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## **Senate Meeting #1 – September 3rd, 2024**

### ***A. Call to Order at 6:04pm***

### ***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***

Quorum: 20 Senators & 4 Executive Board Members

Total: 34

### ***E. Icebreaker***

- If you were an Olympic athlete, what would you compete in?

## ***F. Advisor Introductions***

***-Dr. Chelsea K. Smith, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students***

***-Mr. M. Brandon Cooper, Student Success Officer***

## **Officer Reports**

### ***A. Chief of Staff Macias***

- Office Hours Sheet on BB
- The showcase went great! Thank y'all for all your hard work.
- Please make sure you notify Brandon or Teresa 3-5 weeks in advance if you want anything to go through marketing such as flyers, posters, shirts etc.
- If your activities involve administration, please be sure to copy Dean Smith and Brandon.
- If you guys need ANYTHING, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### ***B. Treasurer***

- All Directors can now pull from their funds as of September 1<sup>st</sup>
- **ALL PURCHASES MUST BE SUBMITTED 4-5 weeks in advance! If it does not fall within that timeframe, I will NOT approve your request nor will the President or VP.**
- All LSC rooms & yard space reservations need to be sent to VP Rojas-Caballero and copy President Scott 3-5 weeks in advance or email me the room/yard space, the time you need it, and all other details including if you need a laptop, catering needs, etc. The budget was adjusted with the help of pro-staff, past SGA Executive members, and current SGA Executive members

### ***C. Secretary Salmeron***

- All departments on blackboard are updated such as where & when they meet. Please send me your meeting minutes afterwards.

- Friendly reminder: The Voice is this Thursday & doors open at 6pm!
- If you will not be making it to mandatory events, or senate meetings please send me an email with a valid excuse.

#### ***D. Vice President Rojas-Caballero***

- Internals will begin meeting bi-weekly next Monday via zoom at 7:00pm.
  - o It is imperative that you make it. If you find yourself in a position where you cannot, please reach out to me via email.
  - o Reminder that we will meet in person when legislation is being brought to the floor the following senate meeting
- Director Recruitment Idea with Secretary Salmeron! Thank you for bringing your friends!
- Beginning to look into ideas and venues for Orange Tie, more information to come
- Latin Night- Mark your calendars!
  - o Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9pm
- E-board makes their best effort to communicate important information and dates as soon as possible. Please make that same effort to communicate in a timely manner when it comes to absences or needs
- Purchase request tomorrow per teresa

#### ***E. President Scott***

-Orientation Recap, can't wait for department goals to come to fruition!

- Weekly 1:1 meetings with Dean Smith and Brandon on Mondays at 9am

-E-Board meetings Mondays at 4 PM

-GUMBO (Gaining Us More Black Opportunities) Tabling w/ NAACP September 11, 2024 @5PM in the Orange Ballroom

-SGA Orientation

- Productive brainstorm and some event schedule updates
- Ideas Brainstormed
  - “Tailored for Tailgate”
  - Halloween themed Showcase with a Halloween contest polled on our Instagram to pull in socials traffic
  - Possible ASL Club Collab

Upcoming Events:

- Latin Night
  - October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Orange Ballroom 9pm-12pm
  - Ballet Folkorico will be Performing
  - Sigma Lambda Gamma will be in attendance after MGC Showcase

## Director Reports

***A. Community Affairs – Liv Hernandez & Angela Toscano***

- ***Meetings are Wednesday @2pm in LSC 314***
- ***Deputizations as Volunteer Voter Registers***
- ***Voter Registration Tabeing Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm***
- ***Every week until Oct***
- ***Alopecia Awareness Month/Tabeing Sept 23 12-3pm***

***B. Student Affairs - Je'hmory Coleman & Aly Underwood***

- ***Our meetings are Wednesdays at 3:00pm in the SGA office (zoom is available if requested)***
- ***We have two events in the works***
- ***Showcase was today!***

