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Senate Meeting #5 – October 3, 2023

A. Call to Order @6:02PM

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

E. Icebreaker

What is your biggest pet peeve?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- 9/26
 - Moved: Connor
 - Second: Jared
 - Unanimous pass

G. Guest Speaker – Student Health Center

- They are here to gain SGA's support in a contraceptive vending machine in the library.
- The single vending machine will not be a discrete-screened machine.
 - They went with this vending machine to be cohesive with the other machines in the library.
 - They did not want it to be so discreet so people would know that the product is available and to bring awareness to the machine! Also, to educate the public.
 - Makes it easier for people to not have to go to see a physician in order to get a birth control prescription.
- The SHC has not thought of putting up a pamphlet or bracket to figure out which product to use—they like the idea and will be looking into it.
- Products will not be free in the machine! Prices will reflect store prices.
- Payment will be via credit/debit card, ApplePay, and so on.
- Initial shipment of products price for the vending machine are unknown to the speaker. She does not have access. But the products will be covered by the SHC.
 - Looking into getting a grant to ease the costs possibly.
- The SHC would like to task SGA with spreading the word about the vending machine and letting the SHC know of any feedback.
- There will be no tuition increase because of the vending machine.

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- OFFICE HOURS WILL BE DUE WEEKLY EVERY FRIDAY @8pm!
- Commencement committee updates: There will no longer be a stage.

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.

C. Secretary Cheng

- Just a reminder that new due date for reports is at 11:59pm on Mondays following the Internal meeting. I need time to edit the agenda and add it to the power point. Any changes after that time will not be reflected.

D. Vice President Scott

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly via zoom on Mondays at 6pm.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Tabling Event Monday October 16, 11am-1pm
 - o It will be a banner and people can sign it.
- Tuesday October 16, Pink Out Senate Meeting

E. President Calderon

- Campus life development fund: Need a list of alternate members
 - o Kevin Redmond – 2 more ASAP
- Dr. White 1:1 on 9/29
- Dean Smith 1:1 with Breanna Dotson and Rachel Valle – we will no longer be in charge of the homecoming election as SGA
- New senators: if you do not have a polo, tell me your size for our new order
 - o New headshots will be taken this month, planning on a day everyone is available, Saturday?
- Tailgate: Nov. 4th vs Kennesaw State – Homecoming Game
 - o Updates: MUST be set up BEFORE 3pm, tailgate starts at 4pm
 - o New spot, B5
 - o Sign up to help!
- Homecoming: Parade Nov. 4th line-up beginning at 3:45 p.m. on 19th st. and ending on University Ave. Hollywood theme! Please help decorate and join the float!
- Thrift it! Event Oct. 18th on the Plaza from 3-5:30pm sign up required for a confirmed spot via Microsoft form.
- Tree of Lights Nov. 14th at 5pm will be a speaker. Senate meeting is still happening at 6pm that day!
- Will attend a senate meeting at the University of Houston on Oct. 4th 7pm

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Vacant

- Meet your local council members November 13th in LSC Room 230A from 6-7pm.
 - o The city council will be joining us! Come by to learn more about the people who lead the city we live in.
- Montessori School – Fundraiser assistance/volunteering hours opportunity for October 14th @6pm
- Retirement Home Reading

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets on Wednesday at 4pm on zoom.
- Google sign up is completed and will be posted in the GroupMe after the meeting.
- Safety Walk is mandatory! November 8th at 6pm.
- Flyers are also completed; I will also put that in the group me and ask that everyone share it to their other Organization that they are a part of.
- Townhall for contraceptives and health will be hosted on Oct 11th in the LSC room 241 at 6pm.

C. Student Affairs – Interim Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meets on Tuesdays at 12:45pm in the SGA office.
- Bearkat Org Operation (B.O.O) is Next!
 - o October 26th in LSC 241 4-6pm
 - Décor, candy, and an activity for our table is ordered!
 - Orgs with confirmed attendance, Via Senator 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)
- Homecoming parade is under construction.
 - o Décor is under discussion.

- Trailer plans also under discussion
- Dunk the President is under construction.
 - Tentative Date: November 20th from 2-4:30pm on The Plaza
 - Pubbing tabling requested for November 13th from 12-2 in Plaza spot 18.
 - Vendor information for the dunk tank is being gathered.

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Fridays at 3:00pm in the SGA office.
- Vamos a la fiesta flyer request has been completed for the event.
 - The event was a success!
- Sunscreen giveaway collab with Black Girl Sunscreen has been completed and was a success.
- Working on new flyer requests for upcoming events, as well as new post ideas such as midterm advice from SGA members.

E. Rules and Regulations – Director Williams

- Meetings will be every Monday from 12 pm-1 pm.
- Finalized the Homecoming Resolution.
- Started working on Contraceptive legislation which will be brought to the senate floor next senate meeting (10/10/23).
 - Might be changing to a resolution.
- Still looking at the possibility of amending the constitution to give external affairs more opportunities.
- In the process of creating a Mandatory Roberts Rules workshop for all Senators.
- In the research phase regarding SGA Presidents to receive a parking space on campus
- 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

- Deans are reserving for Deans Call
 - Caucus chairs—keep an eye out for an email from Director Ulloa.

- Meeting with Dean Roper from September 28th
 - o Talked about the sunscreen initiative.
 - o Talked about the strategic planning committee for COHS.
- “Dean’s Call” – November 1st at 11:30am LSC 242 (Glass Room)
- Meeting with all current Caucus Chairs possibly October 17th @ 5pm

G. Director of Council – Director Underwood

Directors:

- Take attendance in every department meeting.
 - o There are only 8 responses on the attendance google form, 5 of which belong to my department of Student Affairs.
- Mark off your council members' office hours on the Excel Spreadsheet.

