

# Student Government Association Sam Houston State University



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## Senate Meeting #4 – September 19, 2023

#### A. Call to Order @ 6:01PM

#### 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-Board: 4 – Senate: 9 – Total: 17

#### E. Icebreaker

- Would you survive a horror movie?

#### F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- 8/22—motion: Connor Brett; second: Brad Williams; unanimous pass
- 9/5—motion: Connor Brett; second: Brad Williams; unanimous pass
- 9/12—motion: Kezia Frederick; second: Aly Underwood; unanimous pass

## **Officer Reports**

## A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- OFFICE HOURS WILL BE DUE WEEKLY EVERY FRIDAY @8pm!
- Emailed Dean Smith the final touches of information needed to create the survey expected to go out to students regarding dining hall hours
- I will be hosting the Family Feud event during Bearkat family weekend, so I am currently in the process of completing the POA for that event.

#### 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, Kezia needs 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. Email Kezia with the date, room you would like, backup room, estimated attendance, preferred setup, and any equipment you need.
- Meets with Teresa Bird every Tuesday at 1pm so keep that in mind when making requests. You are welcome to join the meetings to ensure your correct and ideal products are purchased, just let Kezia know!

#### C. Secretary Cheng

- Directors, be sure to fill out your department attendance. Also, please make sure to email me the minutes from your department meetings so I can input them on Blackboard.
- New due date for reports is at 11:59pm on Mondays following the Internal meeting. I need time to edit the agenda.
- If you are going to send an email regarding an excused absence, please detail that email with a valid reason and proof if needed!
- If you are in a leadership position, you need to prioritize those commitments.

#### 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 16, Pink Out Senate Meeting

#### E. President Calderon

- Faculty/Staff & Student Justices Appointments Finalized
  - Chief Justice Gene Roberts, Jalon Berry, Austin Dixon, Bradley Seaberg, Aneika Simmons/ Ranada Mingo, Paul Rhoades, Alejandra Rodriguez, Kaci Rowe, Kameron Tomas, Ryan Villanueva
- Election Commission Appointments Finalized
  - o Kaylee Coyne, Crystal Ebo, Jada Johnson, Daniela Luna
- Campus life development fund: Need a list of alternate members.
  - Kevin Redmond 3 more ASAP
    - Please message Veronica if you're interested.
- Attended a VPSA Search Committee meeting on 9/18

## **Director Reports**

# A. External Affairs - Vacant

- Meet your local council November 13th at 6pm
- No Kids Sleep on the Floor Volunteer planning
- Retirement homes Potential planning
- Montessori School Fundraiser assist/volunteering hours opportunity for October 13<sup>th</sup>
- City Council 9/19

# B. University Affairs - Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets on Wednesday at 4pm on zoom.
- Currently working on google docs and checklist for safety walk.

## C. Student Affairs - Interim Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 in the SGA office.
- In the works of 4 events currently:
  - Vamos A La Fiesta: September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm in CHSS 210
  - We are waiting on Ballet Folklorico to confrm a performance on the new date.
  - Arranging catering of Lindo Mexico with Kezia and Teresa tomorrow
    - I won't make it so our Seargent at Arms, Miss Rianna Flores will be hosting.
  - o Bearkat Org Operation (B.O.O) is under construction.
    - Décor, candy, and an activity for our table is being ordered.
    - Confirmed for October 26<sup>th</sup> in LSC 241 from 4-6pm
    - 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)
- The homecoming parade float for SGA is under construction.
- Dunk the President is under construction.
  - o Tentative Date: November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:30pm on The Plaza
  - o Open to ideas about this event! Please let Director Underwood know.

#### D. Public Relations - Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 in the SGA office.
- Rebranding the SHSU SGA social media accounts.
  - o Trying to be more active on Twitter.
- Working on new merchandise ideas for game days and future events.
  - o Tote bags, mugs, etc.
- Tailgate with SGA event! Purchase request has been made for these items.

