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Senate Meeting #5– February 18th, 2025

– *Call to Order at 6:01pm*

– *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."

– *Texas Pledge*

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

– *Roll Call: 49 Senators, 5 Executive Board Members*

Total: 58

– *Certify Meeting Minutes 01/28/2024*

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by Director Trowbridge
 - Seconded by Senator Sandaval

- Uni pass
- *Ice Breaker: 5 minutes of social time!*

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Macias

- Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 11am-12pm!
- Make sure to have your office hours done by SATURDAY AT 11:59PM, please communicate if you need an extension or need to be excused.
- The Senator and Caucus Office hours sheets are in BB.
- Directors and Caucus Chairs please have all office hours signed off by Sunday 11:59PM PLEASEEEEEEE!!
- If you guys need to be excused from an office hour or had something, come up... Please contact me and keep me in the loop!
- If you guys need anything, please reach out to me!!

B. Treasurer Hernandez

- Office hours: Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm and Thursdays 3pm-5pm
- Meeting with Brandon and Teresa at 2:00 pm every Tuesday
- Examples of a purchase requests, plaza/room reservation, emails, and the budget can be found on blackboard under the expenditure tab
- Plaza Spots picture can be found in the expenditure tab under room reservations
- Also When filling out a Room Reservation or Plaza Spot please submit a backup room or spot just in case and include all relevant information
- Email: lh033@shsu.edu

C. Secretary Salmeron

- Office Hours: Monday – 9am-10am, Friday – 9am-10am
- Attendance: If you will not be at mandatory events or Senate meetings, please let me know by Tuesday's at 12pm.
- SGA Calendar Weekly Recap
- Green Market Presentation

D. Vice President Rojas-Caballero

- Office Hours:
 - Monday- 9:00am-10:30am, 3:15-4:00
 - If you need to meet with me outside of that feel free to reach out!

- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly on Mondays at 6pm in the SGA office
 - Will meet next Monday at 6pm in the SGA office
- Orange tie
 - RSVP Form
 - No plus ones
 - RSVP QR code is on black board
 - If you are a graduating Senior, please fill out the QR code on black board, will also put it in SGA Group chat
 - April 29th, 2025 at 6:00pm
 - OT Meeting
- SGA FEST
 - March 20th 5-8 pm
- New Senator Orientation
 - 2/18 with COS Macias and Director Schweikhardt
 - 2/21 with President Scott and Director Temple-Dozier
 - Dates for the remainder of the semester are now on black board in the “New voted in senators” tab!

E. President Scott

- Office Hours Mondays from 11-3PM and Thursdays from 12-2PM
- Met w/ Dr. White yesterday
- TSUS Board of Regents Meeting RECAP
- Next weeks meeting will be appropriate casual (BHM themed plz no cultural appropriation)
- Meet with VP Amanda Withers next week
- Rec Hours Commitee
 - President Scott appointed Senator Mugekwu
 - Senator Mugekwu accepted
- March 4th we will have our annual senate pic taken! Please come in stated dress code. Pictures will take place at 5:30PM!
- Friendly reminder of SGA Election Schedule:
 - Filing Opens March 3 and closes March 17 @ 5PM.
 - Required Candidate Meeting Monday March 17 @ 5PM and Thursday March 20 @5PM. Voting will take place April 7-10 via your SHSU e-mail

* If you want to remain in SGA you must file to run even if not running for an

Eboard Position, and please do not discuss election season in the office.

Director Reports

- ***Community Affairs – Angela Toscano and Akylia Washington***
 - Meetings are on Thursday @2pm with Zoom Available
 - Room: LSC 322 - (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
 - Start Fresh with Clean Care Drive
 - February 17 - March 7 @12PM
 - Hygiene Drive with SAAFE House
 - QR Code will be on cart box to show proof of donation
 - Internals will only be to sign off on volunteer hours
 - Size 4, 5, 6, Diapers (4 hours)
 - Baby Wipes (2 hours)
 - Body Wash (1 hour)
 - Deodorant (1 hour)
 - Shampoo (1 hour)
 - Conditioner (1 hour)
 - Lotion (1 hour)
 - Our Emails adl080@shsu.edu & aiw010@shsu.edu

- ***Student Affairs - Lily Temple-Dozier and Aly Underwood***
 - Tomorrow's meeting is at 4:00pm in LSC 325
 - Please still let us know if you need to join on zoom!
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Spread the Love
 - Thank you to all who took shifts and prepped the flowers!
 - Spring Fest
 - March 20th, 5-8
 - Soda Bowling
 - Potato Sack Race

