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Senate Meeting #11 – November 21, 2023

A. Call to Order @ 6:03PM

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

5 Executive Board: 17 Senators: 24 Total

E. Icebreaker

What is your dream car?

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- 11/14 Minutes certification
 - o Moved: Connor Brett
 - o Second: Hector Garcia
 - Unanimous pass

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- Office Hours are due every Friday @8pm.
- I will meet with the commencement committee on December 1st for final details.
- Thank you all for your hard work this semester! And safe travels! I look forward to hitting the ground running this coming Spring.

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

- I will be redesigning the senate meeting slides for next semester! Send me suggestions!

C. Vice President Scott

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly via Zoom on Mondays at 7pm.
- 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. I am available via email during this time: jbs082@shsu.edu

D. President Calderon

- Tree of Light – Did NOT speak due to miscommunication
- Cancelled - Tailgate: Nov. 25th SHSU vs Middle Tennessee
- Semester event feedback document
- Dean Smith 1:1 11/28
- Drew Miller 1:1 12/5
- Start working on next semester events

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Director Rojas-Caballero

- External Affairs meets every Wednesday at 5pm in the SGA office.
- 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.
- BAPI April 13th 7am-1pm

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meets every Tuesday at 12:45 in LSC 314
- Dunk the President:
 - o Pubbing tabling was very successful. We gave out three full boxes of old SGA t-shirts.
 - o Dunk the President was canceled due to the vendor pulling out for personal reasons.
- Surviving Finals:
 - o November 30th from 12:00 – 3:00pm in spot 13
 - o Material donations include 200 Rockstar energy drinks.
 - One of the packages have arrived to 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).
- Working on flyer requests.
- Send in pictures from Thanksgiving for the Instagram recap!
- 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.
- Discussed a potential mental health day for students on campus.

F. Director of Caucus – Director Ulloa

- I am planning a crash course meeting on effective business communication with all Caucus Chairs.

- Looking into providing food; need to meet with Treasurer Frederick for budget questions later.
- I'm going to start sending chairs the agenda items from deans call so they can discuss changes with their respective deans.
 - Have any specific questions? Reach out to me!

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 hours, document it in the senator office hour spreadsheet.
 - It is your responsibility to document your hour.
 - Additionally, make sure it's on the correct page.
- If anyone has any questions, please come see me after the meeting.
- All council members, see me after the meeting as I need to gather attendance.

Additional Info:

- 2 Vote ins today!

Chair Reports

A. Graduate

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Chair Ballah

- Meeting with Dean Holt

UPCOMING EVENTS IN COSET

- SEA : Bake sale- November 28th from 12-4 at the Lee Drain Atrium

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

- Met with Dean Li and Associate Dean Crosby
- Waiting to hear back from Dean Li, regarding the scholarship fair to assist students on campus with finding scholarships and navigating scholarships4Kats
- 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
- Poll is ready regarding if students prefer in-person or online classes more to create solutions to the “issue” of many online classes
- Poll is ready regarding a speaker for Ted Talk or TedxSHSU
- CHSS Student Ambassador Program provides Networking and volunteering opportunities for students

D. Arts and Media – Chair Powers

- My meeting with Dean Shields was postponed due to a personal illness and is in the process of being rescheduled.
- 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 16th – 18th at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents an Opera: Human/ Nature
- November 16th – 18th at 7:30pm and the 18th at 2:30pm The Department of Theatre presents She Loves Me

- November 19th at 3:30pm The School of Music Presents a Harp Studio Recital in the GPAC's Recital Hall
- November 19th at 5:30pm The School of Music Presents a Basson Studio Recital in the GPAC's Recital Hall
- November 21st at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Jazz Band Concert in the GPAC

E. Education – Chair Patterson

- We discussed the current and upcoming initiatives that the College of Education is currently implementing, and the College of Education plans on working with more campus partners in the future as well.
- We also talked about how the College of Education can be better advocates for the students, and how they can better support the students whether that be financially or providing other resources that would be helpful for the students.
- Lastly, we also talked about the College of Education hosting more events in order to be better at interacting with the students that are in or outside of the college.
- Collaboration wise, the College of Education has asked me to table at the next COE Opportunity Fair on February 1st, 2024. This will be helpful for us to get the word out about SGA and hopefully get more COE students in SGA next semester.
- 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 COE

- Saturday, November 25th - College of Education SHSU v. Middle Tennessee State Tailgate.

