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**Senate Meeting #5 – October 15<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

***A. Call to Order – 6:00pm***

***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***

***Senators: 25, Executive Board Members 5***

***Total: #***

***E. Certify Meeting Minutes 10/08/2024***

- Entertained by President Scott
- o Moved by Director Underwood

- Seconded by COHS Senator Ulloa
  - Unanimous Pass

## Officer Reports

### A. *Chief of Staff Macias*

- Office Hours: TUES/THURS 1-2PM
- Make Sure to complete your office hours
- You must fill out your own office hour and its the directors duty to sign off NOT to fill out the sheet for you.
- 2 or more office hours is equivalent to an absence of senate meeting!!!
- Directors make sure to sign off on office hours and please email me when you need an office hour excuse.
- Looking forward to the events we have this month!
- If you guys need ANYTHING, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### B. *Treasurer Hernandez*

- OFFICE HOURS:
  - Wednesdays 1-3pm
  - Thursday 9-11am
- All room or plaza reservations must be submitted 4-5 weeks in advance with the purchase request
- When submitting a purchase request,
  - Please CC VP Rojas-Caballero to get Purchase request checked faster
  - Remaining SGA Department/Program Budget Amount
- Examples of a purchase request, email, and room reservation can be found on blackboard under the expenditure tab
- Meeting with Brandon and Teresa at 1pm on Wednesdays
- Email: [llh033@shsu.edu](mailto:llh033@shsu.edu)

### C. *Secretary Salmeron*

- New Polos/Jackets
  - Emailed Jacket Initiative before – please reach out if you have any questions over your progress so far.
- Attendance:

- You will have until Tuesday 12pm to reach out to me for the zoom link if you need it and why you will be on zoom.
- If you are not in this court room by 6:05pm you will be counted as an unexcused absence.
- If you are on zoom and not actively participating, you will be counted as an unexcused absence.
- Voting: Yay = Yes, Nay = No, Abstain = N/A
- Thank you, directors, for sending your department meeting minutes at a reasonable time.
- If you will not be making it to mandatory events, or senate meetings please send me an email with a valid excuse.
- My office hours are every Monday from 8:30am-10am and every Tuesday from 1pm-3pm.

#### ***D. Vice President Rojas-Caballero***

- Office Hours:
  - Wednesday 2:30pm-4:30pm
  - Thursday 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Internals meets bi-weekly on Mondays IN PERSON at 6:00pm.
- Special Events legislation
- Orange Tie Planning!

#### ***E. President Scott***

- Weekly 1:1 meeting with Dean Smith and Brandon on Mondays at 9am in LSC 210.
- E-Board meetings are on Mondays at 5pm.
- Thank you all for how well you represented SGA yesterday at the Smith-Lennon House.
- Met with Natalie Issac, Director of Title IX and Discrimination Resolution regarding Student Voice Submission
- Met with Erica Bumpers and Lindsay Lopez regarding Vending Machine and Drink Card Initiatives
- CJ Senators please consider representing your minor next week, so make more space in the Senate!

## Director Reports

### ***A. Community Affairs – Angela Toscano***

- Meetings are Wednesday @2pm in LSC 314 with Zoom Available if requested.
  - Tomorrow :)
- Huntsville City Council Meeting
  - TODAY!
- Breast Cancer Awareness Table
  - Tabling went amazingly!
  - Thank you to those who helped out!
- Upcoming:
  - Domestic Violence Panel
    - Thursday, October 17 @3:30pm-5pm
    - CHSS 140
  - Business Pink-out Senate Meeting
    - Tuesday, October 22
  - Tacos for Tatas
    - Thursday, October 24 @4pm-6pm
    - LSC 230 A/B
  - 2024 Safety Walk = 4 weeks & 2 days
- Have any ideas for Community Affairs? Email me at [adl080@shsu.edu](mailto:adl080@shsu.edu) 😊

### ***B. Student Affairs - Aly Underwood***

- Our meetings are Wednesdays at 3:00pm in the SGA office (zoom is available if requested an hour before the meeting starts)
- Upcoming Events:
  - Halloween LSC Takeover
    - October 30<sup>th</sup> 7-10pm
    - LSC 116
    - Feel your fears and mini pumpkin decorating

- Purchased request submitted
- Fall SGA Potluck
  - November 7<sup>th</sup>
  - RSVP in SGA chat!
  - Room is likely to be SGA office if attendance allows
  - Purchase Request submitted
  - Start planning what you are going to bring and cook up!
- Surviving finals upcoming
- December Ideas are cooking
- If you have any SGA questions or need guidance, please let me know, I'd love to help!
- Email: [aeu003@shsu.edu](mailto:aeu003@shsu.edu)

