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Senate Meeting #2 – January 28th, 2025

– *Call to Order at 6pm*

– *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."

– *Texas Pledge*

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

– *Roll Call: 35 Senators, 5 Executive Board members*

– *Certify Meeting Minutes 01/13/2024*

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by Director Underwood
 - Seconded by Senator Abrego
 - Uni pass

Officer Reports

A. *Chief of Staff Macias*

- Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 11am-12pm!
- Make sure to have your office hours done by SATURDAY AT 11:59Pm, please communicate if you need an extension or need to be excused.
- The Senator and Caucus Office hours sheets are in BB.
- By-law 3: Requirements of Senators
 - Section C
 - “Senators shall be required to serve a minimum of one office hour per week. With approval from the President and Chief of Staff, these hours can be recorded inside or outside the confines of the Student Government Office, and can consist of any activity performed by the Senator on behalf of the Student Body. Office hours will be recorded in a manner as directed by the Chief of Staff, and the Chief of Staff will have final say in determining if an activity merits the awarding of an office hour. Two missed office hours shall be considered the equivalent of one absence from a regular Senate meeting. Request for a valid excuse must be presented to the Chief of Staff and shall follow the same requirements outlined in Rule 3 Section B, including the time frame for which the excuses shall be submitted and the type of excuse submitted.”
- Directors and Caucus Chairs, please be mindful of the office hours you are assigning council members!
- Directors and Caucus Chairs please have all office hours signed off by Sunday 11:59PM PLEASEEEEEEE!!
- If you guys need anything, please reach out to me!!

B. *Treasurer Hernandez*

- Office hours: Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm and Thursdays 3pm-5pm
- ALL PURCHASES MUST BE SUBMITTED 4-5 WEEKS in advance! If it is not submitted 4-5 weeks before the event, I will NOT approve the request nor will President Scott or VP Rojas-Caballero
- All room or plaza reservations must be submitted 2-3 weeks in advance, but I recommend submitting it when you submit your purchase request
- Things to keep in mind: REMINDERS

- i. I WILL ONLY ACCEPT PURCHASE REQUEST FROM DIRECTORS ONLY
 - ii. Room reservations can be made by caucuses chairs and directors ONLY
 - iii. Please submit purchase request and room reservations accordingly by following the example in blackboard, it just makes it easier for me to keep track of everything
 - iv. Also if they are not submitted correctly, I will just send them back to you and that just ends up taking more time on your 4-5 week process
 - v. SO PLEASE DO IT CORRECTLY, THANK YOU !!!
- Examples of a purchase requests, plaza/room reservation, and emails can be found on blackboard under the expenditure tab
 - Email: llh033@shsu.edu

C. Secretary Salmeron

- Office Hours: Monday – 9am-10am, Friday – 9am-10am
- SGA Calendar Invites
- Attendance: If you will not be at mandatory events or Senate meetings, please let me know by Tuesday's at 12pm.
- Love Letters from SGA, just a kind thing to show how much we appreciate each other!
- Parliamentary Brett moved to suspend the rules and consider the agenda out of order and go back to the agenda.
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Seconded by Senator Moody
 - 34 Yays, 4 Abstentions
 - Passes, meeting minutes from 01/13/2025 are now certified.

D. Vice President Rojas-Caballero

- Office Hours:
 - Monday- 9:00am-10:30am, 3:15-4:00
 - If you need to meet with me outside of that feel free to reach out!
- Orange tie
 - Great Ideas and themes!
 - RSVP Form
 - Only 39 RSVP's currently
 - No plus ones
 - RSVP QR code is on black board
 - If you are a graduating Senior, please come speak to me

- April 29th, 2025 at 6:00pm
- TSUS SAB Report assistance
 - Main focus is student retention
 - Sub-topics: Student engagement, mental health, career/internship opportunities
- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly on Mondays at 6pm in the SGA office

E. President Scott

- Survey for SAB please scan QR Code:



- If you are interested in joining the BHM Planning Committee, please scan the QR code to join the group me: 1st meeting will be next Monday at 5:30PM in the SGA Office



- SGA will have quiet study times between the hours of 8-10:30am Monday – Thursday. Remember we're not majoring in SGA!
- Met w/ Dr. White this morning

Director Reports

A. Community Affairs – Angela Toscano and Akylia Washington

- Meetings are on Thursday @2pm in SGA Office (LSC 314) with Zoom Available

- Keep It Warm Drive = Ends this SATURDAY
- Huntsville City Council Meeting moved to February 18th
- National Human Trafficking Prevention Event=TOMORROW!
 - LSC 230 - @3pm-5pm
- Business Blueprint
 - Wednesday, February 12 @4:30pm-7:30pm; LSC 241
- Start Fresh with Clean Care Drive
 - Collecting hygiene products for SAAFE House. Volunteer hours included.
- 15th Annual B.A.P.I
 - Saturday, April 12 @8/9am-1pm
 - Community Service Hours Included & T-Shirt
 - In the process of calling sites
 - Site Leader Registration Due: March 22, 2025