- Pie the Pres as a reward for winning our game
- Eco-Week
 - Monday, April 7th, 5-8: BYOI
 - Bring your own item
 - Tuesday, April 8th, 12-2: Stuck on SGA
 - Wednesday, April 9th – In Progress
 - Thursday, April 10th, Adopt Don't Shop
- February Student Affairs Meeting Locations:
 - February 19th: LSC 325
 - February 26th: LSC 322
- When submitting office hours or questions please email them to the BOTH of us.
- If you have any SGA questions or need guidance, please let us know, we'd love to help!
- Email: aeu003@shsu.edu lkt009@shsu.edu

• ***Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Adison Trowbridge***

- Meetings are Mondays at 3:30PM
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of when it needs to be POSTED. We will only be accepting flyer requests from Directors and Chairs. Please CC Secretary Salmeron in your emails!
- Office Hours need to be sent to BOTH of us and need to be on time (Friday). Reach out to us if you need an extension!
- Directors, please plan out your posts to be posted during the weekdays, unless approved by us for a specific weekend please avoid flyers being posted on the weekend.
- Member of the Week will be announced in new business! Make sure you are filling out the form! We are only getting 8 responses out of about 60 senators.
- BAPI 2025 - awaiting approval
- Spread the Love Recap – Feb 17th
- Start Fresh with Clean Care – Feb 17th
- FSL Townhall – Feb 27th
- Interview with MrDr. Brandon Cooper and Dean Smith – filmed (S/O

Senator Gillespie and Rodriguez)

- Black History Month Faculty Highlight – We are still waiting for a few responses but most got back to us so we will begin posting this week!
- Collaborating with First Gen this Friday in the morning! Please contact us if you want to be involved.
- If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at rlg080@shsu.edu axt158@shsu.edu

D. Rules and Regulations- Emarie Schweikhardt

- Meetings at 4:00pm on Thursdays in the SGA Office (LSC 314)
- Tabling on Tuesday (12:30-3:00), Wednesday (12:30-3:00), and Thursday (12:00-2:30) with a survey about dining and rec hours
- Bylaws Workshop Feb. 26th @ 6pm
- What is a Bylaws Workshop? Attendees will be divided into groups and assigned to read and edit different portions of the bylaws.
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
 - Email: eps017@shsu.edu

F. Interim Director of Council – D’Juan Fontenot

- DATE: 02/18/2025
- If you are stating your intent, please stay back so I can gather your information!
- 4 Vote-Ins Kayla Rhone (COE), Omari Sandifer (CHSS), Irene Katsanis (COEJ), and Cameron Brumfield (COBA)
- Make sure you're completing your council member process correctly
 - Fill out the application (attached) NEW SENATOR APPLICATION
 - Take the SGA knowledge quiz (must get 80% or above, this is found on the blackboard)
 - Attend two department meetings (for example: Rules and Regulations, Community Affairs, etc.)
 - Complete two office hours
 - Meet the SHSU GPA requirement of a minimum of 2.25
- Feel free to ask any questions: ddf028@shsu.edu



Director of Caucus/COBA Caucus Chair – Abigail Dittman

- For Chairs, please review the excel spreadsheet and highlight organizations
- Business Senators, we are going to the Capitol with the chamber, Feb. 26th.
- Meeting with Dean Self on February 20th
- Will be discussing making Business Cards for students with her
- Will be discussing more chamber opportunities with her
- Meeting with Rhonda Ellisor from SBDC
- Email: Agd039@shsu.edu

Chair Reports

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Emmy Castro

- COSET career fair Wednesday, February 26th; 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- STEM week!
- Recycling in Huntsville
- Any further questions can be directed to me at enc033@shsu.edu or come see me after today's meeting!

C. Interim Humanities and Social Sciences – Jazmine Rivera

- Working together with interim chair Rivera to set up tabling within CHSS

- Setting up a meeting with directors Toscano and Washington pertaining to a SAA event collaboration with title IX
- Will be back in attendance following the first week of March
- I am setting up a meeting with my dean
- CHSS Caucus to be held bi-weekly on a Friday @5 our next meeting is Feb. 21st
- If you have any ideas or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my email me and Ashari: jtr064@shsu.edu , ajg128@shsu.edu

D. Arts and Media – Daijion Jackson

- The meeting with Interim Dean Anderson for February 25th at 9:30
- The C.A.M Breakfast with Interim Dean Anderson was today!!
- For now movie night is canceled but it will be replaced with another event
- My caucus meeting was this Tuesday at 2
- If you have any questions my email is ddj041@shsu.edu

