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Senate Meeting #16 – February 20, 2024

A. Call to Order

- At 6:03PM

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 go-to soda?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes from 02/13/2024

- Veronica Calderon entertained the motion to certify the meeting minutes from 02/13/24.
 - o Jared Taylor moved to certify the meeting minutes from 02/13/2024.
 - Alison Ulloa seconded.
 - Unanimous pass
 - o The minutes from 02/13/24 are certified.

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- Please make sure you complete your office hours!
- Please make sure you are notifying Dean Smith 3-5 weeks in advance if you are wanting anything to go through marketing such as flyers, posters, shirts etc. And if your activities involve administration, please be sure to CC her in all emails as well as the 3–5-week notice.
- Please make sure you are completing your office hours
- I will not be in my office hour this week due to TSUS
- If there is anything you would like to discuss with Dean Smith, please email Veronica no later than Sunday addressing what you would like discussed or if you would like to attend.

B. Treasurer Frederick

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 12:30 – 4pm
- Meeting with Teresa every Wednesday at 2pm
- Go through the Expenditures Tab on Blackboard for all your financial needs.
- Room requests need to be sent 2 weeks in advance. Email me with the room you want, a backup room, preferred setup, and any equipment you need.

C. Secretary Cheng

- Anything added after 10 p.m. will not be included in the agenda for Senate meetings and therefore cannot be talked about on the floor.
- If you miss the deadline, you will have to save that extra report information for next week.
- If you do not update your report, I will assume that you have no report this week and there will be no slide.
- If you do not have any changes to your report but still want to say that same report tomorrow, text me on GroupMe by 10pm so I will leave it in the agenda.
- All of this is effective immediately!

D. Vice President Scott

- Orange Tie Affair will be Tuesday April 30, 2024, at 6PM at the Walker Education Center.
- Mental Health Day Meeting with Provost will be Wednesday March 28
- SSFC Presentations will take place Wednesday 2/28.
- SGA Grad Advisor Application is still open!
- Orange Tie Committee met last week and discussed the logistics for Orange Tie.
- Graduating Seniors fill out google form! Only two have filled it out so far. You need to fill this out if you want a stole.
- TSUS Board of Regents Meeting Feb. 22-23!
- If you all need anything I will be available via e-mail all week!
- Dean Smith met with Internal members at yesterday's Zoom.

E. President Calderon

- Graduate Assistant interview 2/19 & 2/20
- Co-Advisor is tentatively Brandon Cooper
 - o DOSO rearrangement proposal by spring break.

- CLDF meetings: 3/8, 4/12, 5/8
- Dr. White 1:1 2/15
 - Beautification on campus – focus of the chancellor – the first piece of art will be installed near the Rec. More to come.
 - Bower’s is being rebuilt.
 - Conroe is getting a parking garage.
 - TWC is getting another building to accommodate more nurses.
- SSFC meeting 2/28 8:00am-4:00pm
- Board of Regents @ SHSU 2/22-23 Orange Ballroom
- March 2 the Grave 3/2 @10am
 - I will be speaking! We meet outside Austin Hall and walk to the grave.
- FSL Townhall March 6th 5-6pm LSC 115
 - Exclusively for Greek life members.
- 1:1 meetings with Dean Smith are available for any pressing issues at hand, granted first 20 minutes of the meeting: Mondays 10am/11am either in DOSO or Zoom
 - Let me know ahead of time what you want to talk about.
- Any emails to be sent out on behalf of SGA or SHSU, let me & Dean Smith proof read.
- Election Season:
 - Filing opens: 2/26
 - Filing closes: 3/18
 - 1st candidate meeting: 3/18
 - 2nd candidate meeting: 3/21
 - Headshot & bio due: 3/27
 - Meet the candidates: 4/3
 - Bearkat Voting Day: 4/8
 - Voting: 4/8 - 4/11th

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- External Affairs meets every Wednesday at 5pm in the SGA office, Zoom is an option.
 - o Let me know if you are joining over Zoom.
- Meet your local officials is tentatively scheduled for 3/21/24.
 - o We are still looking to confirm the mayor but other officials are coming.
- Book Drive!
 - o Scheduled from 2/21-3/6
 - o Boxes are in front of the SGA office, around the LSC, and in Lee Drain
 - o 1 book is 1 hour; cannot get more than 5 hours
- Working on potential school supply drive that will take place in April-more to come.
 - o Huntsville Secretary is coming up with a list of needed supplies for schools around Huntsville.
- Food Drive and Volunteer opportunity.
 - o Looking to volunteer for food banks in Conroe.