### ***C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel***

- Meetings are Thursday at 3:30pm
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of time.
- Member of the week will be announced in New Business.
- RECAPS: Latin Night and CJ Breakfast
- Domestic Violence Awareness flyer - today
- Senate Reel - today
- Potluck Flyer – 10/31
- SGA Picture day with polos this Thursday
- PR will not be having a meeting due to pictures!!
- If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at [rlg080@shsu.edu](mailto:rlg080@shsu.edu)

### ***D. Rules and Regulations- Emarie Schweikhardt***

- Meetings are on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office
- Constitution Workshop Recap this Thursday at 1:00pm
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
  - Email: [eps017@shsu.edu](mailto:eps017@shsu.edu)

### ***E. Director of Caucus – Abigail Dittman***

- I have emailed Dean Smith about “Dinner with the Deans” to speak about collaboration, and I am awaiting a response.
- Luncheon with the caucus chairs.
- Please contact me if you have any questions or initiatives
  - Email: [Agd039@shsu.edu](mailto:Agd039@shsu.edu)

***F. Director of Council – Alyssa Rodriguez***

- If you plan on stating your intent today, please stay after the meeting so I can gather your information. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about the council member process—I'm here to help!
- Please join GroupMe – after your intent email is sent!
- Make sure you are completing your office hour requirements!
- This year, we'll use separate attendance forms and QR codes for council members and voted-in senators and directors.
- Feel free to contact me at – [amr257@shsu.edu](mailto:amr257@shsu.edu)



**Chair Reports**

### ***A. Graduate – VACANT***

### ***B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Emmy Castro***

- Upcoming meeting October 23rd, 11:00am
- Currently working on contacting COSET orgs, I will be attending a meeting this week
- IMC answer coming next week when I meet with marketing
- Caucus meetings: possibly this week!
- Any further questions can be directed to me at [enc033@shsu.edu](mailto:enc033@shsu.edu) or come see me after today's meeting!
- If you are a COSET Senator and still haven't joined Groupme please scan!



### ***C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Ashari Gordan***

- Met with my Dean and want to work on breakfast with the dean and tabling in the building, senators please reply to my messages !!
- Working with R&R on legislation
- Model UN application closes October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:59, reach out if you want any information
- Skills workshop 10/16 11am-1pm
- DV panel 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30

### ***Arts and Media – Daijion Jackson***

- I met with Dean Anderson and we went over a possible talent show event for C.A.M that could take place next fall.
- I met with Administrator Associate Anita Furr where we discussed upcoming events the next one being the First-Generation Celebration on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> in the University Theater center and I was able to get the list of all the C.A.M orgs which I will be reaching out to ask about concerns within there orgs that I can bring up in my next dean meeting.

- I was able to help table for C.A.M at the Saturday at Sam
- The meeting time/date for the C.A.M caucus is TBD
- If you have any concerns or questions about the meeting or recommendations on the caucus meeting time based on availability, please email me at [ddj041@shsu.edu](mailto:ddj041@shsu.edu)
- If you are a C.A.M Senator and have not scanned the QR please scan this code there will be a drop box soon to discuss meeting availability after



the 14<sup>th</sup>

### ***D. Education – Hailey Patterson***

- I am currently working on setting up the first monthly meeting with Dean Edmonson before September is over. When we have our first meeting, I plan on addressing: Events coming up for the College of Education, what the college wants to do with SGA, and what we can do personally in order to help them grow. If you are an education major and have any questions, or concerns that you would like me to bring up during our meeting, feel free to email me at [hsp008@shsu.edu](mailto:hsp008@shsu.edu).

### ***E. Criminal Justice Chair - Je'hmory Coleman***

- Volunteers are needed for Cj tailgating, and they will give service hours
- I will be meeting with Dean Lyons October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am
- Our next Caucus meeting will be this Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- If you have any ideas pertaining the college of criminal justice talk to me after the meeting or email me at [jwc061@shsu.edu](mailto:jwc061@shsu.edu)

### ***F. Health Sciences – Eva McDonald***

- I have been working on gathering materials for a tabling for Epilepsy Awareness Month in November
  - I have completed the pamphlet
  - My sister is working on a personal document illustrating her experience with epilepsy
  - If you or someone you know has epilepsy and would like to share their experiences, please get in contact with me!
  - The tabling will likely be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November



- November the 5<sup>th</sup> is Purple Day
- I attended Saturday @ Sam to represent the COHS and SGA
- Our Caucus meeting was held Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm
  - We will be meeting biweekly
  - I will be creating a PowerPoint with the ideas we discussed in our meeting
- If you have any question or concerns that you would like to discuss with me or want me to discuss with the dean, please get in contact with me @ [exm196@shsu.edu](mailto:exm196@shsu.edu)



### ***G. Business Administration – Abigail Dittman***

- Dean Self and I will have an initial meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-10:30. This Thursday!!
- I am communicating with our COBA senators to intend on having our first meeting. Please be active in communicating with me.
- I have reached out to Admin Associate, Victoria Kirkland, on intentions to table and advertise for COBA and I am awaiting a response.

