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Senate Meeting #9 – November 7, 2023

A. Call to Order @ 6:02 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

17 Senators : 4 E-Board : 25 Total

E. Icebreaker

- What did you do during recess as a kid?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- 10/31
 - o Moved: Nicole Ivory
 - o Second: Aly Underwood
 - Unanimous pass
- 10/26
 - o Moved: Aly Underwood
 - o Second: Nicole Ivory
 - Unanimous pass

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- Office hours are due every Friday @8pm

B. Treasurer Frederick

- Go through the Expenditures Tab on Blackboard to find the purchase request form, financial reports, FAQs, and examples.
- ALL Purchase Requests need to be made at least 1 month in advance.
- When submitting a Purchase Request, I need the actual form (this is on blackboard) and an email with all the links.
- All LSC Room Reservation requests need to be made 2 weeks before the reservation date (ballroom requests 1 month). Email me with the date, room you would like, backup room, estimated attendance, preferred setup, and any equipment you need.
- If you ever need your LSC reservation confirmation, let me know and I can forward it to you. Having this confirmation means the LSC has to

honor your reservation and cannot cancel or switch your room.

B. Secretary Cheng

- Please send me your meeting minutes for your department meetings each week! I need to upload them to Blackboard.
- If you are going to miss a meeting, please email me with a valid excuse.
- Reports need to be in by 10pm on Monday. Anything needing to be added afterwards must be emailed to me (PKC008@SHSU.EDU) or it will not be included in the slideshow.

C. Vice President Scott

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly via Zoom on Mondays at 6pm.
- Internal Affairs Department Meetings Attendance.
- Orange Tie Committee. The first meeting was today! If interested in joining, please reach out to me via email or group me direct message.
- In process of communicating with Rules and Regulations to schedule a meeting with Provost Stephenson on how a mental health day would be beneficial to our campus.
- Sent Resolution F-23, 04 and, 05 to respective organizational heads.
- BOR Student Advisory Board Meeting November 15-17 Lamar University.

D. President Calderon

- Absent 11/7 - Ring Ceremony
- Absent 11/14 - Tree of Lights
 - o President Calderon will be a speaker.
- 11/21 - Senate will be on Zoom and last meeting
- Tailgate: Nov. 25th SHSU vs Middle Tennessee
- Dr. White 1:1 Nov. 9th 3:30pm.
- Board of Regents - Student Advisory Board: Report done!
 - o Nov. 16-18th Lamar University in Beaumont

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- External Affairs meets every Wednesday at 5pm in the SGA office.
- Meet your local council members November 16th in LSC Room 230A from 6 to 7pm. We are still trying to confirm City Council members.
 - o Tabling and survey November 9th from 11 am-2pm for city council event.
- Next City Hall meeting is taking place on November 21st from 6pm-7pm.

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets every Wednesday at 4pm on Zoom.
 - o Except this week we will be meeting in the *SGA office* at 4pm instead to get things ready for Safety Walk.
- Complain to SGA “Student Worker Edition” Nov. 14th LSC 230B 1-3pm.
- PowerPoint for Dining hall survey outcome.
 - o We had 192 participants. Majority of participants want to increase the dining hall hours and think they would benefit from that.
 - We did not have enough responses to reflect a good percentage of the student body. Going forward, we may have to repeat the survey again. That decision is TBD.
- Safety walk is finally upon us. It is tomorrow at 6pm! Everyone should have been sent an email with more information as well as their placement!
 - o The placement that you will be at for Safety Walk is the highlighted area.
 - o You will be given a vest, glow stick, and highlighters. This will identify you as the group leader.
 - o Suggested to wear close-toed shoes.
- Any questions or comments can be sent to lh033@shsu.edu or please come talk to me after the meeting :)

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Homecoming Parade:
 - o A huge success, shoutout to all who set up, participated, and cleaned

- up.
 - I was so proud of all that was accomplished.
 - Any feedback can be given in old business!
- Dunk the President:
 - Date: November 20th from 2-4:30pm at the Plaza.
 - Pubbing tabling for November 13th from 12-2 in Plaza spot 13.
 - Vendor information for the dunk tank is sorted.
 - Opportunity for students to complain to SGA!
- Surviving Finals:
 - November 30th from 12:00 – 3:00pm on spot 13.
 - Material donations are being requested.
 - Rockstar energy drinks will be provided by Secretary Cheng.

