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Senate Meeting #9 – October 31, 2023

A. Call to Order @6:10PM

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 : 5 Executive Board : 27 Total

E. Icebreaker

What is your costume for today's meeting? If you're not wearing a costume this year, what is your favorite costume that you've done? If you don't celebrate Halloween, that's ok!

F. Certify Meeting Minutes

- Connor Brett motioned to amend the meeting minutes from 10/24 in regard to fixing an error in identifying the individual seconding a motion from Veronica Calderon to Maria Rojas-Caballero.
 - o Amend meeting minutes from 10/24.
 - Moved: Veronica Calderon
 - Second: Jared Scott
 - Unanimous pass

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- Currently reviewing survey results

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

- Directors, if your department will not be meeting at its regular time, or at all on a certain week, please notify me via email. The E-Board needs to ensure all departments are not only productive but ensure that senators have office hours to complete.
- Please send me your meeting minutes for your department meetings each week! I need to upload them to Blackboard.
- If you are going to be missing 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
 - o VP Scott would like to see all department heads at Internal!
- Orange Tie Committee. First meeting was today! If interested in joining, please reach out to me via email or group me direct message.
- Alison will be talking about Dean's Call in her report, but please let her know if you will be there.

D. President Calderon

- American Association of State Colleges and Universities – American Democracy Project Zoom meeting Oct. 27th
 - o What would a first-year student new to campus experience if the college fully supports civic learning and democratic engagement?

- What would the student government be doing if the college fully supports civic learning and democratic engagement?
- What would it mean for classrooms?
- What would it mean for student organizations?
- How would it manifest into the actions of campus leaders (more student facing roles: faculty, advisors, department chairs)?
- Tailgate: Nov. 4th vs Kennesaw State – Homecoming Game & Nov. 25th vs Middle Tennessee
- Homecoming Parade: Nov. 2nd Hollywood theme!
- Dr. White 1:1 Nov. 9th 3:30pm
- Sustainability Committee Nov 7th 9:00am Admin bldg. 201
 - Connor Brett
- Tree of Lights Nov. 14th at 5pm will I be a speaker.
- Board of Regents - Student Advisory Board
 - Nov. 16-18th Lamar University in Beaumont

General Information

A. Early New Business

- Jared Scott moved to amend the agenda and moved to vote on the resolutions after President Calderon’s report rather than wait till regular new business following a 5-minute recess.
 - Second: Piper Cheng
 - Unanimous pass

B. Call to Order @6:29PM

C. Resolution F23-03 Theta Mu

- Moved: Brad Williams
- Second: Nicole Ivory
 - 1 abstention: 21 yays: 0 nays
 - Motion passes

D. Resolution F23-04 Kappa Mu

- Moved: Jared Scott

- Second: Alison Ulloa
 - 1 abstention: 21 yays: 0 nays
 - Motion passes

E. Resolution F23-05 Theta Epsilon

- Moved: Alison Ulloa
- Second: Nicole Ivory
 - 1 abstention: 21 yays: 0 nays
 - Motion passes

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.
 - Tabling and survey November 9th from 11 am-2pm for city council event
- Constitution revisions have been submitted.

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets every Wednesday at 4pm on zoom
- Complain to SGA “Student Worker Edition” Nov. 14th Lsc 230B 1-3pm
- Safety walk is November 8th at 6pm in the Frank Parker Plaza
 - Tabling to promote Safety Walk Nov. 2 1-3pm
- Any questions or comments can be sent to llh033@shsu.edu

C. Student Affairs – Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meets on Tuesdays at 12:45pm in the SGA office.
- Bearkat Org Operation (B.O.O) has past! I will take feedback during old business
- Homecoming Parade

- All supplies needed for homecoming have been submitted with a purchase request & 3/3 are confirmed ordered.
 - 2/3 has arrived in the office
 - Decorating the float will happen on Nov. 2nd Starting with collecting supplies from the office at 12:30 and décor starting at 1:00pm. TENTATIVELY at Josey Park parking lot (Ave M & Josey St.)
 - If you are available at this time, PLEASE let me know by messaging me. The more people we have to decorate the more likely we are to get it done.
- Dunk the President
 - Date: November 20th from 2-4:30pm on The Plaza
 - Pubbing tabling for November 13th from 12-2 in Plaza spot 13
 - Vendor information for the dunk tank is sorted.
- Surviving Finals
 - November 30th from 12:00 – 3:00pm in spot 13
 - Material donations are being requested.
 - We spoke to Secretary Cheng about getting 200 energy drinks donated.

