



**Student
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Senate Meeting #7 – October 17, 2023

A. Call to Order @ 6:06 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

24 Senators – 5 Executive Board – 29 Total

E. Icebreaker

What non-traditional animal would you have as a pet if you were able to?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- 10/10
 - o Moved: Jared Scott
 - o Second: Connor Brett
 - Unanimous pass

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- The survey went out today at 10am so please spread the word to get more feedback.
- I will be checking the SGA email regularly to review survey responses.
- University Affairs is tabling in the dining hall this week! Tell your friends to stop by and also to fill out the survey.

B. Treasurer Frederick

- I meet with Teresa every Wednesday at 2pm so keep that in mind when sending your purchase requests.
- You are welcome to join me for a meeting if you are putting in an Aramark order or want specific things.
- 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.

B. Secretary Cheng

- If you do not email or text me about your absence from a senate meeting, I will mark you as an unexcused absence! Being late also counts as an unexcused absence. Please let me know ahead of time.

C. Vice President Scott

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly via Zoom on Mondays at 6pm.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Tabling Event was on Monday October 16th, 11am-1pm.
 - o Thanks to all who helped!
- Internal Affairs Department Meetings Attendance.
- Orange Tie Committee:
 - o If interested in joining, please reach out to me via email or group me direct message.

D. President Calderon

- Campus life development fund: Need a list of alternate members.
 - o Kevin Redmond, Kezia Frederick – 2 more ASAP!
- New senators: if you do not have a polo, tell me your size for our new order, (we are out of XS, S, M, L!)
 - o New headshots October 28th at 1pm?
- Tailgate: Nov. 4th vs Kennesaw State – Homecoming Game & Nov. 25th vs Middle Tennessee
 - o MUST be set up BEFORE 3pm, tailgate starts at 4pm
 - o New spot B5, Sign up to help!
- Homecoming: Parade is Nov. 2nd line-up beginning at 3:45 p.m. Hollywood theme!

- New recycling bin the office!
- Thrift it! The event is TOMORROW Oct. 18th on the Plaza from 3-5:30pm!
Sign up required for a confirmed spot via Microsoft form.
 - o I am going to need help so if you can, please let me know!
- Tree of Lights Nov. 14th at 5pm.
 - o I will be a speaker!
- Board of Regents - Student Advisory Board:
 - o Nov. 16-18th Lamar University in Beaumont
 - o Zoom w/ TSUS Vice Chancellor of Finance Daniel Harper
 - o SAB Sub-committee for research assistance
 - Topics - Enhancing Student Representation, Freshman Seminar/Learning Communities

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Vacant

- Meet your local council members November 16th in LSC Room 230A from 6-7pm. City Council members are confirming.
- Thank you to everyone who showed up at Tomorrow’s Promise Montessori School to make goodie bags for their fundraiser as well as those you volunteered at their fundraiser October 14th.
- Retirement Home Events

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets every Wednesday at 4pm on Zoom.
 - o We won’t be meeting this Wednesday!
- Tabling in the dining halls Today, Tomorrow and Thursday!
 - o Wednesday Oct 18th 11-1pm, Old Main and Generals
 - o Wednesday Oct 18th 5-7pm Old main and Generals
 - o Thursday Oct 19th 11-1pm Old main and Generals
- Townhall Nov. 14th LSC 230B 1-3pm Complain to SGA “Student Worker Edition”.
- Safety Walk is on November 8th at 6pm in the Frank Parker Plaza.
 - o Safety Walk brief overview.

- Safety Walk is an event SGA puts on for students to look for safety issues on campus. Director Hernandez will put together a presentation for the facilities to be able to see all the issues and hopefully resolve them ASAP.
- Any questions or comments can be sent to llh033@shsu.edu!