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office.
- Giveaway winners have been reached out to, waiting for them to pick up vouchers to move forward receiving the gift cards.
- Updating the highlights, creating an October Recap (any behind the scenes or things that anyone wants to include please send them to me).
 - Send Director Salmeron any highlighted moments you would like to be added to the recap.
- A repost of the link and Instagram post have been made for tomorrow's Safety Walk event.
- Working on flyer requests.
- If interested in PR, please attend meetings moving forward!

E. Rules and Regulations – Director Williams

- Meetings will be every Monday from 12 pm-1 pm in the SGA office.
- R&R workshop on Thursday Nov. 9th from 5-6:30pm.
- Mandatory Roberts Rules workshop for all Senators is Tuesday, November 14th after the Senate meeting.
- Will soon draft a bill that will make the CJ Courtroom the official meeting location for SGA. Should be presented to the floor at the next meeting.
- Discussed a potential mental health day for students on campus.

- SGA Complaints Townhall, Nov 14th 1-3pm LSC room 230B.
 - o Partnering with PR and UA.
- If you are interested in writing bills and resolutions affecting the student body, please be sure to show up to those meetings and voice your concerns.

F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa

- Dean’s Call was awesome! Thank you to everyone that showed up. I will be sending the minute meetings to Secretary Cheng to be posted on Blackboard.
- I am planning a crash course meeting on effective business communication with all Caucus Chairs.

G. Director of Council – Director Redmond

Directors:

- Take attendance in every department meeting. Even if there aren’t any new members or council members in attendance.
- The attendance sheet is located in your department section on Blackboard.
- Mark off your council members' office hours on the Excel Spreadsheet. This is imperative to their council member process.

Council members:

- When you complete your office hour, document it in the senator office hour spreadsheet
 - o It is your responsibility to document your hour.
 - o Additionally, make sure it’s on the correct page.
- If anyone has any questions or just wants a tutorial on how to access anything at all, please come see me after the meeting.
- All council members, see me after the meeting as I need to gather attendance. Feel free to ask me any questions you have!

Additional Info

- We have a vote-in today!
- Last night I sent out outreach emails to all 8 of our council members that

we have not seen in a while.

- I have reached out to multiple orgs for recruiting, ASA, Elite/ Evolve, NAACP and now Soul Lifters. My vision is to be able to present our outreach slideshow and tell them all about SGA.
- If you have any other suggestions, please let me know.
- As we continue to strive to meet all of our own goals and initiatives, I believe it is imperative that we don't stop there and continue to encourage our like-minded peers to join.
- Yesterday I found out that our goal is to gain 50 senators by the end of the semester. That is a HUGE stretch, but I'm committed to trying my best to make it happen.

Chair Reports

A. Graduate

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Chair Ballah

- Meeting with Dean Holt
- The first Gen COSET celebration is November 8th in the Lee Drain building, room 200 from 8:30-10 am

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

- Meet with Dean Li and Associate Dean Crosby
- CHSS will be at Tailgate on the 4th great stuff will be provided.
- Planning a Scholarship fair to assist students on campus with finding scholarships and navigating scholarships4Kats – date TBD
- CHSS has two Scholarships for Travel: One is for research purposes and the other is if you want to present work at a conference with a faculty member (Must Submit a request) - S.P.U.R
- Will be polling students soon to see if they prefer in-person or online classes more to create solutions to the “issue” of many online classes

- Discussed having a speaker for Ted Talk – Will send out a survey to see whom students are interested in coming on campus.
- Discussed Student Ambassador Program which provides networking and volunteering opportunities for students

D. Arts and Media – Chair Powers

- My next meeting with Dean Shields is on November 13th Do you have any questions or concerns about CAM? Email me at slp086@shsu.edu by November 9th if you want it brought up during that meeting!
- CAM Senators, November 14th from 8:00am-9:30am is the CAM Breakfast in LSC 242.
- Are you apart of CAM? Please reach out to me, I would like to make a group chat with all you lovely CAM Senators!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAM

- November 8th at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Chamber Music Recital in the GPAC Recital Hall
- November 9th at 5:30pm The School of Music Presents A Saxophone Studio Recital in the GPAC's Recital Hall
- November 10th at 9:30am- 1:00pm CAM First Gen Celebration

E. Education- Chair Patterson

- November's Monthly Meeting with the Dean is next Monday at 2pm.
- Dean Edmonson has gotten me into contact with Misty Rains, their COE Events Coordinator, and Shelie Goodwin, the Director of Recruitment and Retention, who also supports the COE Communications Hub.
- If SGA has any ideas or want to collaborate with the College of Education For any events, this is who we will be in contact with.
- If you are an education major and have any questions, or concerns that you would like me to bring up during my next monthly meeting, feel free to email me at hsp008@shsu.edu.

Upcoming Events in The College Of Education

- Thursday, November 9 @ 11:30am to 1:30pm - College of Education First-Gen Celebration.

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- This past week I, as well as April Salmeron and Nadia Lopez, went to the Criminal Justice Leadership Breakfast. While there, we as well as the Lambda Alpha Epsilon CJ Org, Graduate Association and CJ Ambassadors, were able to sit down and discuss ways in which we, as well as the college, can improve to better benefit the student body!
- Will be contacting Sabrina Rowley to schedule a tabling in the CJ lobby.
- COCJ hosted the First Gen mini conference and mixer yesterday in the CJ Courtroom, I was unfortunately unable to attend. But if anyone did, please let me know how it went!
- The SHSU CJ Department of Forensic Science is hosting its "All Creatures Big and Small" donation drive. Items donated will benefit the SHSU Food Pantry, SHSU Tripod's Thrift and Rita B. Huff Animal Shelter. All donations are to be dropped off at CFS 212 and to be due by noon on December 1st

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Meeting with Dean Roper Friday November 3rd at 11am.
- I will be a COHS Ambassador this Saturday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.
- Get your flu shot!
- In contact with BGS to get a wholesale number of sample sunscreens for future home football games.
- Strategic Planning Committee for COHS: Survey was sent last week to SHSU emails, I encourage ALL COHS students to take it!
- Bowling and Billiards. Celebration for first-generation students on November 7th from 2-4 in the Kat Klub. ALL students are welcome to enjoy pizza, bowling, and billiards. Faculty and staff from the college will be there to show off their bowling skills.

- Eta Sigma Gamma Health Honorary Society. If you are a major minor within the College of Health Sciences with a SHSU GPA of 3.0 or above, consider joining! Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month in the LSC at 5pm. Contact Ana Noyola, Co-President, at aln040@shsu.edu with any questions and for room numbers.
- K.H.R.A.S.H. This student organization is for all allied health-related majors on campus. Meetings are held in LDB 106 at 5:30 p.m. Contact kxc104@SHSU.EDU with any questions.

H. Business Administration --- Chair Garcia

- Setting up a meeting with Dean Self.
- COBA Student Organization presidents Breakfasts with the Deans November 7th 8am.
 - Got a list of the presidents from each org so we can collaborate and communicate with them going forward.
- Upcoming Events for COBA:
 - COBA First Gen Event (Movie and Mentors)
 - Open to all majors
 - Nov 7th 2-4pm.
 - Business Plan Competition – Deadline to enter is Nov 17th
 - 1st Place –\$2,000 Scholarship ,2nd Place - \$1,000 Scholarship
- Registrations opens for classes, opens this month (November).
- Visit the Career Center for resume building.
- Any business clothes needed visit Tripod Thrift for business attire,
- Any questions or concerns contact me at: hxc045@shsu.edu!

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Villanova University reached out to SGA in hopes of working with Aunt Flow on their campus.
- Working on breaking down vending machine survey data.
- Email mgr038@shsu.edu or scan the QR code on the flyers for reporting of

any dispenser related issues, please attach a picture if possible.

- Follow Project M.E on Instagram @shsu.projectme!