#### ***A. Old Business***

- Constitution Workshop

#### ***B. New Business***

##### ***- Impeachments:***

- ***Kameron Thomas***
- Motion made by McDonald
  - Seconded by Underwood
    - 30 Yays, 6 Abstentions
    - Passes to impeach CHSS Senator Thomas

#### ***Feedback from the Senate:***

- Making it more clear to Senators that if they wanted to resign, potentially we (executive board) could go over the correct procedures on how to do it properly.
  - Secretary Salmeron states when she sends out letters of Non-Compliance in her reports but does not disclose who receives them and President Scott stated that the proper way to resign is stated in SGA's Constitution. On top of that President Scott and Secretary Salmeron both send an impeachment email, that states what they (senator) need to do to get back in good standing or to resign.
  - For future instances, please make sure to email the executive board if you would like to resign from any positions within SGA.
    - Contact us at:
      - President Scott:  
studentbody\_prez@shsu.edu
      - VP Rojas-Caballero:  
studentbody\_vp@shsu.edu
      - Secretary Salmeron: ahs020@shsu.edu
      - Treasurer Hernandez: llh033@shsu.edu
      - Chief of Staff Macias: acm135@shsu.edu

- ***Public Relations Update***

○ ***President Scott appoints Adison Trowbridge***

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Director Guel
  - Second by Underwood
    - 34 Yays, 2 Abstentions

- ***Vote In's:***

○ ***Mia Abrego: COSET***

- Entertained by President Scott
  - Motion made by Director Underwood
    - Seconded by Ulloa
      - 30 Yays, 4 Abstentions
      - Passes congratulations!

○ ***Halen Sanchez: COSET***

- Entertained by President Scott
  - Motion made by Chair McDonald
    - Seconded by Director Guel
      - 30 Yays, # Nays, 6 Abstentions
      - Passes congratulations!

○ ***Akylia Washington: COSET***

- Entertained by President Scott
  - Motion made by Senator Ulloa
    - Seconded by Chair Castro
      - 33 Yays, 1 Nays, 4 Abstentions
      - Passes congratulations!

○ ***Elvia Perea – Salmeron: COSET***

- Entertained by President Scott
  - Motion made by Senator Ulloa
    - Seconded by Director Schweickhardt
      - Motion made by Taylor to end discussion – 32 Yays, 3 nays
      - Motion to end discussion on Elvia Peare-Salmeron passes.
      - Voting her in - 12 Yays, 14 Nays, 11 Abstentions

- Fails to become a COSET Senator

- ***Member of the Week***

- ***Congratulations, Director of Rules & Regulations Schweickhardt!***

***C. Open Forum***

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

- Media Day questions:
  - “Will it be held at the same time as PR department meetings?”
    - Director Guel responded with yes, Thursday at 3:30pm. Attire is new SGA polo with black slacks ONLY.
- Take Over questions:
  - “If we come in costume to the LSC Take Over event, can that count as an office hour?”
    - Director Underwood responded with no.
  - “Is the takeover an office hour or a volunteer hour?”
    - Director Underwood explained the event and stated that it’s just an SGA event (not mandatory). Student Affairs will have Senators who are assigned specific things for the event that will count as an office hour.
  - “If we attend take over, can that count as volunteer hours for another organization?”
    - President Scott answered with as long as it doesn't count for an office hour, it's probably possible.
    - Director Underwood also answered with please see her during her department meeting at 3pm to discuss more.
      - If you have any other questions, please reach out to Director Underwood!
- VP: If you see any menstrual products in the dispensers, please make sure to bring them back into the office.
- Chief of Staff: All office hours are due Saturday 11:59pm. Following that, she will be counting them off every Sunday and sending out letters on

Monday if you fail to complete office hours. A final reminder that it is Senator's responsibility to fill out their own office hour task on the spreadsheet.

- Secretary: Please make sure to accept the calendar invitation! It has our zoom link attached to it.

***Stated Intent:***

- ***Joey Wagner: CHSS***
- ***Ethan Vo: COCJ***
- ***Jeremy Gillespie: CAM***
- ***D’Juan Fontenot: COBA***

***D. Announcements***

Outside of SGA reminders.

***E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 8:04pm***

- Entertained by President Scott
- Motion made by Senator Ulloa
  - Seconded by Chair Coleman
    - Unanimous Pass
      - See y'all next week!