Council members:

- When you complete your office hour, document it in the senator office hour spreadsheet, so it can be checked off by your department director. 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 you have any questions or just want 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!

Chair Reports

A. Graduate

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology

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

- Skills Workshop open to all majors October 18th and 25th and November 1st

- Lunch will be provided, as well as a certificate of completion (11am-1pm)
- Room is TBD in the LSC
 - 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.
 - A variety of scholarships that will pay for study abroad.
 - Career fair tomorrow in the orange ballroom at 9am! Professional attire is a must, as well as a polished resume.
 - Working on more Scholarships that are not so narrow for CHSS students and working on making scholarships easier to find in Scholarships4Kats.
 - 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.
 - Prioritize students' mental health.
 - Looking at several ways to where students can commend professors who have been excellent at what they do.
 - There is a SAB in CHSS so let Director Williams know if you are interested.

D.Arts and Media – Chair Powers

- Dates are finally set in stone for meeting Dean Shields. They will be October 9th, November 13th, and December 4th. If you would like me to mention or bring up anything during these meetings, please email me at slp086@shsu.edu at least 2 business days prior to the meeting. The main topics I will be addressing in the upcoming meeting are installing a food pod in the Hoyt Fine Art building and ways to increase internship opportunities in CAM.
- Still in the works of reaching out to the CAM Ambassador Program to see how the SGA CAM Caucus can collaborate to create positive change in the College.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAM

- October 5th at 8pm The Dance Department Presents: Dances @8 by the Dance Honor Society in the GPAC's Dance Theater

- October 7th at 11:30am The School of Music Presents a Horn Studio Recital in the GPAC's Recital Hall

E. Education- Chair Patterson

- I have officially gotten into contact with the College of Education as well as the Dean and we will be having our first meeting next week on October 11th at 10 am. We will be discussing events coming up for the College of Education, what the college wants to do with SGA, and what I can do personally in order to help them.

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- Currently waiting to hear back from Dr. David Stender regarding the CJ Building survey.
- COCJ's Internship Direct Greg Fremin will be hosting an Internship 101 seminar on Tuesday, October 3rd in the CJ Courtroom from 1:00-2:00PM.
- The annual CJ Career Fair is happening this week! Representatives of law enforcement agencies as well as law/victim services from all over Texas and even the country will be in attendance. Recruiters will be answering any questions as well as providing employment/internship opportunities. Come with your resume in hand and dress to impress! This will be held in the LSC Orange Ballroom on Thursday, October 5th from 9am-2pm.
- The Texas Department of Public Safety as well as the Department of Criminal Justice will be tabling in the CJ Lobby on Wednesday, October 4th from 10am-3pm.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Meeting with Dean Roper from September 28th
- Sunscreen Initiative with Miss Piney Woods was a success at the tailgate! Great job everyone! I have contacted BGS to see if they will work with us further with future events and projects

- Strategic Planning Committee for COHS I will be asking those in COHS survey questions on how to make the college better
- 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.
- Career and Internship Fair. The Career Success Center will host a Career and Internship fair on OCT 4 from 9 -1 p.m. in the LSC Orange Ballroom for students majoring in Arts, Media, Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, and STEM. Come dressed to impress!

H. Business Administration --- Chair Garcia

- Meeting with Dean Self, October 19th at 11am

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee

- Reached out to SAAFE House for product donation
- Period Action Day is October 14, 2023. Project M.E. will be having a period drive along with different institutions and organizations around the nation to reach the 1 million product goal.
- 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

C. Student Life Committee

- Will host a townhall on 10/11 6pm LSC 241 spreading sexual wellness education and a Q&A
 - o A survey will be sent out to collect data and will be used for the resolution.
- Survey for the dining hall hours will also be sent out.

D. Civic Engagement Committee

- Election Day: November 7th 7am-7pm.
- Do research on local, state, federal voter data to raise voter efficacy throughout the entire year.

General Information

A. Old Business

- Jacksonville Tailgate
- Family Feud
- Vamos A La Fiesta
- Please fill out the Microsoft form to give feedback on these events!

B. New Business

- Fill vacancies (Must be a senator first!)
 - o External Affairs Director
 - o Student Affairs Director
 - o Graduate
 - o COSET
- Stating intents
- Resolution F23-1
 - o Motion to recess for 5 minutes before going through the new resolution.
 - By Connor Brett
 - Second by Brad Williams

- Unanimous pass
 - Call to order at 7:06pm following 5 minute recess.
 - Move to vote on resolution
 - By Connor Brett
 - Second by Alison Ulloa
 - Unanimous pass
 - SGA is no longer over homecoming.
- The Celebratory Event Committee is now under Nicole Ivory, as appointed by President Calderon!
 - We can continue to do these kinds of events! This is the final decision.
 - Anyone is able to be a part of this committee, Nicole is just in charge of it!

C. Open Forum

- **Resolutions are developed in Rules and Regulations. If you would like to be a part of this process and help out, come to the Rules and Regulations meetings!**
- If you are part of CAM, please reach out to Chair Powers.
- Thank you for coming to Vamos a La Fiesta and to Director Salmeron for helping out.
- Chief of Staff Ivory wanted to be over the Celebratory Event Committee in order to reach out to Black Student Organizations to get more feedback on the Black History Month Event.
 - She is reaching out to get Bobby Seals as well as other speakers.
 - Reach out with ideas!
- Do not keep your new nametags from today, put them on the back table!

D. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:23PM