- Student Volunteer Sign-up



- Our Emails adl080@shsu.edu & aiw010@shsu.edu

B. Student Affairs - Lily Temple-Dozier and Aly Underwood

- Our meetings are Wednesdays at 4:00pm in the SGA office (zoom is available if requested an hour before the meeting starts)
- Our first meeting will be January 29th at 4:00pm.
- Upcoming Events:
 - New Year New Me

- Thursday January 30th, 2-4 PM in LSC 241
- Creating Vision Boards to start the new year of right with SGA
- We will need members fill in time slots for the event, see us to participate!
- Spread the Love
 - Thursday, February 13th, 11:00am – 4:00pm in LSC 320
 - Providing students with access to real flowers and personalized cards to celebrate Valentine’s Day
 - We will need members fill in time slots for the event, see us to participate!
- When submitting office hours please email them to the both of us.
- If you have any SGA questions or need guidance, please let us know, we’d love to help!
- Email: aeu003@shsu.edu lkt009@shsu.edu

C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Adison Trowbridge

- Meetings will be on Mondays at 3:30 in the SGA office (room subject to change)
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of when it needs to be POSTED. We will only be accepting flyer requests from Directors and Chairs.
- Member of the Week went out so please take the time to fill it out. We will be announcing the winner next senate meeting!
- We will be planning a PR workshop to help introduce senators to all the applications, software, etc. that we use! PR members will be highly encouraged to go but everyone will be welcome!
- Retreat Recap is up, go like and comment if you haven’t!
- New Year, New Me – Jan 19th
- Knowledge of Freedom – Jan. 27th
- Business Blueprint – Feb 5th
- Spread the Love – Feb 6th
- BAPI – Feb 7th

- Start Fresh with Clean Care – Feb 16th
- If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at rlg080@shsu.edu axt158@shsu.edu

MOTW QR Code:



D. Rules and Regulations- Emarie Schweikhardt

- Meetings at 4:00pm on Thursday
- Roberts Rules Workshop Jan. 30th @ 5pm
- Bylaws Workshop Feb. 26th @ 6pm
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
 - Email: eps017@shsu.edu

F. Director of Council – Alyssa Rodriguez

- If you are stating your intent, please stay back so I can gather your information!
- New council member office hour sheet in blackboard!
- Council Member Requirements for the Spring 2025 semester
 - 2 Senate Meetings
 - 2 office hours/ 2 department meetings
 - GPA Requirement: 2.25
 - SGA Informational Quiz
 - SGA Application (attached to “Post-Intent Information” email)
- Feel free to ask any questions : amr257@shsu.edu



Director of Caucus/COBA Caucus Chair – Abigail Dittman

- For Chairs, please review the excel spreadsheet and highlight organizations
- Calling workforce solutions and contacting the career center
- Meeting with Dean Self on February 20th
- Email: Agd039@shsu.edu

Chair Reports

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Emmy Castro

- Rescheduling Caucus and Dean Holt meeting
- Collaborations with Chairs coming soon
- Shared schedule with COSET Ambassadors for the semester!
- STEM center mentoring program
- Possible collaborations with Huntsville Public Library STEM Program and Sam Houston National Forest Volunteer Program
- Any further questions can be directed to me at enc033@shsu.edu or come see me after today's meeting!

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Ashari Gordan

- Senator Rivera will be stepping in as the interim CHSS chair, while I step

- away for personal reasons, please reach out to me if you have questions
- Senator Rivera: jtr064@shsu.edu
 - Chair: Ajg128@shsu.edu
 - CHSS Breakfast w/ Dean 02/28 9am-10am
 - To introduce senators to Dean Li as well as other CHSS organization Leaders
 - CHSS senators I need you all to communicate with me in GroupMe PLS!
 - Working to put together tabling outreach and get more ideas overall from you all
 - Title IX Director reached out to me for a SGA collaboration event for SAAM, working with Director Toscano and Washington to hopefully work something out.
 - See you soon !