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meets on Tuesdays at 12:45pm in the SGA office LSC 314.
- Bearkat Org Operation (B.O.O) is next!
- ROOM CHANGE!
 - The LSC changed the room reservation from LSC 241 to LSC 230.
 - October 26th in LSC 230 4-6pm.
 - Orgs with confirmed attendance [via Chair Powers]
 - Orgs in Attendance:
 - KPCA
 - Arabic Language Club
 - Ballet Folklorico
 - Kats For Casa
 - Pose Fashion
 - Asian and Pacific Islander Club
 - Plant and Soil Sciences
 - NOCHJ
 - African Student Association
 - Esports
 - NABCJ
 - Compassion Collective (?)
 - Crime victim services alliance
 - SGA (obvi)
- The homecoming parade is under construction.
 - Trailer, vehicle, driver & hitch has been provided by Chair Powers and her father.
 - All supplies needed for homecoming have been submitted with a purchase request & 2/3 are confirmed ordered.

- Dunk the President is under construction.
 - o Tentative Date: November 20th from 2-4:30pm at The Plaza.
 - Pubbing tabling for November 13th from 12-2 in Plaza spot 18.
 - We spoke about changing to spot 13 in our meeting earlier today.
 - Vendor information for the dunk tank is being sorted. I sorted it out with President Calderon to take the dunk tank out of the president's budget. We are able to preserve our great deal with the vender. Thank you to President Calderon.
- Surviving Finals!
 - o Attorney General Brett is collaborating with Student Affairs in Surviving Finals Tabling.

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office.
- Completed:
 - Thrift It! (Tomorrow! & the link is posted in case anyone wants to sign up).
 - Breast Cancer Awareness Flyer/ Informational for tabling today + Pink Out Senate Meeting.
 - Have officially posted the annual Safety Walk (Sign up link in GroupMe).
- Updated B.O.O room change is LSC 230.
- Working on giveaway ideas to give back to the student body.
 - o Considering doing a spooky basket for October.
 - o Will be doing giveaways for November and December.
 - We do have some pre-purchased giveaway items, so we will also be using those.
- Please do not approve any flyer unless everything is set & stone for events.
- 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.

- Finished working on contraceptive legislation which will be brought to the next Senate meeting (10/24).
 - o Student Health Center is putting out a vending machine with contraceptive products and other over-the-counter health products in the library.
- Constitution & By-laws workshop this Thursday (10/19/2023) from 6pm-7:30 pm. Consists of amending the entire constitution and by-laws BOLO (“be on the lookout”) for new bills, amendments, and resolutions for the upcoming weeks.
- Mandatory Roberts Rules workshop for all Senators is Tuesday, November 14th right after the Senate meeting.
- Waiting to hear back from Parking Transportation for SGA Presidents to receive a parking space on campus.
- Will soon draft a resolution to congratulate and recognize the 50th anniversary to the men of the Theta Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.
- Will soon draft a bill that would make the CJ Courtroom the official meeting location for SGA.
- If you are interested in writing bills and resolutions affecting the student body, please be sure to show up to those meetings and voice your concerns.

F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa

- All Deans and Associate Deans have reserved their spot for Dean’s Call.
- Will start printing out name plates for all representatives.
- All Caucus Chairs will be required to attend Deans Call.
- Meeting with all current Caucus Chairs October 17th @ 5pm.
 - o If you are in a Chair position and need an excuse, let the Executive Board know so you can get an excuse note for class, etc.
- “Dean’s Call” – November 1st at 11:30am LSC 242 (Glass Room).

G. Director of Council – Interim Director Underwood

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 in 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 hours, document it in the senator office hour spreadsheet.
 - o It is your responsibility to document your hour.
- Additionally, make sure it's on the correct page. Pages are separated by month! It's October so be sure to record it on the October page.
- If anyone has any questions or just wants a tutorial on how to access anything at all, please come see me after the meeting.
- All council members, see me after the meeting as I need to gather attendance. Feel free to ask me any questions you have!

Additional Info

- We have a vote-in today!
- I have switched positions in SGA, now my titles include Interim Director of Council and Director of Student Affairs.
 - o With the permission of the President, I am making a council training committee.
 - Anyone interested in the Director of Council position will shadow me on this committee. I will guide them in all that it means to be the Director of Council. Please talk to me after the meeting if you are interested.