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

- Meetings will be every Monday from 12 pm-1 pm. Our next meeting will be on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning a meeting with the President, Vice President, Attorney General and Director of the Menstrual Equity Committee to discuss contraceptive legislation.
- 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.
- Meeting with Dean Roper September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am.
- "Dean's Call" November 1st at 11:30am LSC 242 (Glass Room)

## G. Director of Council - Director Underwood

- Directors take attendance in every department meeting. This is how council members get credit for attending.
- Council members, if you complete an office hour, document it in the senator office hour spreadsheet, so you can be validated by your director. It is your responsibility to document your hour. If you have any questions or just want a tutorial on how to get there, come see me after the meeting. (You documenting it on the spreadsheet is how I mark off your office hour requirements for vote-ins.)
- All council members please see me after the meeting. 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)
- Meeting set with Dean Li and Associate Dean Crosby on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm to discuss how to improve CHSS.
  - D. Arts and Media Chair Powers
  - E. Education
  - F. Criminal Justice Chair Taylor
- Currently waiting for a response from CJ Building Coordinator Sabrina Rowley in regard to an available date for SGA to table in the CJ lobby.
- I reached out to current CJ senators/councilmembers to ask fellow CJ students about concerns, questions, and matters that they would like to be

- addressed with Dean Lyons and his staff. Currently gathering responses and awaiting feedback!
- The Department of Victim Studies will be hosting an open house on Wednesday Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> where they will be introducing their faculty as well as providing information about their degree programs/opportunities! This will be held in the Del Carmen Room of the CJ building from 10-11:00AM.
- The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be tabling in the CJ lobby on Sep. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

#### G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Meeting with Dean Roper September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am.
- Sunscreen Initiative Progress: Miss Piney Woods and I have been in contact with Black Girl Sunscreen, and they are going to give us 150 sunscreens for the first home game tailgate.
  - o First home game tailgate is September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Strategic Planning Committee for COHS I will be asking those in COHS survey questions on how to make the college better.

#### H. Business Administration

## **Committee Reports**

#### A. Menstrual Equity Committee

- Accompanied President Calderon to a meeting with PharmD Kendra Bookman and Executive Dir. Of the SHC Erica Bumpers regarding contraception in vending machines
- Will begin reaching out to buildings regarding installing new dispensers.
- Updated Signage is completed and up!
- Email <u>mgr038@shsu.edu</u> or scan the QR code on the flyers for reporting of any dispenser related issues, please attach a picture if possible
- Looking for committee members (Anywhere between 2-5)!
- Follow Project M.E on Instagram @shsu.projectme!

### B. Celebratory Event Committee

#### C. Student Life Committee

- PharmD Kendra Bookman and Executive Dir. Of the SHC Erica Bumpers to discuss contraceptive products in a vending machine they will be guest speakers on 10/3 senate meeting.
  - o Will host a townhall on 10/11 @6pm in LSC 241 spreading sexual wellness education and a Q&A.
  - o A survey will be sent out to collect data.

## D. Civic Engagement Committee

- Election Day: November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7am-7pm
- Do research on local, state, federal voter data to raise voter efficacy throughout the entire year.
- Get deputized at the Walker County Annex before October.
- American Democracy Project: Meeting with Steven Koether on 9/6
  - Will focus on spreading educational content along with registering people to vote. Will not provide shuttles to the polls this year.

#### **General Information**

#### A. Old Business

#### B. New Business

- Fill vacancies
  - External Director
  - Student Affairs Director
  - Graduate Chair
  - COSET Chair
  - Education Chair
    - Hailey Patterson stated intent.
    - Aly Underwood accepted her for the chair.
  - COBA Chair

- Hector Garcia stated intent.
- Jared Scott accepted him for the chair.
- Vote In's
  - o Kevin Redmond
    - Motion: Aly Underwood
    - Second: Piper Cheng
    - Unanimous pass
- Stating intents

## C. Open Forum

- Everyone can see the screen well!

## D. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

## E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting @6:35pm

- Moved: Connor Brett—Second-- Kezia Frederick-- Unanimous pass