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Senate Meeting #18 – March 19, 2024

A. Call to Order at 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

E. Icebreaker

If you could have a \$10,000 shopping spree at any store, what store would you pick?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- Veronica entertained the motion to certify the meeting minutes from 3/5/2024.
 - o Alison Ulloa moved to certify the meeting minutes from 3/5/2024.
 - Aly Underwood seconded.
 - Unanimous pass.
 - o The minutes from 3/5/2024 are certified.

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- Please make sure you are completing 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.

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

- Directors, please continue to send me your meeting minutes and send in the department attendance form too.
- 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

- If you plan to have a plus one please fill out the google form!
- SSFC will convene soon.
- SGA last Grad Advisor interview was held yesterday.
- Sam Switch w/ Dr. White Next Monday 3/25

E. President Calderon

- Dr. White 1:1 3/22 @3pm
- Dean Smith 1:1 3/25 @11am
- CLDF meetings: 4/12, 5/8
 - o If you cannot come, let me know! I will have to find a replacement.
- Crawfish Boil Tailgate 3/20 ALL DAY, please go!
- A.I. Panel LSC 320 @3-4pm
- Any emails to be sent out to CAD or Cabinet: CC Dean Smith, Brandon Cooper & I
- Any emails sent out externally for research (like a business): CC me and do not affiliate with SGA or SHSU
- Election Season:
 - o 2nd candidate meeting: 3/21 LSC 115 @5pm
 - o Headshot & bio (250 word count max) due: 3/27 @5pm to engage@shsu.edu
 - o Meet the candidates: 4/3 LSC 242 @5pm
 - o Bearkat Voting Day: 4/8 10am-3pm
 - o Voting: 4/8 - 4/11th

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- External Affairs will meet at 6:00pm in the SGA office due to the candidate meetings. Zoom is still an option.
- BEC Collaboration- Project Mayor
 - o I followed up with Justin about the event. It is supposed to happen 3/28. I have no updates.

- Montgomery food drive volunteer opportunity
 - o We are going April 5th so let me know if you would like to come! I have to give them a head count.
- Potential Business Showcase
 - o Set for April 18th but it depends on if the businesses get back to us.
- City Council Meeting April 2nd
- Book drive
 - o I will be taking books till 3/21! A lot of people told me they needed to go home to get books so I extended the drive till that day.

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets Thursdays at 3:30pm in person in the SGA office with a zoom option.
- B.A.P.I post is up please repost and share with other students on campus.
- Working on something for Student workers appreciation week (April 8th-15th)
- Ideas, questions or concerns: lh033@shsu.edu

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meetings take place at 12:45pm on Tuesdays in the SGA office
- Trans Visibility Tabling - March 28th 11-1pm in spot 13
 - o Buttons approved and ordered!
 - o We will have 100 buttons to give out for free on tabling day
- Care for the Girlies: March 21st, 1-3pm in the Plaza (**moved date due to weather)
 - o Will be a trivia style event with questions regarding women throughout history.
 - o Trivia is finalized
 - o Prizes include a multitude of different small plushies & candy!
 - Purchased and on its way
- Keys to Safety: April 16th from 11-3 in the Plaza
 - o Free safety keychains for sexual violence awareness month
 - o Purchases submitted!

- May Event Idea
 - o Free Polaroid Photo Op for the “Last Day of School”
 - o Planning underway!
 - o Proposed date: March 2nd

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Wednesday’s at 1pm in the SGA office but I also offer a virtual option.
- 3/20 is the Crawfish Tailgate! Please show up! All hands on deck.
- No member of the week this week – will resume next week.
- B.A.P.I 2024 has been posted, deadline to sign up is April 10th!
- COBA Student Advisory Council – with COBA Chair Moody
 - o He met with 3 deans and talked about different initiatives within COBA.
- Black Ren Fest recap is still in the works & working on other flyer requests.
- SGA casual shirts – waiting for the marketing to get approved.
- SGA pictures next Tuesday at 6pm! Dress accordingly (SGA polo, black slacks, a business professional shoes)
- 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

- Meet every Monday from 12pm-1pm.
- Bills/Resolution workshop is scheduled March 28th in the SGA Office from 6pm-7pm
 - o Emergency Precaution Resolution
 - o Bill to admen & Clarify Bylaws
 - o Denuim Day Resolution
 - o Etc.
- The Mental Health Survey to the student body will be ready to go soon.
- Setting up a meeting with Dr. Ratcliff to discuss mental health further with students.
- 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.