Chair Reports

A. Graduate

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology

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

- Waiting to hear back from Dean Li and Associate Dean Crosby to have a monthly meeting with them.
- Skills Workshop October 18th and 25th and November 1st Lunch will be provided, as well as a certificate of completion (11am-1pm) -LSC 321.
- 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.
- Will be polling students soon to see if they prefer in-person or online classes more to create solutions to the “issue” of many online classes.
- After this meeting, I would like you all to partake in a research survey that is currently going on here at SAM.

D. Arts and Media – Chair Powers

- Currently in the works to start tabling in the Dan Rather and Hoyt Fine Arts Building
 - Waiting on an email about whether or not this can happen!
- I am making a CAM GroupMe! If you are part of CAM, let me know so I can add you so we can stay up to date together.
- If you have any questions or concerns about CAM, email me at slp086@shsu.edu !

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAM

- October 17th at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Tenor-Bass Choir Concert in the GPAC Recital Hall
- October 18th at 5:30pm The School of Music Presents an Oboe Recital in the GPAC’s Recital Hall
- October 19th at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Jazz Band Concert in the GPAC’s Recital Hall
- October 21st at 7:30pm The College of Arts and Media Presents Scott Pluge and friends as part of the CAM Artist series
- October 22nd at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Celebration of Ned Rorem in the GPAC’s Recital Hall

E. Education- Chair Patterson

- I had my first monthly meeting with Dean Edmonson on October 11th.
 - o We discussed events coming up for the College of Education:
 - Opportunity Fair
 - TAFY Competition
 - Collaboration event with First Generation.
 - More details will come as the events get closer.
- The College of Education would just like to support SGA at this time in any way we would like the help.
- 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.

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- The Department of Victim Studies hosted its “Surviving: Religious Cult Domestic Violence” seminar featuring Rebekah Drumsta in the CJ courtroom, in which she explained her experiences with the topic as well as ways in which we can help future survivors.
- The COCJ will be posting their tent up at this week's tailgate, there will be tons of free food so be sure to stop by!
- Texas Department of Public Safety will be tabling in CJ lobby on the 17th and 18th of this week.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Meeting with Dean Roper TBD.
- In contact with BGS to get a wholesale number of sample sunscreens for future home football games.
- Strategic Planning Committee for COHS: I have compiled survey questions I will be asking to those in COHS for feedback.
- Medical and Health Humanities Excellence Award! The Medical and Health Humanities program is calling for submissions for student awards. They will give prizes for undergraduate (\$250) and graduate (\$500) students' interdisciplinary work on medicine, health, healing, or disability. The deadline is October 31st. Email submissions to Dr. Barbara Kaminska at

bak018@shsu.edu.

- 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. Next meeting will be October 18th.

H. Business Administration --- Chair Garcia

- Meeting with Dean Self, October 19th at 11am.
- Upcoming Events for COBA:
 - Speaker Series Hot Topics in Business (Spencer Bynes – Metro President of iHeart Media) on Oct 26th at 3:30pm in LSC Theater.
 - Alumni Panel & Cookout in Oct 18th from 3:30 – 4:30Pm Career Panel Cookout at 4:30-5:30pm in the Haney Auditorium.
 - Beta Alpha Psi: FBI Informational Meeting on Oct 26 at 5pm in SHB 138 RSVP.
 - Business Plan Competition – Deadline to enter is Nov 17 1st Place – \$2,000 2nd Place - \$1,000 Scholarship.
 - COBA Scholarships Priority Deadline November 1st.
- Visit the Career Center for resume building.
- Any business attire needed? Visit Tripod Thrift for business clothes.

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Looking into potential partnership with condom brands.
 - Trojan is an option! They have given Universities deals in the past. I am trying to find a point of contact with them.
- Trouble shooting dispensers and using the QR code.

- Please let people know about the QR code so we can know when a dispenser needs to be fixed or items replaced.
- Email 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 for more email responses to start the committee.
- Our first meeting will be November 2nd @5pm on Zoom.
- 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.

