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Senate Meeting #6 – October 10, 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

13 Senators: 5 E-Board: 25 Total

E. Icebreaker

What would you major in as a plan B? (In the case that your current path doesn't work out.)

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- 10/3
 - Motion: Nicole Ivory
 - Second: Alison Ulloa
 - Unanimous pass

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- OFFICE HOURS WILL BE DUE WEEKLY EVERY FRIDAY @8pm!
- I will be emailing Dean Smith the official date that the survey will go out.

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

- Directors, please email your meeting minutes to me!
- 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 excused absence. Please let me know ahead of time.

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
- Tuesday October 17th, Pink Out Senate Meeting
- Internal Affairs Department Meetings Attendance
- Orange Tie Committee. If interested in joining, please reach out to me via email or group me direct message.
 - o Orange Tie is our end of the year banquet for SGA.

E. President Calderon

- Campus life development fund: Need a list of alternate members
 - o Kevin Redmond – 3 more ASAP
 - o We allocate the school budget and decide whether or not to fund specific requests made by organizations
- Campus sustainability appointment – 1 member
 - o Let President Calderon know if you're interested.
- Interim VPSA Dr. Drew Miller 1:1
- 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 1pm?
 - o Please put this in your calendar, even though it is an unofficial date.
- 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!
 - o Will be passing out sunscreen and energy drinks.

- Homecoming: Parade Nov. 2nd line-up beginning at 3:45 p.m. on 19th St. and ending on University Ave. Hollywood theme!
 - o Student Affairs is planning a float. Be interactive in the chat to help out!
- Thrift it! Event Oct. 18th on the Plaza from 3-5:30pm; sign up required for a confirmed spot via Microsoft form
 - o It is essentially a yard sale on the Plaza.
- Tree of Lights Nov. 14th at 5pm and I will be a speaker
- Attended a senate meeting at the University of Houston on Oct. 4th
- New recycling bin in the office!

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Vacant

- Meet your local council members November 16th in LSC Room 230A from 6-7pm. City Council members are conforming.
- External Affairs will not meet Wednesday at 5pm. EA will instead meet at Tomorrow's Promise Montessori School making goodie bags for their fundraiser on Saturday.
- Montessori School – Fundraiser assistance/volunteering hours opportunity for October 14th @6pm / Mini training October 13th at 5pm
- Retirement Home Reading

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets every Wednesday at 4pm on zoom
- REMINDER: Town Hall Oct. 11th LSC room 241 at 6pm
- UA is hosting Tabling the week after the town hall
 - o Tuesday Oct 17th 11 - 1pm Old Main and Generals
 - 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
 - Will be sending a sheet to sign up in the GroupMe
- Safety walk is November 8th at 6pm in the Frank Parker Plaza
- Safety walk brief overview:

- Catered toward Univ 1101 students to gain extra credit
- Students walk around campus and look for hazards, take pictures, and Director Hernandez reports on these hazards to get them fixed
- Safety Walk is open to all organizations
- It is mandatory for all senators to participate

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!
 - October 26th in LSC 241 4-6pm
 - Décor, candy and an activity for our table has been received and it is waiting in the office for the event to get here!
 - 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)
- Homecoming parade is under construction
 - Décor is under discussion
 - Trailer plans also under discussion
 - Vehicle, driver & hitch has been provided by Chair Powers and her Father

- Homecoming float sign up expires today so make sure to get in your responses if you are interested in being a part of the SGA float.
- Dunk the President is under construction
 - Tentative Date: November 20th from 2-4:30pm on 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.

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office.
 - If you need the Zoom link, let Director Salmeron know.
- Completed B.O.O (Bearkat Org Operation), Meet Your Local City Officials, Register to Vote, New Legislation, Safety Walk
- Working on new flyer requests
 - Please give a week minimum to create the flyer.
 - This will ensure you get the product you are looking for.

E. Rules and Regulations – Director Williams

- Meetings will be every Monday from 12 pm-1 pm.
- Still currently working on contraceptive legislation which will potentially be brought to the next senate meeting.
 - Will be taking notes at the townhall tomorrow.
- Still looking at amending the constitution to give external affairs more opportunities. Additionally, we are working to amend several points in the constitution. BOLO for new bills, amendments, and resolutions for the upcoming weeks.
 - BOLO is “be on the look out”
- Mandatory Roberts Rules workshop for all Senators is Tuesday November 14th after senate meeting.
- 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

- All Deans and Associate Deans have reserved their spot for Dean's Call
- All Caucus Chairs will be required to attend Deans Call
- "Dean's Call" – November 1st at 11:30am LSC 242 (Glass Room)
- Meeting with all current Caucus Chairs October 17th @ 5pm

G. Director of Council – 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 in 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, 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 anyone has 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!

Additional Information:

- I sent out emails to council members who became inactive in their process.

- This included a personalized checklist of what they have completed.