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- PR meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office.
- Will be announcing survey giveaway winners Friday.
- Recap of B.O.O + best table & Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness Pictures have been posted.
- If you have a costume on and want me to take a picture of you, please let me know to be featured on our Instagram page.
- 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.
- R&R workshop on Thursday Nov. 9th 5-6:30pm
- Mandatory Roberts Rules workshop for all Senators is Tuesday, November 14th after the Senate meeting

- Resolutions to congratulate and recognize the 50th anniversary of three different fraternities are complete and will be voted on today.
- Will soon draft a bill that will make the CJ Courtroom the official meeting location for SGA.
- Discussed a potential mental health day for students on campus with the VPSA and provost
- SGA Complaints Townhall, Nov 14th 1-3pm LSC room 230B
- 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

- All Deans and Associate Deans have reserved their spot for Dean’s Call
- Send me your questions for Deans Call! You can also bring your own questions in to ask. No sitting in silence!
- If you are planning on coming tomorrow, please let Alison know she can get you a nametag.
- All Caucus Chairs will be required to attend Deans Call
- “Dean’s Call” – November 1st at 11:30am LSC 242 (Glass Room)
 - o Attire for Dean’s Call will be business professional, but dress warm regardless.

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 in 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.

- 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!

Chair Reports

A. Graduate

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology

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

- Meet with Dean Li and Associate Dean Crosby
- CHSS will be at Tailgate on the 4th and 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.
 - Look up SHSU CHSS Ambassadors online for more information

D. Arts and Media – Chair Powers

- My next meeting with Dean Shields 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAM

- November 1st at 7:30pm The School of Music Presents a Wind Ensemble Concert in the GPAC Recital Hall
- November 2nd at 8:00pm The School of Dance Presents Auora: A Senior Studio in the GPAC's Dance Hall
- November 4th at The School of Music Presents a Symphony Orchestra Concert in the GPAC
- November 5th at 5:00pm The School of Music Presents Octubafest in the GPAC's Recital Hall
- November 5th at 5:30pm The School of Music Presents a Night Of Percussion in the GPAC's Recital Hall
- November 6th at 5:30pm The School of Music Presents a Piano Studio Recital in the GPAC's Recital Hall
- November 4th at 7:00pm The Bearkat Marching Band Presents a Concert in the GPAC's Recital Hall

E. Education- Chair Patterson

- November's Monthly Meeting is currently getting finalized with dates and times.
- 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.

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- This week we will be having the Criminal Justice Student Leadership Breakfast! I as well as our CJ senators will be in attendance with other CJ organization leaders to network and interact with them to see how we can be involved with these orgs and vice versa. This will be hosted by Dean Dr. Lyons and Senior Associate Dean Dr. Boisvert and will be held in the CJ Flag Room (A218) on Wednesday, November 1st at 8:30am.
 - Wear your polo for the meeting to represent SGA! If not, please attend in business casual.
- COCJ will be hosting a First Gen mini conference and mixer! There will be free food, giveaways and guest speakers! This will be in the CJ Courtroom on Monday, November 6th from 11:30am to 1:00pm.
- This week on November 2nd, the Department of Victim Studies has an event “Card Making for Survivors”. In which, they as well as anyone who would like to come, will be making cards for survivors of domestic violence. The event will be in the CJ Flag Room (A218) from 9am-12pm.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

- Meeting with Dean Roper Friday, November 3rd at 11am.
- Get your flu shot!
- In contact with BGS to get a wholesale number of sample sunscreens for future home football games.
 - Chair Ulloa was recently given a discount code for future purchases for tailgates!
 - Sunscreen is always important- in hot or cold weather!
- Strategic Planning Committee for COHS: Survey was sent last week to SHSU emails, I encourage ALL COHS students to take it!
- Medical and Health Humanities Excellence Award. The Medical and Health Humanities program is calling for submissions for student awards. They will give prizes for undergraduate (\$250) and graduate (\$500) students' interdisciplinary work on medicine, health, healing, or disability. The deadline is October 31st at midnight. Email submissions to Dr. Barbara

Kaminska at bak018@shsu.edu.

- Bowling and Billiards. Celebration for first-generation students on November 7th from 2-4pm 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.
 - Chair Ulloa and COHS Dean Roper will be there!
- 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.
- November 2nd is Pizza Social in CHSS 430 from 11:30-1:30pm. It is an orientation for almost all COHS majors, including healthcare admin public health, health sciences, oriented and bilingual public health.

H. Business Administration --- Chair Garcia

- Upcoming Events for Coba
 - Business Plan Competition – Deadline to enter is Nov 17 1st Place – \$2,000 2nd Place - \$1,000 Scholarship
 - COBA Scholarships Priority Deadline November 1st
- Visit the Career Center for resume building.
- Any business attire needed visit Tripod Thrift for business clothes.