F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa

- Spring 2024 Dean's Call date has been moved to April 17th at 11am! I will be sending the agenda to all the Caucus Chairs for review prior to event.
- Chair Gordon is currently working on a bill with Director Williams, I am currently looking at the material and will be having a meeting with both representatives on the bill.
- In discussion with Director Rojas-Caballero and other caucus chairs about a possible professional career development event April 25th.
- Caucus Chairs, if you haven't already please do your professional headshot and bio to put in your respective colleges televisions.

G. Director of Council – Director Toscano

- If you are a council member, your first time attending an SGA meeting or newly voted in members, please come see me after the meeting has been adjourned!
- Department Directors & Members: Please continue to update the attendance form and office hours. These requirements are crucial for vote-ins.
- Updated blackboard for council members.
- Please answer back to the emails that I sent out.

Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – VACANT

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Chair Gordon

- CHSS survey completed and was sent out to all CHSS majors and minors. I was able to get it put on screens in the building and am printing flyers for it to increase retention for results. I will update when I have results and feedback!
- Meeting with Dean where we discussed lots of ideas for planning an event

similar to Breakfast with the Dean.

- Also discussed CHSS and CAM career fair event, and feedback I received from students who attended. If anyone has feedback that would be appreciated. Planning to reach out to the career success center about how things could improve in the future.

D. Arts and Media – Chair Guel

E. Education – Chair Patterson

- My next monthly meeting is currently scheduled for next Thursday, March 28th. If you are a part of the College of Education and have any questions or concerns you would like me to address, please contact me at: hsp008@shsu.edu

EVENTS IN COE

- 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

- I will be contacting Director Salmeron this week regarding developing some CJ Senator informational slides that will be posted on the CJ building lobby televisions.

EVENTS IN CJ

- The COCJ Grad Fair will be held on April 2nd from 3-5pm in the CJ Building lobby! Learn about some of the different grad programs offered by SHSU COCJ!

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Massive congratulations to Secretary Cheng for getting accepted into nursing school!!!
- Meeting with Dean Roper March 28th at 1pm
- Erica Bumpers has been communicating with me about price transparency with the student health center
- COHS Career Conference will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 in the Lowman Student Center.
- 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
- 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

- Meeting with Dean Self March 20th at 2:30 p.m.
 - o If anyone has complaints about COBA, please let me know!
(njm028@shsu.edu / GroupMe)
- Look into COBA MBA programs for higher (\$\$\$) career opportunities.
- Remember to check out the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center for help on tax returns (April 15).
- And lastly, remember to check your emails for career opportunities!

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Follow up on dispensers and keys with Dean Smith. More information to come.
- Annual Menstrual Equity Survey will be beneficial in seeing the students' perspective on menstrual equity on campus.

B. Celebratory Event Committee – Chair Ivory

C. Student Life Committee- Chair Lopez

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

- 2024 Democratic & Republican Primary election unofficial results
 - o <https://www.co.walker.tx.us/departments/division.php?structureid=140>
- ESD #3 & Riverside SUD Special election
- Deadline to register to vote: Thursday, April 4th
- Early voting in-person: April 22nd – April 30th
- Last Day to apply to vote by mail: Tuesday, April 23rd
- Election Day Saturday, May 4th

General Information

A. Old Business

- FSL Townhall
 - o The turnout wasn't great.
 - o It is still good that we have these opportunities open for students.

B. New Business

- Fill vacancies
 - o Graduate chair
 - o COSET chair
- State intents
- Vote-ins:

- Seth Balfour
 - Angela Toscano moved to vote in Seth Balfour as a senator.
 - Jared Scott seconded.
 - Unanimous pass.
 - Seth Balfour is officially a senator.
- Habiba Raji
 - Angela Toscano moved to vote in Habiba Raji as a senator.
 - Aly Underwood seconded.
 - 14 yays - 0 nays - 4 abstentions
 - Habiba Raji is officially a senator.
- Charles Fross
 - Angela Toscano moved to vote in Charles Fross as a senator.
 - Alison Ulloa seconded.
 - 14 yays - 0 nays - 4 abstentions
 - Charles Fross is officially a senator.

C. Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

D. Announcements

- Tri Sigma's BBQ in support of their philanthropy will be 3/23 from 1-4 PM in the lot near the art building.
- Please come to the Crawfish tailgate tomorrow!

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:06 PM