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Senate Meeting #8 – October 24, 2023

A. Call to Order @6:05PM

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

5 E-Board - 14 Senators

E. Icebreaker

What is an unpopular opinion that you have?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- 10/17
 - Motion: Connor Brett
 - Second: Kezia Frederick
 - Unanimous pass

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- The survey has been extended to Thursday (10/26).
- To amplify the number of responses, we have put out a giveaway on the SGA Instagram for 3 \$100 Amazon gift cards. Please share this with your friends!
 - We need more responses to back up our research on the dining hall hours and menstrual vending machine.
 - We only got 140 for the menstrual product survey, and 180 for the dining hall hours. We need a lot more than this!
- Please be mindful as a representative of SGA of what you say not only outside of SGA, but inside the office. SGA is intended to be a safe space for all students, and we would like to keep it that way! You, as a senator or director, must abide by the code of ethics.
 - Would you like a copy of the code of ethics on hand? Stop by my desk, or let me know, so I can get a head count.

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.
- I was looking through the budget and the way we spend money. Currently, Internal has a budget of \$50 and there is a separate budget of \$2,751 to use for the E-board's platforms. I would like to reallocate the Platforms budget in combine it with Internals' budget to make the new budget "Officers/Internal" with a total of \$2,801. It would be used for is the same thing, the E-board can use it for their platforms but now caucus chairs, and committee chairs also have a little extra funds.

B. Secretary Cheng

- Directors, if your department will not be meeting at its regular time, or at all on a certain week, please notify me via email. We should not just be finding out at a Senate meeting with no notice, right before your scheduled department meeting, or word of mouth. The E-Board needs to ensure all departments are not only productive but ensure that senators have office hours to complete.

C. Vice President Scott

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly via zoom on Mondays at 6pm.
- Thank you to all who came out to the tabling last week, for dressing out in pink at the senate meeting, and showing your support for Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- Internal Affairs Department Meetings Attendance.
 - o If you need to be at Internals, you need to show up. There has been

a lack of attendance.

- Orange Tie Committee.
 - o If interested in joining, please reach out to me via email or GroupMe direct message.

D. President Calderon

- American Association of State Colleges and Universities – American Democracy Project Zoom meeting Oct. 27th, looking for student voices/perspectives in promoting civic learning and democratic engagement at state institutions.
 - o President Calderon was invited by Stephen Kother to attend this to represent SHSU.
- Tailgate: Nov. 4th vs Kennesaw State – Homecoming Game & Nov. 25th vs Middle Tennessee
 - o Both are Saturday games! Tailgate is early so we will have to set up earlier. Be on the lookout for more information from President Calderon.
- Homecoming: Parade Nov. 2nd line-up beginning at 3:45 p.m. Hollywood theme!
 - o If you are available to help prepare for the parade, please let us know so we can direct you to the right place.
- Tree of Lights Nov. 14th at 5pm and I will be a speaker.
 - o Senate meeting right after!
- Board of Regents - Student Advisory Board
 - o President Calderon is the Chairwoman, and Vice-President Scott as well as Chief of Staff Ivory are the voting members for SHSU and will be in attendance.
 - o Nov. 16-18th Lamar University in Beaumont!
 - o SAB Sub-committee for research assistance
 - Rough Draft due Oct. 31st
 - o Topics - Enhancing Student Representation, Freshman Seminar/Learning Communities
 - I have last year's report if you would like to see it!

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- Meet your local council members November 16th in LSC Room 230A from 6 to 7pm. We are still trying to confirm City Council members.
 - o Will update the Senate once we have all the confirmed members.
 - o Tabling and survey November 9th from 11am-2pm for city council event.
 - For students to ask questions! This will help us prepare a list for the Q&A.
- We are going to begin working on revising the SGA constitution for EA.