D. Arts and Media – Daijion Jackson

- I am working on flyers for the movie night to see if students would be interested in a movie night event
- I'm working to get an updated list of C.A.M senators to the administrative assistant
- The C.A.M Breakfast with Interim Dean Anderson is on February 18th
- I'm in the process of contacting all C.A.M org presidents to see if they want to participate in pie a president
- January 29th at 12-2 pm C.A.M will be having a FASFA workshop (open to all majors)

- If you have any questions my email is ddj041@shsu.edu

E. Education – Alexis Argueta

- Meeting with Dean Edmondson and Mrs. Sides
 - Still in the works, a meeting will likely be held in February.
- Goals for the Semester
 - My primary objective is to unite the COE Senators, fostering stronger collaboration and communication.
 - By the end of the semester, I aim to see the establishment of a full College of Education caucus, ensuring that all voices within the COE are represented effectively.
- Digital Outreach
 - Started the process of collaborating with Secretary Salmeron and our wonderful PR Team to get some digital posters of COE SGA representation in the Education Building. As well as a survey on the screens, to allow myself to get COE student feedback.
 - Also working with TRIO seeking permission to advertise SGA on their social media, emails, and tabling events.
- COE Caucus Communication and Meetings
 - Shoutout to Chair Castro for giving me advice on how to schedule meetings and to get information to my caucus.
 - I will send frequent emails to my COE senators on what I am working on, what I would love them to work on regarding collaborating with COE organizations, and getting a goal plan officially started for us.
 - Meetings will be held twice a month, likely by Zoom. Dates are still TBD but will be pinned in the GroupMe once we come to a consensus.
- Community Outreach with COE
 - On Feb. 3rd Director Dittman and I are going to be speaking to the LSC Kingwood Chancellor Castillo about Higher Ed Pathways. My notes will be sent to my COE GroupMe following the meeting,

F. Criminal Justice – Je'hmory Coleman

- I'm meeting with Dean Lyons on February 4 at 12:00pm
- Our first CJ caucus meeting will be on Friday at 3

- I met with Luke Putman he student engagement and recruitment specialist and we discussed
 - i. Upcoming events
 - ii. Plans for the semester
 - 1. Create more student interactive events
 - 2. Get traffic into the student engagement office

G. Health Sciences – Tyree Roberts

- I met with Dean Zapalac
- I met with Restore Eboard
- Wellness walk and field day are in planning stage
COHS Week to highlight different colleges
Student Ambassadors
Transfer Student Resources
- CPR classes will be held in campus rec
- Student Success Fair Wednesday 10am-2pm LSC 230/ Thursday LSC 144 (FAFSA and Scholarship Assistance)
- Workshop for pre health students applying to professional schools
February 3rd 12pm-1pm LSC 230A
- I'm open to feedback, concerns, and ideals so please don't hesitate to reach out my email: tdr050@shsu.edu

A. Old Business

- SGA Spring Retreat

Feedback:

Older member feedback:

- It was overall very informational, connected with each other perfectly while also planning the spring semester.
- It was engagement, but a con was the introduction could've been condensed for the older members.
- Thank you to Parliamentarian Brett for going over the Robert's Rule's part, it was very critical to give new members an explanation of how things work.
- Directors loved the 10-minute rotation, which was to get feedback from each

senator regardless of if they aren't in that department.

- Thank you, Treasurer Hernandez, for the email workshop, it was a great hit!
 - o Check out blackboard in case you want to create a signature.
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New members:

- It was fun, and overall, very educational for new members.
- For future retreats, it should be advertised more towards them.
 - o To clarify, Secretary Salmeron did reach out to them individually and sent multiple messages on GroupMe.
- Thank you, Treasurer Hernandez, for the email workshop, it was a great hit!
 - o Check out blackboard in case you want to create a signature.

Council members:

- Being allowed to connect with members made them feel even more welcome into the association. It gave them confidence to feel free to speech to us more and understand what SGA is really about.
- If you did not attend the retreat, we will be coming up with a video with examples of Robert's Rules posted on blackboard.

B. New Business

- ***Vote In's:***
- ***Bryce Robinson: COBA***
 - o Entertained by President Scott
 - o Moved by Senator Abrego
 - Seconded by Moge kwu
 - 32 Yays, & 2 Abstentions

Stated Intents:

- ***Lesly Vega: COSET***

Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

Stated Intents:

B.A.P.I: Flyers can be displayed around dorms. Please reach out to Director Toscano & Director Washington to get the flyer information.

Orange Tie (SGA's banquet): Plus, one's are not allowed, but interpreters will be accounted for.

C. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

Check Out:

SAAFE for Kats: February 5 at 5:30pm in LSC 117

Black Student Alliance: January 29th at 6pm on the Frank Parker Plaza

Apply to be a Bearkat Camp Counselor and Welcome Week Leader!

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:50pm

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by Senator Sandoval
 - Seconded by Moge kwu
 - Uni pass