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Senate Meeting #16 – February 27, 2024

A. Call to Order at 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

17 Senators – 5 E-Board – Quorum met

E. Icebreaker

If you could see anyone in concert, dead or alive, who would you see?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes from February 20th, 2024

- Veronica entertained the motion to certify the meeting minutes from 02/20/2024.
 - o Alison Ulloa moved to certify the meeting minutes from 02/20/2024.
 - Brad Williams seconded.
 - Unanimous pass.
 - o The meeting minutes from 02/20/2024 are certified.

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- I will not be in my office hour this week due to Black Renaissance fest!

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.
- [Please refer to the picture on Blackboard under the Expenditures tab of how Kezia would like purchase request emails to look like.]

C. Secretary Cheng

- Directors, please continue to send me your meeting minutes!
- I will be submitting a poll in the GroupMe. Please let me know if Blackboard announcements are effective for you or not. I wanted to implement them along with my weekly emails, but I wanted to check with

y'all before I add them.

- If there is anything you would like me to include in my weekly email regarding SGA, please email me before Monday at noon!

D. Vice President Scott

- Orange Tie Affair will be Tuesday April 30, 2024, at 6PM at the Walker Education Center. Put this in your calendars now!
- If you have something you would like to address to the E-Board as a whole, feel free to attend our meeting on Mondays at 5pm. It will be a shorter increment of time since we share that time with Dean Smith as well, but just let us know ahead of time so we can account you in our meeting schedule.
- Mental Health Day Meeting with Provost will be this Wednesday March 28
- SSFC Presentations will take place this Wednesday 2/28 from 8am-4pm.
- SGA Grad Advisor Application is still open until 3/1!
- Graduating Seniors fill out google form!
- TSUS Board of Regents Meeting Recap
 - o Looking into passing a bill that there will always be a designated place for Student Government to gather.

E. President Calderon

- Dean Smith 1:1 3/4 11am Zoom
 - o Let me know if you would like to join ahead of time.
- Brandon Cooper new Co-Advisor in onboarding process
- CLDF meetings: 3/8, 4/12, 5/8
- SSFC meeting 2/28 8:00am-4:00pm
- March 2 the Grave 3/2 @10am
 - o I will be speaking!
- FSL Townhall March 6th 5-6pm LSC 115
- SGA Workplace bill proposition
- Director of Council appointment – old business
 - o Held interviews and received no feedback in-person or on the anonymous form.
 - o Based off my own decision.

- Any emails to be sent out to CAD or Cabinet: CC Dean Smith & I
 - o Let us see it first!
- Any emails sent out externally for research: CC me and do not affiliate with SGA or SHSU
- Election Season: Applications can be found in the SGA office next to the whiteboard and on the SGA website. Everyone needs to fill this out! If you are wanting to stay as a senator next semester, be sure to fill it out. There is a spot on the application. Otherwise, you will have to go through the council member process again.
 - o Filing opens: 2/26
 - o Filing closes (applications due): 3/18
 - o 1st candidate meeting: 3/18 LSC 230A
 - o 2nd candidate meeting: 3/21 LSC 115
 - o Headshot & bio due: 3/27
 - o Meet the candidates: 4/3 LSC 242
 - o Bearkat Voting Day: 4/8
 - o Voting: 4/8 - 4/10th

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- External Affairs meets every Wednesday at 5pm in the SGA office.
- Meet your local officials is cancelled.
 - o There was a lot of uncertainty and scheduling issues that made it difficult to pursue.
- Book Drive!
 - o We have 4 boxes in the LSC. Please scan the QR code to acknowledge your specific donation with a picture and receive volunteer hour credits.
- Update on school supply drive
 - o Waiting to hear back from HISD secretary on what supplies are needed.
- Food Drive and Volunteer opportunity

- Looking to volunteer on Friday at the Montgomery County Food Bank! Let me know if you're interested. We want as many people to come as possible.
- BEC Collaboration- Project Mayor
 - BEC = "Berkat Entrepreneurship Committee"
 - Essentially a sit-down with the Huntsville Mayor to hear his story and how he got to become mayor.

