Are you apart of CAM? Please reach out to me, I would like to make a group chat with all you lovely CAM Senators!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAM**

- November 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents an Opera: Human/ Nature
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and the 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm The Department of Theatre presents She Loves Me
- November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm The School of Music Presents a Harp Studio Recital in the GPAC’s Recital Hall
- November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm The School of Music Presents a Basson Studio Recital in the GPAC’s Recital Hall
- November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Jazz Band

Concert in the GPAC

### ***E. Education- Chair Patterson***

- I had my November monthly meeting with Dean Edmonson yesterday, Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- We discussed the current and upcoming initiatives that the College of Education is currently implementing, and the College of Education plans on working with more campus partners in the future as well.
- We also talked about how the College of Education can be better advocates for the students, and how they can better support the students whether that be financially or providing other resources that would be helpful for the students.
- Lastly, we also talked about the College of Education hosting more events in order to be better at interacting with the students that are in or outside of the college.
- Collaboration wise, the College of Education has asked me to table at the next COE Opportunity Fair on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. This will be helpful for us to get the word out about SGA and hopefully get more COE students in SGA next semester.
- If you are an education major and have any questions, or concerns that you would like ME to bring up during my next monthly meeting, feel free to email me at [hsp008@shsu.edu](mailto:hsp008@shsu.edu).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN COE**

- Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - College of Education SHSU v. Middle Tennessee State Tailgate.

### ***F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor***

- The College of Criminal Justice just sent out a mass email to all CJ students! This survey contains questions regarding your opinions about the current state of COCJ as well as ways in which you think it can improve. If you are



in COCJ and have friends that are as well, please spread the word to take the survey as the responses will give CJ admin student opinions about the college!

- The Department of Victim Studies will be hosting a “Careers in Victim Studies” panel. In this panel you will be able to gain information from workers in Child Protective Services, the FBI, and Victim Service Advocacy within Law Enforcement. This will be held on zoom on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm. If you are interested, please see me after the meeting!
- The SHSU CJ Department of Forensic Science is hosting its "All Creatures Big and Small" donation drive. Items donated will benefit the SHSU Food Pantry, SHSU Tripod's Thrift and Rita B. Huff Animal Shelter. All donations are to be dropped off at CFS 212 and to be due by noon on December 1<sup>st</sup>

### ***G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa***

- I will be a COHS Ambassador this Saturday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.
- Get your flu shot!
- In contact with BGS to get a wholesale number of sample sunscreens for next semester games/activities
- Eta Sigma Gamma Health Honorary Society. If you are a major minor within the College of Health Sciences with a SHSU GPA of 3.0 or above, consider joining! Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month in the LSC at 5pm. Contact Ana Noyola, Co-President, at aln040@shsu.edu with any questions and for room numbers.
- K.H.R.A.S.H. This student organization is for all allied health-related majors on campus. Meetings are held in LDB 106 at 5:30 p.m. Contact kxc104@SHSU.EDU with any questions.

### ***H. Business Administration --- Chair Garcia***

- Meeting with Dean Self (waiting to see available)
- Upcoming Events for COBA:

- Toys Drive
- Business Plan Competition – Deadline to enter is Nov 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place –\$2,000 Scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$1,000 Scholarship
- Registrations opens for classes, opens this month (November).
- Visit the Career Center for resume building.
- Any business clothes needed visit Tripod Thrift for business attire,
- Any questions or concerns contact me at: hxg045@shsu.edu!

## Committee Reports

### ***A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero***

- Sent another email to Villanova University and am still awaiting a response
- Will be presenting contraceptive survey results
- Making maps for dispensers, will be reaching out to IT to discuss adding it to the SGA Web site
- Email [mgr038@shsu.edu](mailto:mgr038@shsu.edu) or scan the QR code on the flyers for reporting of any dispenser related issues, please attach a picture if possible.
- Follow Project M.E on Instagram @shsu.projectme!

