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Senate Meeting #3 – September 12th, 2023

A. Call to Order @6:12PM

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

7 senators; 5 e-board; 22 total

E. Icebreaker

What name would you have called the Bearkat Butlers?



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Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Ivory

- OFFICE HOURS WILL BE DUE WEEKLY EVERY FRIDAY @8pm!
- Disclaimer: Attending an event does not count as an office hour, that is something that should be expected of you as members of SGA.
- Put in a request for more office supplies

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, Kezia needs the actual form (this is on Blackboard) and an email with all the links. Link every item you need!
- All LSC Room Reservation requests need to be made 2 weeks before the reservation date. Email Kezia with the date, room you would like, backup room, estimated attendance, preferred setup, and any equipment you need. All set up information can be found on the LSC website.

C. Secretary Cheng

- The plan of action template is officially uploaded to Blackboard. You can make a copy of the document and edit it as needed. If you have any questions about making a POA, feel free to reach out to me and I will be more than happy to help you out.
- I am working on cleaning up the SGA Blackboard page.



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D. Vice President Scott

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly via zoom on Mondays at 6pm.
- Reserving rooms and setting date for Spring 2024 Orange Tie Affair. A poll will be sent out to the group me for which day would work best. Please make sure to reply to it!
- Deans Call will be Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, at 11:30AM in LSC 242 (Glass Room).
 - o Please direct all further questions to Director Ulloa.

E. President Calderon

- Faculty/Staff & Student Justices Appointments
 - o Kaci Rowe and Paul Rhoades
- Election Commission Appointments
 - o Jada Johnson, taking one more nomination.
- Campus life development fund: Need a list of alternate members (4)
- PharmD Kendra Bookman and Executive Dir. Of the SHC Erica Bumpers to discuss contraceptive products in a vending machine – they will be guest speakers on 10/3 senate meeting.
- CFO & VP of Operations Amanda Withers 1:1 meeting on 9/8 @9am
 - o Discussed Safety Walk and their progress from last year.
 - ADA route study
 - Sidewalks and cobble stone are being slowly replaced with cement.
 - Some items from the presentation were sent to the city to be fixed.
 - o Sustainability Committee – Will begin meeting soon.



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- Had an energy study and have saved 60% of power this year.
- Commencement Committee – 50:1 faculty/staff to student ratio
 - Will look into increasing student involvement.
- Attended a VPSA Search zoom on 9/18
- HSI Week Jeopardy Host 9/11
- Met with Dr. Drew Miller 9/12 and spoke about SAB topics, SHC vending machine concerns, Q&A on the plaza 9/13 10-11:30am.

Director Reports

A. External Affairs – Vacant

- Meet your local officials.
- No Kids Sleep on the Floor – Volunteer planning.
 - Get bedding for families who need it!
- Retirement homes – Potential planning.
- Montessori School – Fundraiser assist.
 - Volunteering at the fundraiser event they have potentially.
- City Council Meeting– 9/19

B. University Affairs – Director Hernandez

- University affairs meets on Wednesday at 4pm on zoom.
- Currently working on google docs and checklist for safety walk.



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C. Student Affairs – Interim Director Underwood

- Student Affairs meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 in the SGA office.
- In the works of two events currently:
 - Vamos A La Fiesta: September 27th from 5-7 in CHSS 210 (was confirmed)
 - There will now be a change as President Calderon mentioned in her report.
 - We are in discussion Ballet Folklorico about performing.
 - There is a mandatory event with President White that SGA must attend the same day at the same time. Discussion to be had soon about what to do.
 - Bearkat Org Operation (B.O.O) is under construction.
 - LSC 241 is confirmed for 4-6
 - Haunted House decorations!
 - Orgs are being contacted to attend.
 - Arabic language club, Kats for CASA, Ballet Folklorico and Pose fashion magazine have all accepted attendance.

D. Public Relations – Director Salmeron

- Event calendar for scheduling moving forward is in progress.
- Meetings will be on Tuesday at 1pm.
- Rebranding the SHSU SGA social media accounts.
 - Make sure to follow our Instagram @samhouston_sga!
- Finishing up current flyer requests.



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E. Rules and Regulations – Director Brett (Interim)

- Meetings will be every other Thursday from 8:30-9:30AM. Our next meeting will be September 14th.
- 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

- Recruit caucus chairs for each college, currently reaching out to friends who might be interested or may know someone who is interested in serving.
- “Dean’s Call” – November 1st at 11:30am LSC 242 (Glass Room).

G. Director of Council – Director Underwood

Meeting Reminders:

- For directors, take attendance in every department meeting. This is how council members get credit for attending.
- For council members, if you complete an office hour, document it in the senator office hour spreadsheet, so you can be validated by your director. This is how I mark off your office hour requirements for vote-ins.
- All council members, see me after the meeting. Feel free to ask me any questions you have!