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets every Wednesday at 4pm on Zoom.
- Complain to SGA “Student Worker Edition” Nov. 14th LSC 230B from 1-3pm.
- Safety walk is November 8th at 6pm in the Frank Parker Plaza. This is a mandatory event!
- 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.
- Bearkat Org Operation (B.O.O) is Next!
- ROOM CHANGE
 - o The LSC changed the room reservation from LSC 241 to LSC 230.
 - o October 26th in LSC 230 4-6pm.
- Homecoming Parade
 - o Trailer, vehicle, driver & hitch has been provided by Chair Powers and her father.
 - o All supplies needed for homecoming have been submitted with a purchase request & 3/3 are confirmed ordered.
 - 1/3 has arrived in the office.
 - Decorating the float will happen on Nov. 2nd Starting with collecting supplies from the office at 12:30 and décor starting at

1:00pm. TENTATIVELY at the SHSU visitor parking lot! This is TBA.

- If you are available at this time, PLEASE let me know by messaging me. The more people we have to decorate, the more likely we are to get it done.
 - We are still confirming a place to park to decorate.
- Dunk the President is under construction.
 - Date: November 20th from 2-4:30pm at The Plaza.
 - Pubbing tabling for November 13th from 12-2 in Plaza spot 13.
 - Vendor information for the dunk tank is sorted.
- Surviving Finals
 - Secretary Cheng is gathering Rockstar energy drinks for the tabling.
 - We have requested the tabling spot.
 - Material donations are underway.

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office.
- Need to complete:
 - Breast Cancer Awareness post from last week.
- Completed:
 - Have officially posted the annual Safety Walk (Sign up link in GroupMe)
 - 3x \$100 Amazon gift cards flyer has been posted.
 - Conducted interviews for part of the giveaway entries in the yard today.
- Working on giveaway ideas to give back to the student body.
- 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.
- Contraceptive Resolution is finished and to be voted on tonight!
- The Constitution & By-laws workshop went excellently, we discussed great points and changes that will be made.

- Mandatory Roberts Rules workshop for all Senators is Tuesday, November 14^h after the Senate meeting.
- Began drafting resolutions to congratulate and recognize the 50th anniversary of three different fraternities.
 - o Will be bringing this to the floor next week.
- Will soon draft a bill that will 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 this week.
- All Caucus Chairs will be required to attend Deans Call.
 - o If you need an excuse from class to attend, reach out to me ASAP so we can get that out.
- Meeting with all current Caucus Chairs October 24th @ 5pm.
 - o If you missed the meeting, stay after the Senate meeting for a quick debrief with me.
- “Dean’s Call” – November 1st at 11:30am LSC 242 (Glass Room).

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.

- It is your responsibility to document your hour.
- Additionally, make sure it's on the correct 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 4 vote-ins today!
- Director Underwood is officially over just Student Affairs. At the last meeting, I was appointed the new Director of Council! Director Underwood will be assisting me in learning the responsibilities and expectations of my new position.

Chair Reports

A. Graduate

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology

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

- Meeting with Dean Li and Associate Dean Crosby October 26th.
- 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.

D. Arts and Media – Chair Powers

- I am currently in the process of getting tabling started for next semester in different CAM buildings.
- If you have any questions or concerns about CAM, email me at slp086@shsu.edu !

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAM

- October 24^h at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents an All Choirs Fall Concert in the GPAC Recital Hall.
- October 27th at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Symphony Orchestra Concert in the GPAC's Recital Hall.
- October 30th at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Viola Studio Recital in the GPAC's Recital Hall.
- There are a lot of individual senior recitals going on as well. Be sure to support your seniors!

E. Education- Chair Patterson

- November's Monthly Meeting is currently getting finalized with dates and times.
- Dean Edmonson has gotten me into contact with Misty Rains, their COE Events Coordinator, and Shelie Goodwin, the Director of Recruitment and Retention, who also supports the COE Communications Hub.
- If SGA has any ideas or want to collaborate with the College of Education For any events, this is who we will be in contact with.
- 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

- I was able to get in touch with COCJ Student Engagement and Recruitment Specialist Luke Putman to plan out our CJ Leadership Breakfast with the leading members of other CJ orgs with Dean Dr. Lyons and Dr. Boisvert. The date is set for Wednesday, Nov. 1st from 8:30-9:30am (before Deans Call). Will be held in the CJ Flag Room (A218).
- 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!
- COBA's Beta Alpha Psi chapter will be hosting an informational meeting with the Federal Bureau of Investigations on Thursday, October 26th in SHB 138 at 5pm.
- In the CJ Lobby this week, we will have recruiters from the Houston Police Department (10/24) and the Graduate Student Organization BAKE SALE (10/26-27).