C. Student Life Committee

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

- Election Day: November 7th 7am-7pm!
- Do research on local, state, federal voter data to raise voter efficacy throughout the entire year.
- Voting for mayor and council candidates
- The last day to register to vote was Oct 10th.

Mayor

1. Russell Humphrey
2. John Jafreh

Councilmember, Ward 1

1. Tore Fossum

Councilmember, Ward 2

1. Casey Cox
2. Yolanda M. Scott

Councilmember, Ward 3

1. Russell Barnett

2. Benjamin J. Sessions
 3. Anissa Antwine
- Councilmember, Ward 4
1. Jon Skelly Strong

For more information go to huntsvilletx.gov

General Information

A. Old Business

B. New Business

- Fill vacancies
 - External Affairs Director
 - Maria Rojas-Caballero is officially appointed by President Calderon.
 - Director of Council
 - Kevin Redmond is officially appointed by President Calderon.
 - Graduate Chair
 - COSET Chair
 - CHSS Chair
 - Sustainability – 1 member
 - Connor Brett, Emarie Schweikhardt, Lex Morgan, April Salmeron, and Hector Garcia are interested.
 - CLDF – 2 Alternates
 - Alyssa Hernandez, Lindsey Mosley, and Rianna Flores are interested.
- Vote In's
 - Kendall Harris
 - Moved: Kevin Redmond
 - Second: Jared Scott
 - Unanimous pass

- Stating intents
 - o Adam Albino

C. Open Forum

- External Affairs is a great place for individuals who are interested in volunteerism, as well as the Huntsville community.
- Thank you to Kevin for coming to help table with Jared and to anyone who stopped by!
- Thank you for your patience with finding a meeting room today.
- Emarie is on the Elevate Committee and there was a meeting yesterday, 10/16.
 - o Elevate is doing an initiative on mental health awareness beginning in November.
 - o Let Emarie know if you have any questions or concerns that you would like her to bring up to the next meeting.
- The first meeting for the Celebratory Event Committee will be changing due to the parade being at the same day/time.
- Civic Engagement Committee:
 - o Early voting is October 23rd in Texas through that weekend.
 - o Early voting center in the Huntsville Public Library for Walker County.
- Rules and Regulations is revising the constitution this Thursday, 10/19, in the SGA Office.
- If you need your LSC room confirmation (the actual confirmation receipt), please let Kezia know so she can email it to you.
 - o This lets the LSC know they cannot move your room.

D. Announcements

- CVSA is putting on the Clothesline Project
 - o CVSA is also having a bake sale on Monday in the Plaza.
- Tripod needs business casual attire! So, donate if you have any extra business casual items to give up to someone who needs it.
- Soul Lifters is having a church service with a guest speaker on 10/18 at

- 7pm in the LSC Theatre.
- Compassion collective has a spooky game night on 10/18 at 5pm in LSC 144. There will be a chance to win spooky baskets!
 - Alpha Chi Omega is having a fashion show this Saturday, 10/21, from 5-7pm in the Orange Ballroom. Come support the SAAFE House!
 - This Thursday, 10/19, is the Miss Sam Houston emcee and announcer auditions from 3-5pm in the Orange Ballroom.
 - o Scholarship involved for the emcee and announcers picked!
 - COBA is doing a toy drive in November.
 - The annual Mr. Tri Sigma pageant is November 14th at 6pm.
 - o If you are a guy interested in competing in the pageant, there is a google form on the @shsutrisigma Instagram page to sign up.
There is a \$50 fee from your sponsoring organization!
 - Tailgate on November 4th by Phi Beta Sigma! There will be fried fish, ribs, and fries!
 - Sigma Chi is having Pie-a-Chi at their tailgate this Wednesday, 10/18.
 - NOHCJ is selling hot Cheetos and cheese on Thursday, 10/19 from 11-1pm in the Plaza. Entrees are \$2 and combos are \$3!

E. *Motion to Adjourn Meeting* @7:16 PM