### ***B. Celebratory Event Committee -Chair Ivory***

- Waiting to get estimates of speakers
- If you would like to be a part of this committee, please let me know and once I've gathered everyone, I will be creating a GroupMe.
- Outside of black history month, please feel free to join and share ideas for other celebratory months. I look forward to making each community feel celebrated equally.
  - November: National Adoption awareness month, World Kindness Day, Child Safety Protection Month, Native American Heritage Month
  - December: Kwanza, Christmas, New Year's Eve, Hanukkah, 12/10 Human Rights Day
  - January: Indian New Year, Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, MLK day

### ***C. Student Life Committee***

### ***D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez***

- The unofficial Election results have been posted
  - o Includes:
    - State propositions 1-14
    - School board trustee positions 4 and 5 for Huntsville ISD
    - School board trustee positions 1-3 for Waverly IS
    - Mayor of Huntsville
    - Councilmembers wards 1-4 for Huntsville
    - Amendments A-X for city of Huntsville
    - Mayor of River side
    - Councilmembers city of Riverside
    - Mayor city of Waverly
    - Councilmember city of Waverly
    - Proposition A-E NW MMD #1 (New Waverly Military Movement Drill)
    - Board of Directors NW MMD #1
- For More information go to [www.co.walker.tx.us](http://www.co.walker.tx.us)

## **General Information**

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

- Safety Walk
  - o Went amazing!
- Complain to SGA: Student Worker Edition
  - o Not many people showed up.

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

- Bill F-23-01 [Official Meeting Location]
  - o Motioned to certify this bill.

- Moved: Brad Williams
  - Second: Jared Scott
    - unanimous pass
- Bill F-23-02 [External Affairs Department Expansion]
  - Motioned to certify this bill.
    - Moved: Connor Brett
    - Second: Maria Rojas-Caballero
      - unanimous pass
- Bill F-23-03 [Menstrual Equity Budget]
  - Motioned to refer this bill back to committee.<sup>1</sup>
    - Moved: Jared Scott
    - Second: Sophie Powers
      - Yay: 7 Nay: 12 Abstain: 2
        - Motion fails
  - Motioned to amend verbiage to specify this bill and the budget.<sup>2</sup>
    - Moved: Connor Brett
    - Second: Liv Hernandez
      - Unanimous
  - Move to pass bill F-23-03.<sup>3</sup>
    - Moved: Connor Brett
    - Second: Maria Rojas-Caballero
      - Yays: 18 Nays: 0 Abstain: 4
        - Motion passes
- Bill F-23-04 [Committee Budget Plan Of Action]
  - Motioned to pass Bill F-23-04.
    - Moved: Brad Williams
    - Second: Connor Brett
      - Yays: 20 Nays: 1 Abstain: 1
        - Motion passes
- Fill Vacancies
  - Graduate chair
  - CHSS chair
  - Student Life Committee
    - Nicholas Moody & Nadia Lopez both want the position noted

specific points in their speech:

- Nicholas Moody talked about wanting to fix washers and dryers which he stated in his intent.
  - Nadia Lopez discussed that there is more to living on campus, such as campus worker pay.
    - Veronica will announce appointment in the next meeting.
- Stating Intentions
- Anthony Paladio

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

- Complain to SGA
  - Director Williams spoke on the low turnout and plans to do more advertising/planning the next time around.
    - Director Underwood assured him that first events do not always go as planned and that is ok!
  - Rianna Flores suggested using an anonymous QR code survey for the next one.
- Connor Brett thanks everyone who helped work on the four bills this past Thursday.
- Vice President Scott instructed Director Rojas-Caballero to reach out to Dean Smith in order to update the SGA website.
- Nicholas Moody stepped down from his intent for the Student Life Committee Chair
- Rianna Flores would like to have a raffle to increase the numbers of senators.

### ***D. Recess***

- Motioned to recess for 10 minutes to relocate the meeting for the workshop.
  - Moved: Connor Brett
  - Second: Jared Scott
    - Unanimous pass

***E. Call to Order @ 8:43PM***

***F. Announcements***

- Chair Patterson said to fill out the GroupMe poll she will be sending.
- Chair Taylor said to fill out CJ survey.

***G. Motion to Adjourn Meeting @ 8:47PM***

- Moved: Connor Brett
- Second: Aly Underwood
  - Unanimous pass