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Senate Meeting #13 – January 30th, 2024

A. Call to Order @ 6:04 PM

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

- 24 Total : 5 E-Board : 19 Senators

E. Icebreaker

- Did you play a virtual-world game as a kid? If so, what was your favorite?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- 1/23/2024
 - o Jared Scott moved to certify the minutes from 1/23/24, Piper Cheng seconded
 - Unanimous pass, the minutes are certified from 1/23/24

G. Guest Speaker Dr. Aneika Simmons

- Last fall, faculty, staff, and administrators had a town hall where they discussed A.I. in higher education.
- March 26th there will be an event from 1-4pm with a student panel at the end from 3-4pm on A.I.
 - o Dr. Simmons is looking for a single student representative from each college to participate in the SGA Senate if possible.
 - o During the panel, Dr. Simmons and student moderator will facilitate the conversation. There will be no “gottcha questions”! Questions will be given ahead of time.
 - o There will be a survey sent out about A.I. in the workforce at some point.
 - o The goal of the student panel is to hear out the student voice on A.I. in the workforce.
 - o Student panel participants would really only need to be there for the panel at 3pm in the LSC.
 - o [Interested SGA members filled out a GroupMe poll to express interest in participation at the Senate meeting.]

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- Office hours are due every Tuesday
- Open for discussion and feedback about where anyone needs help in departments, ideas within SGA, contacting people, etc. Please reach out!

B. Treasurer Frederick

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 12:30 – 4pm but you can probably find me on campus in the CCR or SGA office at any time.
- 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.
- SGA Budget Update
 - University Affairs: \$265.43
 - Student Affairs: \$1900.01
 - External Affairs: \$557.79
 - Public Relations: \$2,098.61
 - Rules & Regs: \$100
 - Menstrual Equity: \$3,500
 - Officers/Internal: \$2,801
 - Discretionary: \$2,332.08
 - Miscellaneous: \$761.04

C. Secretary Cheng

- I just added a Google form to my weekly emails that is for anyone who is unable to attend an E-Board member's office hours and has a question, comment, or concern for the E-Board in general. This is all for convenience purposes.
- The Zoom link is for students who cannot attend in-person because they are virtual student, ill, bad weather, etc. We strongly encourage in-person attendance. Please email me or message me ahead of time so I can

approve your request to attend over Zoom.

D. Vice President Scott

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly on Mondays via Zoom.
 - o Please attend chairs and directors! Internal Affairs is important.
- Orange Tie Affair will be in April.
- Director meeting minutes reminder! Please send them to Piper once you get them.
- Apollo night proposal for BHM w/ NAACP. The E-Board will be meeting NAACP soon to discuss the event. Details to come.
- TSUS Board of Regents Meeting Feb. 22-23 and I encourage you all to attend the Friday morning meeting. Contact myself, Veronica, or Nicole with questions.

E. President Calderon

- Graduate Assistant job has 2 candidates, interviews will be on 2/5
- CLDF meetings: 2/9, 3/8, 4/12, 5/8
- SSFC meeting week 2/28 8:00am-5:00pm
- Board of Regents @ SHSU 2/22-23 Orange Ballroom
 - o Please come!
- Planning an FSL meeting for a townhall later in February
 - o Details to come.
- DOSO video shoot promoting SGA on 2/6
 - o If you have something you want me to mention, let me know.
- Dining hall senate meeting to be planned.
- SAB meeting with Brandon. Possibly with the E-Board.
- New batch of 22 Polos have arrived.
- Batch of 50 crewnecks have arrived.

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- External Affairs meets every Wednesday at 5pm in the SGA office, Zoom is an option and the link is in the GroupMe.
- Next City Council meeting will be Feb. 6th at 6:00pm.
- Working on setting up meet your local officials for late Feb. or early March- more details to come.
- Scheduling a meeting with the Huntsville city secretary's secretary on community building and support on behalf of SGA.

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs will be moving meetings to Thursdays at 4 pm in person with a Zoom option.
- BAPI is April 13th 8 am-1 pm and is mandatory for ALL Senators.
- Safety Walk PowerPoint during Old Business.

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs will remain at 12:45pm on Tuesdays in the SGA office.
- The Voice with SGA:
 - o So much fun! Thank you greatly to all those from SGA who attended and sang your heart out. It meant a lot seeing so many members there. Y'all really showed up and out.
- A Couple of Roses:
 - o Confirmed Dates:
 - Rose Reservation Tabling: Wednesday Feb. 7th 1:00-3:00pm
 - Rose Package Pickup Tabling: Wednesday Feb. 13th 10:00-12:00 & 1:00-2:30pm.
 - We will not be having a physical meeting on the 13th to accommodate the event and allow a lunch period for senators helping!
 - If you are available to help, please let me know!