Chair Reports

A. Graduate

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology

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

- Skills Workshop October 18th and 25th and November 1st Lunch will be provided, as well as a certificate of completion (11am-1pm) -LSC 321
 - o CHSS majors only!
- 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
- Looking at several ways where students can commend professors who have been excellent at what they do
- Currently setting up another meeting with Dean Li and Associate Dean Crosby

D. Arts and Media – Chair Powers

- I met Dean Shields on the 9th, and it was a success. I will be working and meeting with the faculty members in charge of CAM Ambassadors and the point of contact to hold tabling inside all CAM buildings. I have sent them emails and am waiting for a response.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAM

- October 10th at 7:30pm the School of Music Presents a Symphonic Band Concert in the GPAC Recital Hall
- October 11th at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents Ars Pereptuta in the GPAC’s Recital Hall

- October 12th at 5:00pm The School of Music Presents a Masterclass and Recital in Spanish Art Song with Valerie Truilijo in the GPAC's Recital Hall
- October 12th – 14th at 7:30pm and on the 14th at 2:00pm The Department of Theatre Presents Galatea, Or Whatever You Be by MJ Kaufman in the Showcase Theatre in the UTC
- October 16th at 10:00am the Department of Art presents the exhibition: Glossolalia in the Dan Hoyt Fine Arts Building
- October 16th at 5:30pm The School of Music Presents a Cello Studio Recital in the GPAC's Recital Hall

E. Education- Chair Patterson

- I will be having my first meeting with Dean Edmonson and her assistant tomorrow, 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 we can do personally in order to help them grow. If you are an education major and have any questions, or concerns that you would like me to bring up during our meeting, feel free to email me at hsp008@shsu.edu.

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- This month, the Department of Victim Studies will be hosting a special exhibit created by Dr. Clevenger and his Victimology class- The positive impact of toys & play on coping with trauma! This is in collaboration with the Houston Toy Museum and will be on display starting October 6th and will be available until October 31st at the Houston Toy Museum.
- This Wednesday at 5:15pm, the Society of Forensic Science will be hosting Houston DPS speakers Irene Estrada and Kai Allen! Will be held in CFS 103.
- COCJ will be hosting a panel for Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Domestic Violence and cults (Oct. 17 from 2-3pm in the CJ Courtroom).

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Meeting with Dean Roper TBD
- Sunscreen Initiative with Miss Piney Woods has been a success! I have contacted BGS to see if they will work with us further with future events and projects and they said YES!!!
- 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 Cobra
 - Speaker Series Hot Topics in Business (Spencer Byne – Metro President of iHeart Media) on Oct 26 at 3:30pm in LSC Theater
 - The Investment and Banking & Finance Club will have a guest speaker On Oct'11 at 4pm in SHB Room 138
 - Banking Day Career Fair on Oct'17 from 9:30am – 2:30pm in the LSC Orange Ballroom

- Alumni Panel & Cookout in Oct'18 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 17th 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

- Reached out to Ms. Keri Mize at TWC regarding an update on the dispenser installment and how we can support.
- 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

- I have emailed departments such as Campus Activity Board, Campus Activities & Traditions, and Community & Civic Engagement. Along with all Black organizations on campus to have 1 representative join 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

- 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.

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.
- Voting for mayor and council candidates.
- The last day to register to vote was today Oct 10th!

Mayor

- 1. Russell Humphrey
- 2. John Jafreh

Councilmember, Ward 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

- Jon Skelly Strong

For more information go to huntsvilletx.gov

General Information

A. Old Business

B. New Business

- Fill vacancies
 - External Affairs Director
 - Student Affairs Director
 - Graduate
 - COSET
 - CHSS
- Vote In's
 - Lindsey Mosley
 - Moved: Aly Underwood
 - Second: Alison Ulloa
 - Unanimous pass
- Stating intents
 - Nicholas Moody
 - Rhiannon Guel

C. Open Forum

- Today is Mental Health Awareness Day! SHSU should give a mental health day and should be an initiative we should work on.
- If you sign up to table for the dining hall, Chief of Staff Ivory will be sending out a Microsoft form to sign up.
 - It will count as an office hour.

D. Announcements

- The Texas Rangers are going against the Baltimore Oriels.
- Pie-A-Chi for Sigma Chi is on Thursday, October 12th in the Plaza from 9am-3pm.
- NABA “Pie Our E-Board”, Thursday, October 12th in the Plaza from

11am-1pm.

- Wednesday, October 11th, is National Coming Out Day by Compassion Collective [Postponed now due to weather]
- New rules applying to FAFSA are going out. It will be in your email coming up.
- Dallas Cowboys lost to the 49ers.
- Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 11th, is Kezia's birthday.
- Come watch Galatea!
- APO is opening again (a Theatre Greek chapter)
- Scholarship4Kats is open! Apply before the priority deadline on November 1st.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting @ 7:02PM