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets Thursdays at 3:30pm in person with a zoom option.
 - o This Thursday the meeting will be rescheduled because of TSUS Board of Regents.
- If anyone has any ideas they would like to see university affairs put on our present please let me know.
- If anyone has an outside organization or student organization that you know would like to participate in B.A.P.I.
 - o “Outside organization” being businesses in Huntsville
- Ideas, questions or concerns: llh033@shsu.edu

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs will remain at 12:45pm on Tuesdays in the SGA office.
- A Couple of Roses

- Very successful & so fun, thank you to those that helped in any way!
- Showtime Starring a Color Purple [NOW CANCELLED]
 - February 22nd starting at 7:00pm in LSC 321
 - Free movie & popcorn!
 - Our treasurer Kezia will be assisting with popcorn making
 - March, and April events in progress!
 - Trans Visibility Tabling: In Progress
 - Care for the Girlies: In Progress
 - Will be a trivia style event!
 - Sexual Assault Awareness tabling with safety keychains!

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Wednesday's at 1pm in the SGA office but I also offer a virtual option.
- "Member of the Week" - winner will be announced during new business!
- Posted "SGA Showcase" - The event is the 26h (NEXT MONDAY) if anyone wants to table for PR this day let me or Director Williams know by Wednesday.
- Posted "Be A Part of The Official Voice of Student Body" - it's an updated version of vacant positions such as Chairs, Directors & how many Senators spots are available in each college. Let your friends know we are looking for more members, we would love a full house moving forward in the semester!!
- If you haven't already, please check out the Black Renaissance Fest outfit post to make sure you show up in the proper attire for the MANDATORY EVENT.
- Voted in members, last chance to fill out this form to place your size in our new casual shirts.
- If anyone wants to see something specific on our socials or has any ideas for PR, please let me know!

E. Rules and Regulations – Director Williams

- Meeting with Provost on Feb 28th regarding Students' Mental Health.
- Planning a Resolution/bill workshop – food will be provided – potential date of March 7th from 6pm-7pm. will create an Emergency Precaution Resolution, & Bearkat Bundle Resolution, and potentially draft a bill at this workshop. Its encouraged that Senators attend this workshop as it's educational.
- Scooters! The survey is ready to go, just waiting for some details regarding the scooter committee. The meeting is on 2/26 with Dean Smith.
- SGA Showcase – Event where all departments are displayed for the student body, there will be giveaways, music etc., Planned on February 26th from 1pm-3:30pm in the Plaza, Its Highly recommended all senators participate as this will be an SGA Recruitment event.

F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa

- Spring 2024 Dean's Call date has been moved to April 17th at 11am (room to be confirmed)! Agenda has been approved by President Calderon and Dean Smith.
- How to Elevate Professional Business Communication Meeting this Wednesday at 12pm in the SGA office.

G. Director of Council – Director Underwood (Interim)

- If you are a council member make sure to come to see me after the meeting!
 - o I want to ensure we get all attendance accounted for.
- I am interim director, meaning this position is open. If you are thinking about wanting this position but are unsure or have any questions, I would love to talk about it and answer any questions you have!
- We have a vote-in tonight!

Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – VACANT

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Chair Gordan

- CHSS survey completed. This survey is to ask for general feedback on any issues CHSS students have.
- National Pre-law Symposium Convention (National Black Law Students Association), March 9th, I can send you the invitation if you are interested and would like more information.

D. Arts and Media – VACANT

E. Education – Chair Patterson

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- Meeting with Dean Lyons scheduled for this Thursday, any questions please let me know after the senate meeting.
- REMINDER: Tabling will be held THIS WEDNESDAY in the CJ Lobby from 1-3pm.
 - o Do not need to be a CJ senator to table. Anyone can!
 - o SGA polo is preferred for tabling.
- CJ Breakfast will be held on February 29th from 8:30am – 9:30am in the CJ Flag Room. LAST CALL TO RSVP!!
- Will contact CJ senators this week to schedule a time for our first caucus meeting.