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Wednesday's at 1pm in the SGA office but also offer a virtual option.
- Posted "The Voice with SGA- Karaoke" recap and reached out to all giveaway winners, giveaway items: \$100 gift card, Owala Water bottle, Stanley Cup
- Working on flyer requests and waiting on the artwork for the UTees design.
- Just put in a purchase request for a tabling event for the month of February.
- If anyone wants to something specific or has any ideas for PR, please let me know!

E. Rules and Regulations – Director Williams

- Mental Health Day! - Preparing intensive research to explain why it should be needed, here for Sam Students.
 - o Survey will be created soon, also partnering with chair Rojas-Caballero
- Planning a resolution/bill workshop – food will be provided – more details to come soon!
- Emergency Precaution Resolution – to discuss issues on how the university handled the freeze.
- Bearkat Bundle resolution – Heard far too many complaints from Students and Professors as well as a few Deans regarding issues with Bearkat Bundle.
- Scooters! I will send out a survey soon regarding whether this is something the student body wants.
- Planning a "meet SGA event" on the Plaza with other directors to try and address our issue with recruitment – Stay tuned for more information!

F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa

- March 20th 11am Spring 2024 Dean's Call in LSC 242 (Glass Room). May be subject to change because I have sent out the date for it and a few Deans/Associate Deans are already unable to come. The date may change,

but it will be in March for sure.

- February 13th meeting at 5pm: How to Elevate Professional Communication with Superior Colleagues

G. Director of Council – Director Underwood (Interim)

- If you are a council member, make sure to come to see me after the meeting!
- (A council member is someone going through the process of becoming a senator)
- 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!

Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – VACANT

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

- Met with Dean Li, on Jan. 24th and it was great!
 - o Discussed the previous survey with Online or In-person classes – result students preferred Online classes instead of in-person.
 - o Discussed ways of getting SGA promoted in the CHSS building.
 - o Planning breakfast with the Dean – More info to come soon!
- Attending a Caucus Chair meeting scheduled for Feb 13th at 5pm.

D. Arts and Media – Chair Powers

E. Education – Chair Patterson

- I am still working on getting into contact about February's monthly meeting with Dean Edmonson and that is still currently being scheduled right now. If you are in the College of education and have any concerns you want me to bring up during this upcoming meeting, you can email me at hsp008@shsu.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS IN COE

- Opportunity Fair: I will be tabling for SGA at the Opportunity Fair and if you are interested in helping with that, please let me know! The dates that I'm tabling are:
 - o February 1st – Teacher Education Center: (2:30 pm – 4:00 pm)
 - o February 7th – The Woodlands Center: (2:30 pm – 4:00 pm)
- Joan Prouty Conference: This Conference focuses on Literacy and features a keynote speaker, breakout sessions and professional development. The conference is open to all students to attend. Registration is required and \$35 for all SHSU students. If y'all need any information on this, please let me know!
 - o February 24th - Teacher Education Center (8:00 am – 2:30 pm)

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- I reached out to Sabrina Rowley to schedule a tabling event in the CJ lobby, awaiting response.
 - o February 21st is the CJ lobby tabling. Reach out to me if you would like to help.

EVENTS IN CJ

- Alpha Phi Sigma will be hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, February 1st at 6pm in LSC 323.
- The Society of Forensic Science will be hosting its welcome back meeting this coming Wednesday, January 31st in CFS 103 at 5:15pm, with the next meeting after that being on February 14th. You do not have to be a CJ major!

AGENCIES TABLING THIS WEEK

- Texas Department of Criminal Justice: Wed, Jan 31st
- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): Wed, Jan 31st as well as Thurs, Feb 1st.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Planning a collaboration with BGS and COHS or BGS with a predominantly Black organization on campus
 - o Reach out to me with ideas!
- The new COHS Strategic Plan should be complete by the end of this Spring Semester
- BRITE Consortium Careers and Research in Public Health. Interested in getting paid to learn about research? The SHSU BRITE Consortium aims to train students for health research careers, foster research collaborations, train mentors to support underrepresented students in research, and facilitate grant applications, especially from the National Institutes of Health. Please join Dr. Khalid Khan and Lisa Chaddick, MPH from the SHSU Department of Public Health as they help students explore careers and opportunities in research. Wednesday, January 31st at 12pm in CHSS Building Room 232
 - o Let me know if you would like Dr. Khan or Dr. Chaddick for their contact information.
- Public Health Seminar on January 31st from 12-1pm in CHSS rm 232 about different career paths you can pursue in public health.