E. Education – Alexis Argueta

- Hope everyone had a great weekend! I am not able to be there today as I am in Galveston competing in the Teach Tomorrow Summit on behalf of SHSU's Chapter of Texas Association of Future Educators! (Wish me luck!)
- **Meeting with Angie Taylor (Director of Innovative Partnerships with/ COE)**
 - The meeting is scheduled for February 19th, and we will be discussing how to better have better communication and understanding in regard to what goes on with placement for student teaching.
- **TRiO Outreach**
 - Still in the works of meeting with the coordinator, Mrs. Stuckey.
 - I hope to get a meeting scheduled by the end of February.
- **SGA COE Senator GroupMe**
 - Please look for this information on Blackboard
- **I'm happy to answer and/or review any questions or ideas, please email me at: ara093@shsu.edu.**

F. Criminal Justice – Je’hmory Coleman

- We had our caucus meeting on Friday
- I reached out to Luke regarding tabling materials
- This week will be focused on reaching out to orgs and setting up ask the dean event
- If you are a part of the College of Criminal Justice and are voted in and are not in the GroupMe let me know
- If you have any questions, comments, or concerns that you would like to bring to me, my email is jwc061@shsu.edu

G. Health Sciences – Tyree Roberts

- Caucus meeting Recap
- Meeting schedule with Dean 2/20
- COHS WEEK 17th – 21st
Wednesday: College of Nursing
Thursday: Public Health
Friday: Deans office and PA and PT Q&A
- American Heart Awareness Month Tabling February 27th 12pm to 3pm
- I’m open to feedback, concerns, and ideas so please don't hesitate to reach out my email: tdr050@shsu.edu

Committee Reports

A. Parking Enforcement Committee – Matthew Neal

- Tabled yesterday on the plaza
- Next Meeting Wednesday at 3:30 in the SGA office.
- Let me know if you want to be in the group me.

A. Old Business

Business Blueprint:

- Discussion:

- Director Washington thanked everyone who attended, and will be considering how to move forward in the future

R&R Tabling

- Discussion:
 - Chair Neal: Got great feedback from students from tabling

Spread the Love

- Director Underwood thanked everyone who attended

B. New Business

- Vote In's:

Kayla Rhone (COE)

Entertained by President Scott

- Moved by P Brett
- Seconded by Senator Ford
- Senator Balfour moved to limit discussion to 3 minutes per candidate
 - 2nd by Director Toscano
 - 47 Yays, 3 Nay, 1 Abstention
 - Motion passes to limit discussion
 - 50 Yays, 2 Abstentions - voting her in
 - Congratulations!

Omari Sandifer (CHSS)

Entertained by President Scott

- Moved by Senator Mugekwu
- Seconded by Senator Fuller
 - 49 Yays, 4 Abstention
 - Congratulations!

Irene Katsanis (COCJ)

Entertained by President Scott

- Moved by
- Seconded by Director Toscano

- Director Temple-Dozier: point of information regarding cj seats
 - President Scott responded with ---
- 49 Yays, 4 Abstention
 - Congratulations!

Cam Brumfield (CO CJ)

Entertained by President Scott

- Moved by Senator Ford
- Seconded by
 - 49 Yays, 1 Abstention
 - Congratulations!
- Bill S-25-01 New Member Orientation
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by Senator Sandaval
 - Seconded by Director Toscano

Discussion:

- Emphasis was placed on ensuring new members fully understand SGA procedures, particularly Robert's Rules of Order.
- A comprehensive presentation was proposed to clarify expectations and eliminate confusion.
- The training sessions will be held during office hours, making it convenient for members to participate.
- The PowerPoint presentation, created by Madam VP, will provide in-depth information on procedural rules and their relevance in Senate meetings.
- Some members questioned whether this orientation should be mandatory or optional.
- The argument in favor of making it mandatory centered around ensuring all council members are properly educated on SGA procedures.
- It was suggested that the bill could be reworded to address concerns and clarify participation expectations.
 - VP moved to limit discussion to 5 minutes
 - 44 yays, 3 nays, 2 abstentions
 - Passes to limit discussion to 5 minutes.
- Voting on Bill S-25-01 New Member Orientation
 - 23 yays, 15 nays, 11 abstentions
 - Bill S-25-01 New Member Orientation FAILS to pass.

Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

Stated Intent:

Brooklyn Brown

David Ford

Sydney Gamarra

Jackelin Balbuena

A. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:05pm

- Entertained by President Scott
 - o Moved by Treasurer Hernandez
 - o Seconded by Director Underwood
 - Uni pass