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee – Chair Rojas-Caballero

- Project Me will be meeting November 2nd via Zoom at 6:30 pm to discuss updates on the initiative, ideas, and ways to improve.
- Chair Rojas-Caballero is in contact with the successful Club Condom from

UNT. They also have a vending machine with different packs for different uses. She will share more information about their process and products with the Senate and SHC once she learns more.

- 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

- Extended deadline to join committee by 3rd, I've received 7 student org confirmations. I am currently waiting for 3 departments to respond. Chair Ivory talked to Eve from SHSUCAT today about collaborating budgets for a Black History Month event for a bigger program.
 - o Org confirmations include: Pose, NAACP, NABCJ, Phi Beta Sigma, Black Grad Org., and two others.
- Our first meeting will be November 6th @6pm on zoom
- I will be creating a GroupMe this week for everyone who wants to be involved.
 - o 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. Bring it to my attention!

C. Student Life Committee

D. Civic Engagement Committee – Chair Hernandez

- Election Day: November 7th 7am-7pm
- Early Voting: October 23 - November 3
- Proper Identification to vote:
 - o Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 - o Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
 - o 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

- B.O.O.
 - Because of the rain, it did not get as much traction. Hopefully next year, without the rain, it will bring more people in!
 - Would love to see more of the executive board in attendance! And senators as well.
 - A few organizations dropped out last minutes :(
 - Possibly do this again for Valentine's day?
 - "Cupid's Corner" is a name suggestion.

- Wellness Vending Survey and Dining Hours Survey
 - We got under 200 votes for each.
 - President Calderon received the results from Dean Smith and will send the results out soon.

B. New Business

- Resolution F23-03 Theta Mu
- Resolution F23-04 Kappa Mu
- Resolution F23-05 Theta Epsilon
- Fill vacancies
 - Graduate chair
 - COSET chair
 - Karen Ballah stated intent for COSET chair.
 - Connor Brett accepted Karen Ballah as COSET chair.
 - Karen Ballah is approved as COSET chair.
 - CHSS chair
 - Student Life Committee
- Vote In's
 - Chloe Barham
 - Aly Underwood moved to table this vote in till next week (11/8)
 - Seconded by Alison Ulloa
 - 15 yays: 1 nay: 1 abstention
- Stating intents

C. Open Forum

- Director Underwood wanted to suggest reaching out to other cultural organizations like Ballet Folklorico. We have a really good relationship with them!
 - She would like to see a more active approach to researching and engaging with other cultural organizations to promote more diversity within the committee.

- She suggested the Chair Ivory actively research and speak with other cultural organizations rather than take a passive approach and have people come to her about it. She needs to spearhead the research!
- Chair Powers thought it would be fun to do a collaboration with PR about the different holidays in December and educate the student body on these holidays. It would be social media posts!
- President Calderon suggested a secret Santa social for SGA.
- Hispanic Heritage Month just passed, and Director Underwood would like to see more events going forward to celebrate HHM. She liked the potluck we did and B.O.O. as well.
- Chair Ulloa mentioned Indigenous/Native American Heritage Month.
 - CDIA did an event for it last year.
- Director Williams suggested a Multi-cultural Celebration event.
- Chief of Staff Ivory would like if someone spoke up to the CAM dean
 - President Calderon spoke with Dean Smith in her 1:1 about what happened.
 - Dean Smith said it was unacceptable behavior towards Chair Powers. Chair Ulloa will be in attendance to Chairs Powers next 1:1 with Dean Shields.
 - If anything similar happens again, President Calderon instructed them to let her know immediately so she can relay the message to Dean Smith.

D. Announcements

- LSC Takeover is tonight (10/31)!
- Make sure to vote for your homecoming king and queen via your email.
- Nicholas Moody will not be getting the flu shot.
- Go vote! It is so important!
- Alison Ulloa said to get the flu shot! The flu changes every year.
- Chair Powers will be sending an information sheet on the 14 State Propositions in the GroupMe.
- Early voting ends November 3rd. It will be busy on voting day!
- FAFSA info will be going out mid-November.

- Next Tuesday, Director Redmond will be leading the Bible study for Soul Lifters at 5pm, right before the SGA meeting. Feel free to stop by! He will drop the flyer in the GroupMe.
- If you are available to help set up or break down for the tailgate, tell us in the GroupMe.
- Take care of yourself if you're going out this weekend.
- Scholarship4Kats priority deadline is November 1st.
- The Rangers are winning 1:0 in game 3 right now.
- Phi Beta Sigma will be tailgating on Saturday as well. They will be stationed by the University Hotel. They will be serving good food!
- This Thursday (11/2) is the NPHC Homecoming Yard Show. Come by to meet NPHC members and see what they're all about at 7:30pm.
- This Wednesday (11/1) on the yard at 6pm is a Western theme event with NPHC.
- Follow @samhouston_nphc for all the updates on everything NPHC.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting @ 7:38PM