H. Business Administration – Chair Garcia

- Beta Alpha Psi Meeting on January 30th at 5pm in SHB 138
- Society of Human Resources and Management's FIRST MEETING is January 30th at 5pm in SHB 135
- Phi Chi Theta Rush Starting January 31st at 7pm in LSC 116
- Association of Latino Professionals for America Feb 1st at 3:30 Pm SHB 341
- The International Business & Economics Club February 2nd from 1-2pm in

LSC 230

- COBA Career Readiness Feb 6th – 8th from 10 am-2 pm on the 1st Floor of the Mafrige Lobby
- Spring Career Fair February 13th, 2024 from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM in LSC Orange Ballroom

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- TWC excursion was put on hold, Aunt Flow signage needed prior approval.
- Updating general signage around campus
- Sending a second round of flyers to buildings inquiring on their interest in a dispenser for their building
- Recently took inventory of dispensers around campus.
- Reaching out to facilities regarding extra product
- All except 2 dispensers on campus do not work. Please try to only use the pad side of the dispensers. The tampon side is not working properly. Aunt Flo has been contacted.
- If you see unused product sitting outside the machine, please pick it up and let Maria know.

B. Celebratory Event Committee – Chair Ivory

- Booked the plaza for “Black Renaissance”
 - Cookout vibes, organization tabling, possible bounce house and photo booth.
- Preparing the budget & POA for the Senate.
- If you have any questions, reach out.

C. Student Life Committee

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

General Information

A. Old Business

- The Voice with SGA
 - It went so well! So much talent!
 - Shoutout to Kezia and April for getting people in the LSC to come.
 - Great turn out, loved the energy drinks and snacks.
 - Only possible issue was decoration.
 - We made the most out of what we had!
 - Shoutout to the SGA members who performed!
 - Thank you to Aly for helping put this event together, and Veronica for facilitating/dj-ing the event.
- Safety Walk presentation
 - Thank you to everyone who helped.
 - Not all sites are included as they have already been fixed or were excluded from the presentation for another reason.
 - Not all pictures are included. There are tons of content.
 - Estill building water fountains do not work because they cause a lot of leaking problems around the building, mold issues, and water damage. It is an old building!
 - Not an accessible building.
 - Residence halls are to be renovated in the coming years to accommodate changing times.
 - Door at San Jac does not have a card swipe. Liv will let Res Life know. Another door the card swipe doesn't even work.
 - Crosswalk near BKV needs to be repainted for safety purposes.
 - See anything else that needs to be attended to? Contact Liv.

B. New Business

- Fill vacancies
 - Graduate chair
 - CHSS chair
 - Ashari Gordon stated interest in CHSS chair
 - President Calderon has appointed Ashari Gordon to CHSS chair
 - COSET chair
 - Director of Council
- State intents

C. Open Forum

- Glass coverings on dispensers are missing the glass. Let Maria know if you notice this.
- Nadia and Nicholas are meeting tomorrow for the Student Life Committee in the SGA office.
 - The goal is to bounce ideas on this committee.
- Robert's Rules cheat sheet
 - Laminated copies to hand out at the door possibly to collect and pass out at meetings every week.
 - The back of the nametag won't work because it is too much information for such a small space.
- Member of the week is coming back.
 - Little certificate for the member of the week to be presented at Senate meetings.
 - It will be a vote by the whole Senate.
 - PR member could be over member of the week, April could design a certificate, and an Instagram post would be made.

D. Announcements

- Every Senate meeting except the last Tuesday of the month is business casual.
- Gluten free options are available for students that need it. Reach out to

Chloe for contact information with the dining services for pre-made gluten free meals.

- Tabling on February 21st with Jared in the CJ building from 1-3pm.
- NPC is hosting a meeting on 1/31 at 6pm for the semesterly Greek assembly. Come check it out to learn more about the Greek organizations.
- Go to the rec and take the workout classes! It's free.
- Ubuntu is having their first general meeting of the semester on 1/31.
- SMM is having a scholarship raffle at their meeting tomorrow win the LSC 1/31.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting @ 7:21pm