B. Celebratory Event Committee -Chair Ivory

- Our first meeting was held yesterday.
- I requested the Orange Ballroom for Feb 28th.
- Potential Theme: Black renaissance or Unity
- Idea for event: Block party in the yard, One big show, or a few smaller events with a big show at the end.
- Collaborating Organizations: Dare 2 Defy, Khaos step team, Black Grad Student Org, Soul Lifters, NABA, NPHC, NAACP, The exceptional men of the talented tenth, the Zetas, and Theta Rho.
- Marketing will begin a month in advance directed by the VPSA office.
- Brainstormed Speakers: Issa Rae, Marsai Martin, Tyler James Williams, Drew Desbordes (Druski), Storm Reid, & Tabitha Brown
- If you would like to be a part of this committee, please let me know and once I've gathered everyone, I will be creating a GroupMe.
- Outside of black history month, please feel free to join and share ideas for other celebratory months. I look forward to making each community feel celebrated equally.
- November: National Adoption awareness month, World Kindness Day, Child Safety Protection Month, Native American Heritage Month
- December: Kwanza, Christmas, New Year's Eve, Hanukkah, 12/10 Human rights day
- January: Indian New Year, Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, MLK day

C. Student Life Committee

D. Civic Engagement Committee

- Election Day: November 7th 7am-7pm
- Early Voting: October 23 - November 3
- Proper Identification:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)
- Voting for mayor and council candidates (local)

Mayor

1. Russell Humphrey
2. John Jafreh

Councilmember, Ward 1

1. Tore Fossum

Councilmember, Ward 2

1. Casey Cox
2. Yolanda M. Scott

Councilmember, Ward 3

1. Russell Barnett
2. Benjamin J. Sessions
3. Anissa Antwine

Councilmember, Ward 4

1. Jon Skelly Strong

For more information go to huntsvilletx.gov

General Information

A. Old Business

- Homecoming
 - Thank you to those who came to set up and attend the parade! It was a success!
 - Shoutout to Director Underwood and SA for all their hardwork.

- The float looked amazing!
- Thank you to Chair Powers and her family for helping out!

B. New Business

- Fill vacancies
 - Graduate chair
 - CHSS chair
 - Student Life Committee
- Vote In's
 - Chloe Barham
 - Moved: Kevin Redmond
 - Second: Aly Underwood
 - Unanimous pass
- Stating intents
 - Ashari Gordon
 - Jamory Coleman
 - Leah Kathleen Senn

C. Open Forum

- Senator Moody is interested in joining the Orange Tie Committee
- Six people do not have polos. Treasurer Frederick will place a new order soon and get sizes.
- Senator Moody suggested doing a huge poster to promote the dining hall hours survey. He believes that tabling was ineffective since people are less inclined to interact with strangers.
- COBA study abroad informational is on November 9th.
- Senators need to arrive at 5:30pm to the Plaza. At 6pm, there will be a guest speaker who will speak on the importance of Safety Walk. At 6:30pm, you will head to your specific location.
- Reaching out is a big part of getting people to fill out the survey. It is on behalf of SGA to do this!
- If we were to do it again, we would have to pub it majorly.
- This is our first time sending out a survey like this apart from elections.

- We are still in the process of figuring out what works best for future use. In essence, we are all learning together.
- If you have any ideas for tabling or things that fall within UA, let Director Hernandez know.
 - Congratulations to the new council members!
 - Rules and Regulations is working on budget changes for the Celebratory Life Committee.
 - Director Williams moved to delay the Senate meeting to 7:30pm rather than 6pm next week to allow for SGA.
 - o Second: Secretary Cheng
 - 2 yays: 18 nays: 0 absententions
 - Next week's meeting will be at 7:30pm
 - Director Williams moved to have a Zoom.
 - o Second: Chair Powers
 - 7 yays: 9 nays: 4 abstentions
 - The workshop will be in person.
 - Chief of Staff Ivory moved for R&R to provide food at the workshop.
 - o Second: Treasurer Frederick
 - 4 yays: 15 nays: 1 abstentions
 - There will not be food provided by R&R.
 - Chair Powers moved to table the discussion on providing food at the workshop.
 - o No second, voting will not commence.
 - Chair Powers moved to adjourn the meeting before announcements.
 - o Second: Chief of Staff Ivory
 - 14 yays: 6 nays: 0 abstentions
 - The meeting will adjourn.

D. Motion to Adjourn Meeting @7:21PM