EVENTS IN CJ

- Internship director Greg Fremin will be hosting an internship 101 seminar on February 28th in the CJ courtroom from 10:00am-11:00am.
- The U.S. Department of State is accepting applications for the William D. Clarke Sr. Diplomatic Security Fellowship. The program is open to students who plan to pursue a master's degree in Fall 2025.
 - o A virtual session will be held on Thursday, February 29th at 3 p.m. to provide information about application requirements.
 - o To apply, a link is provided in the weekly CJ newsletter.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Meeting with Dean Roper this Thursday at 11am.
- COHS Career Conference will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 in the Lowman Student Center. The Conference event will include professional development breakout sessions, Professional Career Panels, and will conclude with a Career and Internship Fair partnered with the Career Success Center and the Department of Biomedical Sciences. Registration information will be sent out via email and shared on social media.
- Join the PHA Program! The Student Wellness Office is actively seeking Bearkats to join the PHA Program for Fall 2024-Spring 2025. All majors are welcomed, and the application deadline is March 21, 2024 at 5pm. Visit SHSU Wellness Center on social media.
- Ryan's Challenge: Understanding vEDS. Join Ryan and his mother, Katie Dolliver, as they shed light on vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (vEDS) and their journey as part of the rare disease community. Gain insight into the challenges faced by patients and their families. Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at Ryan's Challenge in LSC 242.
- The Texas chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) is coming to campus for its speaker series! Dr. Grant Tinsley will speak on: “Body Composition Monitoring: Sources of Error and Best Practices” in the Olson Auditorium (AB4) from 11am – 12:30pm on April 4th. This is a professional opportunity for students to gain valuable insights into nuances of body composition monitoring.

H. Business Administration – Chair Moody

- I introduced myself to the Dean's office.
- I'm new to this! My routine will be figured out within a few weeks.
- The Dean meeting is currently being planned - so far it looks like March 1st.
- Banking and Finance Club FED trip at the Houston branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve bank.

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Finally heard back from TWC regarding the restroom signage. It is good to go!
- Working with university to fix dispensers. Dean Smith is looking for options to trouble shoot the dispensers.

B. Celebratory Event Committee – Chair Ivory

- Free lash appointment has been added to the raffle winner of the free hair appointment.
- Food, shirts, and decorations are pending.
- Official Orange Key duties have been shared with Dean Smith.
- All table promo items have arrived.
- This event is required please make sure to show up and communicate your attendance status if there is a conflict.
- All marketing items have been submitted to Dean Smith.
- Idea: going to prepare the planning for “Senior Sunrise” celebrating the seniors effected by covid who didn't get to celebrate prom or graduation. I want to do it in the intramural fields with donuts and drinks!

C. Student Life Committee- Chair Lopez

- Meetings every Tuesday at 2pm in the SGA office.

- Current issue: Dorm washers and dryers
- Currently looking into other student “issues” ...
 - Bearkat Bundle, parking, dorm related, moving process

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

- 2024 Democratic & Republican Primary Elections
 - Early voting 2/20-3/01
 - Last day to apply to vote by mail 2/23
 - Election day – 3/5

General Information

A. Old Business

B. New Business

- Vote Ins
 - Angela Toscano
 - Aly moved to vote-in Angela Toscano.
 - Alison seconded.
 - 1 abstention – 1 yays – 0 nays
 - Unanimous pass.
 - Angela Toscano is a senator.
- Fill vacancies
 - Graduate chair
 - COSET chair
 - Director of Council
 - Chloe Barham stated interest.
 - Angela Toscano stated interest.
 - Brad Williams moved to debate on the candidates and

have them leave the room for the discussion.

- Nicholas Moody seconded.
 - 8 yays – 5 nays – 6 abstentions
 - There will be no debate. Veronica Calderon will appoint the position as normal. She will conduct interviews with the candidates.
- State intents
 - Monica Guzman
- Member of the Week
 - Emarie Schweikhardt!

C. Open Forum

- The flyer for the Book Drive will be on the boxes around the building. If a building does not have boxes, it is because they never contacted us back about it, or they said no.
- 1 book is a volunteer hour; no more than 5 office hours.
- Looking for books that are for young kids!
- The Book Drive is 2/21-3/6.
- There is currently no promotion for monitors. April has the dimensions if we want to make any.
- The SGA Showcase is 1-3:30PM*.
- Wig is included in wig-install for the giveaway. This is a hair appointment in general. Men can win and receive a lock retwist for example.
- SGA members cannot win SGA giveaways.
- The interviews with the candidates will be with Veronica only. She will be appointing it.
- The Robert's Rules worksheets are helpful!
- Lots of higherups will be on campus 2/22-2/23 so be on your best behavior and keep the office clean.
- Senate comments on the Director of Council candidates can be accepted through the form in the weekly email. Veronica is open to comments prior to interviews but it is ultimately her decision.

- Any appointments Veronica makes can be overturned by the senate.
- If you stated your intents or are a current council member, see Aly Underwood after the meeting.

D. Announcements

- Tonight (2/20) there is a Poetry Slam in the Library at 7pm. Stop by!
- 2/23-24 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern the play is being put on the by the theatre. Come watch!

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:00 PM.