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs will remain at 12:45pm on Tuesdays in the SGA office
- Trans Visibility Tabling
 - Requested for March 29th 11-1pm in spot 13
 - Buttons ordered!
 - We will have 100 buttons to give out for free on tabling day
- Care for the Girlies
 - March, 1-3pm in the Plaza
 - Will be a trivia style event with questions regarding women throughout history.
 - Prizes include a multitude of different small plushies & candy!
- SGA Has Your Back: In Progress (name up for suggestions!)
 - Free safety keychains for sexual violence awareness month.

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!
 - New pins for members of the week!
- Posted about the Book Drive – going on until March 8th

- Posted about Black Renaissance Festival count down, Emcee's for the event, and orgs in attending– happening this Thursday! Please come!
- Thank you to everyone who assisted with SGA Showcase, recap will be posted this week.
- Have reached out to our t-shirt company for a quote for our 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

- Meetings are every Monday from 12-1pm.
- Meeting with Provost and Jared Scott on Feb 28th regarding Students Mental Health.
- Mental Health Survey to the student body will be ready to go soon after approval.
- Setting up a meeting with Dr. Ratcliff, a psych professor to discuss her thoughts on our mental health initiative.
- Planning a Resolution/bill workshop – Food will be provided – Potential date of March 7th from 6pm-7pm (not secured yet). 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.
- Student Transportation Task Force will have its first meeting March 18th.
- Will get in contact with uber again regarding student discounts here at SAM in the process I will try to schedule a meeting with CFO Amanda Withers.
- SGA Showcase was a success!

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.
- Thank you to everyone that came to Elevate Professional Business Communication meeting this past Wednesday!

G. Director of Council – Director Underwood (Interim)

- If you are a council member make sure to come 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. The new Director of Council will be announced in new business.

Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – VACANT

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Chair Gordon

- CHSS survey completed and sent out for newsletter.
- Meeting with Dean scheduled for next Thursday.

D. Arts and Media – Vacant

E. Education – Chair Patterson

- My meeting with Dean Edmonson is scheduled for this Thursday, February 29th. If there are any questions or concerns you would like me to address, please contact me as soon as possible.

- Saturday@Sam (3/2): Prospective students and their families are invited to attend an admissions presentation, and academic presentations by the College of Education. Volunteer Opportunities are available, so please let me know if you are interested!
- Career Fair (3/20): The Teacher Career Fair is hosted each semester. Representatives from 80-100 school districts attend, ready to meet, interview and hire our graduating teacher candidates. This event is typically held in the Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum.
- Dean's List Reception (3/20): The Dean's List Reception celebrates College of Education students who earned a 3.5 or greater GPA the prior semester. Students are invited to a reception hosted by the dean and awarded a certificate and a College of Education t-shirt for their accomplishment.

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- Meeting w/ Dean Lyons went very well, new information on potential SGA involvement.
 - o If you have any questions or would like to know more about the meeting, let me know!
- CJ Breakfast is this week! Will be held in the CJ Flag Room A125 on February 29th from 8:30-9:30am. Attire is SGA polo or business casual if you do not have a polo.
- Held first CJ Caucus meeting last night, shared ideas and went over ways we can expand SGA and be more involved in COCJ.

EVENTS IN CJ

- The CJ Internship and Career fair is coming up! It will be held on March 6th in the LSC Orange Ballroom from 9:00am-2:00pm.
- Internship Director Greg Fremin is hosting his Internship 101 Seminar this week on Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 10:00-11:00am in the CJ courtroom.
- 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.