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: Survey was sent last week to SHSU emails, I encourage ALL COHS students to take it!
- 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.
- Bowling and Billiards. Celebration for first-generation students on November 7th from 2-4 in the Kat Klub. ALL students are welcome to enjoy pizza, bowling, and billiards. Faculty and staff from the college will be there to show off their bowling skills.
- 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

- Met with Dean Self, October 19th at 11am.
 - Talked about how COBA and SGA can get more involved.
 - What is going on in COBA.
- Upcoming Events for COBA:
 - Speaker Series Hot Topics in Business (Spencer Bynes – Metro President of iHeart Media) on Oct 26 at 3:30pm in LSC Theater.
 - 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 like Trojan because they work with universities.
 - Contacting them is quite difficult. Researching how to get in contact with them and will reach out on how.
- Trouble shooting dispensers and using the QR code.
- Thinking of making maps to show where dispensers are located on campus.
- 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. Sent a reminder email out.
- 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 – Vacant

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

- Election Day: November 7th 7am-7pm.
- Voting for mayor and council candidates (local):

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

- Thrift it!
 - It went really well! Lots of people came by to purchase products and sellers made good profits.
 - The timing was not great due to it being at the same time as a tailgate.
 - More options in men's clothes if possible.
 - Tell your friends about it next time!
 - SHSU Chicks posted about it!
 - Sort people by what payment option they have.
 - More signage?
 - Try and get card readers for next time.
 - Talk to Cashier's office is needed.

B. New Business

- 5- Minute recess
 - Move: Connor Brett

- Second: Nicole Ivory
- 18 yay – 1 nay – 0 abstentions
- Resolution F23-02
 - Student Health Center putting a vending machine in the library.
 - This is SGA showing support for said machine.
 - The vending machine location is TBD.
 - This resolution is supporting the vending machine itself.
 - Move: Connor Brett
 - Second: Veronica Calderon
 - Unanimous pass
- Combine Internal Budget and Platforms Budget into one called Officer/Internal for a new total of \$2,801.
 - The platform budget was used for the slate platforms when running for election this past Spring. We want to expand the budget to internals rather than keep it just for platforms.
 - This will be in effect tomorrow, 10/25.
 - Move: Kezia Frederick
 - Second: Nicole Ivory
 - Unanimous pass
- Fill vacancies
 - Graduate
 - COSET
 - CHSS
- Vote In's
 - Nicholas Moody
 - Move: Kevin Redmond
 - Second: Nicole Ivory
 - Unanimous pass
 - Nadia Lopez
 - Move: Kevin Redmond
 - Second: Maria Rojas-Caballero
 - Unanimous pass
 - Karen Ballah
 - Move: Kevin Redmond

- Second: Jared Scott
 - Unanimous pass
 - Rhiannon Guel
 - Move: Kevin Redmond
 - Second: Connor Brett
 - Unanimous pass
- Stating intents

C. Open Forum

- Headshots are not confirmed.
- CJ members, see Chair Taylor after the meeting.
- The Celebratory Event committee is open to senators, organization presidents, and department heads.
 - The meeting date is TBD.
 - Native American Heritage Month suggestion.
 - Please bring heritage month celebration requests to Chair Ivory.
- If you are in an organization that is taking part in B.O.O., please email Chair Powers so she can confirm who is coming! Only 3 people reached back out.
 - Chair Powers will send a list of organizations who RSVP in the chat. Help reach out!
- President Calderon will be meeting with Dr. White on October 31st so if you have any questions or concerns, let her know!
- Dress in Halloween costumes for the next Senate meeting!

D. Announcements

- Phi Beta Sigma new member presentation on Sunday, 10/29, in the White Ballroom.
- Register to vote!
- Get your flu shots!
- Pie-A-Chi tailgate with Sigma Chi tomorrow, 10/25.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting @ 7:27PM