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- This past week there was a survey sent out by the College of Criminal Justice regarding student opinions on the current state of the college as well as ways in which it can improve. Since the survey was posted, I have been contacted by Dr. David Stender (Senior Director for Strategy and Innovation) to attend a meeting next Tuesday to discuss the strategic plan with himself and other CJ students. If you have any questions that would like to be answered by Dr. Stender regarding the strategic plan for the college, please DM me on GroupMe or email me at jat099@shsu.edu
- COCJ will be posted at the tailgate this weekend at Bearkat Alley! Feel free to stop by to get some free food and prizes!
- 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

- If you haven't already get your flu shot!
- In contact with BGS to get a wholesale number of sample sunscreens for next semester games/activities
- Interested in Public Health Informatics? Participate in our upcoming information sessions to gain valuable insights about the California Consortium for Public Health Informatics and Technology at UC Berkeley!
<https://publichealth.berkeley.edu/academics/specialty-areas/public-health-informatics/>
- The Stanford School of Medicine's Propel Postdoctoral Scholars Program is a program for incoming and early postdoctoral scholars who come from backgrounds historically underrepresented in academia, and who have a strong desire to become faculty in the biological, biomedical, or population-based sciences.
https://propel.stanford.edu/?utm_source=email%20blast%205.5.22&utm_medium=email&utm_id=deadline-extension-email

H. Business Administration – Chair Garcia

- Meeting with Dean Self (waiting to see available)
- Toy Drive in the COBA building is over.
 - Received 95 toys in total!
- 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: hxg045@shsu.edu!

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Will be presenting contraceptive survey results
 - o Will be presented at the first meeting in January.
- Currently making maps for dispensers so it facilitates locating them on campus
- Working on marketing strategies for the initiative
- 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!
- She has been in contact with other Universities and showing them what Aunt Flo is all about.

B. Celebratory Event Committee – Chair Ivory

- Waiting to get estimates of speakers
- Next meeting is TBD, I am waiting on final details before I draft a proposal.

C. Student Life Committee

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

- The unofficial Election results have been posted

- Includes:
 - State propositions 1-14
 - School board trustee positions 4 and 5 for Huntsville ISD
 - School board trustee positions 1-3 for Waverly ISD
 - Mayor of Huntsville
 - Councilmembers wards 1-4 for Huntsville
 - Amendments A-X for city of Huntsville
 - Mayor of River side
 - Councilmembers city of Riverside
 - Mayor city of Waverly
 - Councilmember city of Waverly
 - Proposition A-E NW MMD #1 (New Waverly Military Movement Drill)
 - Board of Directors NW MMD #1
- For More information go to www.co.walker.tx.us

General Information

A. *Old Business*

- Contraceptive Survey results
 - Jared Scott moved to table presentation about the results.
 - Nicole Ivory seconds to table the results.
 - 21 yays – 0 nays – 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes: Contraceptive survey results will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

B. *New Business*

- Fill vacancies
 - Graduate chair
 - CHSS chair
- Vote In's
 - Je'hmory Coleman
 - Kevin Redmond moved to vote on J'hmory Coleman into the Senate.

- Connor Brett seconded to vote on J'hmory Coleman into the Senate.
 - 21 yays – 0 nays – 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes: J'hmory Coleman is officially a Senator.
 - Ashari Gordon
 - Kevin Redmond moved to vote on Ashari Gordon into the Senate.
 - Aly Underwood seconded to vote on Ashari Gordon into the Senate.
 - 21 yays – 0 nays – 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes: Ashari Gordon is officially a Senator.
- Stating Intents
 - No intents were stated.

C. Open Forum

- No required/mandatory office hours this week or for the rest of the semester!
 - If a Director has office hours and Senators are willing to take it, that is ok.
- You do not need to have any department meetings until the Spring unless you would like to.
- We are at 33 total members!
 - Thank you to Director Redmond and Director Underwood for all your hard work recruiting this semester. You are appreciated.
 - Only 2 active council members at the moment.
 - Inactive council members need to be removed from the GroupMe.
 - They have received a follow up email from Director Redmond!
- Every Tuesday at 6pm will be a Senate Meeting! That is the designated date and time and will not change.
- Senator Gordon knows a couple people interested in SGA this Spring.

D. Announcements

- SGA Potluck is next Tuesday at 6pm! The Sign-Up Genius will be pinned in the GroupMe.
- Black Excellence Ceremony and Hispanic Latino/ax Ceremony is available for Fall 2023 graduates to sign up.
 - o TBD if this will occur next semester.
- Kevin will be cooking it up for the potluck!

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

- Connor Brett moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - o Jared Scott seconded to adjourn the meeting.
 - 21 yays – 0 nays – 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes: Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.