- To apply, a link is provided in the weekly CJ newsletter.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Had my meeting with Dean Roper this past Thursday at 1pm. Addressed issues about the student health center in regard to transparency and pricing and this month's events.
- COHS Career Conference will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, in the Lowman Student Center.
- 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 for more information.
- Ryan's Challenge: Understanding vEDS. Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at Ryan's Challenge in LSC 242. I will be there!
- 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

- Finalized meeting with Dean Self for 3/20 at 2:30PM. In the meeting, I am hoping to discuss some things:
 - Introductions
 - Getting myself on the screens with a complaint QR code (like CHSS-brilliant!)
 - Restrooms... (& general cleanliness/maintenance)
 - ...And any other complaints the student body might have! (Seriously please give me *anything* to talk about.)
- Recap on Banking and Finance Club FED trip.
 - The Federal Reserve controls interests rates on overnight loans between banks.
 - There are 20 different branches of the FED across the country.

- Essentially an automated Amazon warehouse.
- Internships are important for all majors and all colleges. Do it! It sets you apart and gives you the opportunity to possibly get hired. This especially applies to COBA!
- Last week was busy for me- please understand I'm still getting the hang of this!

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Working with university to fix dispensers.
 - Getting extra keys for students to fix the dispensers.
- Annual Menstrual Equity Survey.
- Continue to collect extra product.
 - Put it in the box in the SGA office to be returned to the machine.

B. Celebratory Event Committee – Chair Ivory

- There are no longer any pending purchases for Black Renaissance.
- I will have a duties sign-up sheet for everyone to take on a task for the event. It will be in the GroupMe!
- Come to Black Renaissance on Thursday! It is mandatory!

C. Student Life Committee- Chair Lopez

- Meetings every Tuesday at 2PM.
- Currently working on a survey and event for a change in dining hours again.

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

General Information

A. Old Business

- SGA Showcase

B. New Business

- Fill vacancies
 - Graduate chair
 - COSET chair
 - CAM chair
- State intents
 - Matthew Smith
 - Brijae Smith
 - Charles Fross
 - Ira Cunningham
 - Seth Balfour
- Director of Council Appointment
 - Veronica Calderon entertained the motion to confirm the appointment of Angela Toscano as Director of Council.
 - Jared Scott moved to confirm the appointment of Angela Toscano as Director of Council.
 - Piper Cheng seconded.
 - 20 yays – 1 nay – 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes: Angela Toscano is confirmed as Director of Council.
- Member of the Week
 - Maria Rojas-Caballero!

C. Open Forum

- University Affairs meets every Thursday at 3:30PM in the SGA office.

- We are rescheduling it to Friday at 2PM this week to accommodate for Black Renaissance.
- Remember, to stay in SGA next semester as a senator, you must fill out an application as a senator under your college!
- The Scooter initiative is no longer happening. Administration will not support this movement.
- The Leadership Breakfast for CJ is in the CJ Flag room A125 from 8:30-9:30AM. Wear your polo of business casual.
- You can get volunteer hours for the book drive, not office hours.

D. Announcements

- The Theta Rho chapter of Phi Beta Sigma is having a Sigma week! There will be an afrobeat's dance class with African Student Association in LSC 320. Let me know if you'd like to come! We are also having a "Breaking Generational Curses" educational health event with the Kappa Mu Deltas. We are doing a 3v3 basketball tournament as well with a \$100 cash prize so if you would like to join, let me know!
- Brad Williams works for Monster, and he gets his next shipment tomorrow. If you would like some, or know someone who would, let him know! I just need a picture of you holding the can. There will be lots of products at Black Renaissance.
- Ubuntu is having a general meeting about March events on Wednesday at 5:30PM in the LSC.
- The Talented Tenth is having an event discussing Black women's role in Black history. This will be in LSC 323 at 5:30PM so come support. We will also be at Black Renaissance conducting a prayer.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 6:50PM.

- Veronica Calderon entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Jared Scott moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - Brad Williams seconded.

- Unanimous pass.
 - Meeting is adjourned at 6:50PM.