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Chair Reports

A. Graduate

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Chair Williams

- Contacted Dean Li, and currently waiting for a response to set a monthly meeting schedule.

D. Arts and Media

E. Education

F. Criminal Justice – Chair Taylor

- A meeting with Dean Lyons and Senior Associate Dr. Boisvert has been scheduled! The date is set to be September 25th.
- I will also be contacting the CJ building coordinator to schedule a date on which we can get a table set up in the CJ lobby for a few hours.



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Events in CJ

- Society of Forensic Science will be hosting a general meeting this Wednesday (09/13) in CFS 103 at 5:15PM.
- COCJ resumes its Real Talk series this week. Keynote speakers from the Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science (STAFS) facility team. Will be held at 2:00PM-3:00PM in the CJ Courtroom on this Wednesday the 13th.

G. Health Sciences — Chair Ulloa

H. Business Administration

Committee Reports

A. Menstrual Equity Committee

- Accompanied President Calderon to a meeting with PharmD Kendra Bookman and Executive Dir. of the SHC Erica Bumpers regarding contraception in vending machines.
- Will begin reaching out to buildings regarding installing new dispensers.
- Updated Signage is completed and up!
- 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.
- Looking for committee members (Anywhere between 2-5)!
- Follow Project M.E. on Instagram @shsu.projectme!



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B. Celebratory Event Committee

C. Student Life Committee

- PharmD Kendra Bookman and Executive Dir. Of the SHC Erica Bumpers to discuss contraceptive products in a vending machine – they will be guest speakers on 10/3 senate meeting.
 - Will host a townhall on 10/11 6pm LSC 241 spreading sexual wellness education and a Q&A.
 - A survey will be sent out to collect data.

D. Civic Engagement Committee

- Election Day: November 7th 7am-7pm
- Do research on local, state, and federal voter data to raise voter efficacy throughout the entire year.
- Get deputized at the Walker County Annex before October.
- American Democracy Project: Meeting with Steven Koether 9/6
 - Will focus on spreading educational content along with registering people to vote. Will not provide shuttles to the polls this year.



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General Information

A. Old Business

B. New Business

- Vote In's
 - Emarie Schweikhardt
 - Moved: Aly Underwood
 - Second: Veronica Calderon
 - Unanimous pass

- Impeachments
 - Amarie Gallien
 - Moved: Piper Cheng
 - Second: Veronica Calderon
 - 8 yays; 3 abstentions; 0 nays
 - Sebastian Garcia
 - Moved: Piper Cheng
 - Second: Jared Scott
 - 7 yays; 4 abstentions; nays
 - Michael Agwuncha
 - Moved: Piper Cheng
 - Second: Nicole Ivory
 - 7 yays; 4 abstentions; 0 nays



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- Stating intents to become a Council Member
 - Pamela Arreguin
 - Assad Bodden

- Stating intents for a position
 - Brad Williams for Director of Rules and Regulations
 - Moved: Connor Brett
 - Second: Veronica Calderon
 - Unanimous pass
 - Sophie Powers for Caucus Chair of College of Arts and Media
 - Approved: Aly Underwood, Kezia Frederick
 - Unanimous pass

C. Open Forum

- Come to Rules and Regulations in order to learn more about our constitution and how to write legislation.
- University Affairs is trying to get a vending machine on campus with contraceptives in order to make them more accessible.
 - There is a town hall on October 11th from 6-7pm.
 - Trying to contact all the organization presidents for them to attend.
- University Affairs is sending a survey out in conjunction with expanding dining hall hours. Be on the look out and let your friends know to fill it out.
- Please come join University Affairs!
- The dress code for SGA meetings are business casual, and for members, a polo shirt and nonripped jeans!
- If you stated your intent, please come see Director Underwood to begin your



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council member process.

- All CJ members, please see Chair Taylor after tonight's meeting.

D. Announcements

- If your organization wants to be a part of the B.O.O. event, please let Chair Powers know!
- The Talented 10th's "The Project X" is trying to build their Instagram content and following! Check them out.
- Panhellenic is having a fundraiser for Buff City Soap! Stop by to buy soap and support their philanthropies.
- Alpha Phi Alpha is having a tailgate for the UH vs SHSU game.
- NAACP is having a meeting in the Orange Ballroom this Thursday at 6pm!
- Phi Beta Sigma is collecting canned goods, socks, undergarments, and so on to donate! You can get service hours for donating. There is a box in the SGA office.
- If you need to obtain business casual pieces, check out Tripod thrift for free clothes! Ten pieces per semester is the limit.
- Ubuntu is hosting a thrift swap on September 14th from 3:30-6pm in the Plaza.
- Miss Sam Houston Contestant informationals are being held on September 19th and 20th from 3-4pm in LSC 230B and LSC 321! More information can be found on the @shsucacab page.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting @7:08PM

- Moved: Veronica Calderon
- Second: Jared Scott
- Unanimous pass