***C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Alyssa Hernandez***

- *Meetings are Thursday at 3:30pm*
- *Flyer Requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks ahead of time.*
- *“Your Voice Matters” Flyer*
- *“Alopecia Awareness” Flyer*
- *SGA Retreat Recap?*
- *If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at [rlg080@shsu.edu](mailto:rlg080@shsu.edu) and [amh223@shsu.edu](mailto:amh223@shsu.edu)*

***D. Rules and Regulations- Emarie Schweikhardt***

- *Meetings are on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office*
- *Constitution Workshop on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm*
- *Email: [eps017@shsu.edu](mailto:eps017@shsu.edu)*

***E. Director of Caucus – TBD***

*-election date shall be set by third senate meeting Sept. 10 amongst sitting caucus chairs*

***F. Director of Council – Alyssa Rodriguez***

- *If you plan on stating your intent today, please stay after the meeting so I can gather your information. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about the council member process—I'm here to help!*
- *This year, we'll use separate attendance forms and QR codes for council members and voted-in senators and directors.*



## **Chair Reports**

*A. Graduate – VACANT*

*B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology - VACANT*

*C. Humanities and Social Sciences - VACANT*

*D. Arts and Media - VACANT*

*E. Education - VACANT*

*F. Criminal Justice - VACANT*

*G. Health Sciences - VACANT*

*H. Business Administration - VACANT*

## **General Information**

*A. Old Business*

*-SGA Orientation*

Feedback from those who attended:

- The bbq food was a great option! It was very enjoyable
- Parking was an issue because the university camp has selected parking closer to the cabin
- Some senators enjoyed that we stayed inside the cabin, but some wish we did more activities outside.
  - The Executive Board appreciates all the feedback and will take it into

consideration when planning the spring orientation!

## ***B. New Business***

### ***-Approve SAB Constitution***

- President Scott moved to table SAB Constitution for the next senate meeting (September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
  - Seconded by Director Hernandez
    - 20 Yays and 2 Abstention
- Questions:
  - “Yeah, I don’t understand SAB Constitution. Is this an old or new one?”
    - Answered by President Scott:
      - “This is the new SAB Constitution, I sent out an email last week regarding it.”
  - “Okay, so how do we know which part is updated? You just said it’s the new one, so how will we (senate) know what the changes are?”
    - Answered by President Scott:
      - “I will go ahead and make sure the changes are highlighted and pointed out to make sure you get it. Once completed I’ll send out an updated email.”
- Point of information by Senator Moody
  - “Who moved the vote?”
    - Answered by President Scott:
      - “Liv seconded, and I entertained.”
        - Correction:
          - President Scott entertained the motion to table SAB Constitution for the next senate meeting (September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
            - Moved by Senator Ulloa
              - Seconded by Senator Moody
- Discussion:
  - “Since I did not see a change and neither did another Senator, actually I don’t think I got an email. I think we should be aware of the changes now, and formally vote on it next week.”

- Secretary Salmeron clarified that the SAB constitution email was sent out August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- President Scott advised to please read all emails from executive board for important information.
  - 20 Yays and 2 Abstention
    - SAB Constitution tabling passes for next week (09/10/2024).

***-Stating Intent:***

- Kaylla Taylor - COCJ
- Adison Trowbridge – COCJ
- Kaeley Smith – COCJ
- Yena Ah – COCJ

***C. Open Forum***

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

- Please join the council member groupme before Director Rodriguez adds you to the blackboard.
  - SGA Informational quiz is now updated on blackboard.
- If you want to register to vote in Walker County or anywhere else, please meet with Director Liv Hernandez or VP Rojas-Caballero.
  - Senator Balfour asked if the library has people that also assist others when registering to vote.
    - President Scott answered with yes that's true.
      - VP Rojas-Caballero clarified that being deputized means that you are legally allowed to register people to vote and the people in the library are volunteers registering students to vote.

***D. Announcements***

Outside of SGA reminders.

- NOHCJ Informational – Wednesday 6pm in LSC 144
- Free donuts in the plaza at 10am
- Senator Thomas announced he is running for homecoming king
- Kats for CASA – meeting



### ***E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:10pm***

- President Scott entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - Moved by Director Underwood
    - Seconded by Director Coleman
      - Unanimous pass