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**Senate Meeting #5 – October 8<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: 31 (7 on zoom), Executive Board Members: 4 in  
the court room - 1 on zoom.***

***Total: 56***

***E. Certify Meeting Minutes 10/01/2024***

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Director Underwood
  - Seconded by Parliamentarian Brett
    - Unanimous Pass

## ***F. Guest Speaker***

- Ret. Gen Dave Glaser
  - Questions from Senate:
  - Senator Ulloa:
    - “For the last couple of years, we there have been talks about supposedly we (SHSU) getting a health matters program. Would you know anything about that?
      - Answer: “Unfortunately no.”
    - Director of Council:
      - “You mentioned a raise for student workers. I wanted to know what departments were going to be able to book that raise and know if there is a set timeline for them.”
        - Answered with: “I don’t have a current answer to that, but please reach out to me after the meeting and I will get back to you soon.”

## **Officer Reports**

### ***A. Chief of Staff Macias***

- Office Hours: TUES/THURS 1-2PM
- Office Hours: “An Office Hour, as defined in the SHSU SGA Bylaws, states they are "any activity performed by the Senator on behalf of the Student Body". Every week, Department Directors will assign tasks for Senators, which will serve as an Office Hour. Senators shall complete a minimum of one Office Hour per week. Office Hours will be recorded on the Office Hour Excel Sheet, in which each director will confirm each senator's recorded task. Lack of Office Hours will result in Non-Compliance.”
- Directors make sure to sign off on office hours and please email me when you need an office hour excused.
- 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 PURCHASES MUST BE SUBMITTED 4-5 weeks in advance! If it does not fall within that timeframe, I will NOT approve your request nor will the President or VP.**
- All room or plaza reservations must be submitted 4-5 weeks in advance with the purchase request
- When submitting a purchase request, do not attach links in the description section, it is meant for the description of the items!
  - If need be, create a separate document and attach the links with descriptions and pictures of the item!
  - Include a “back-up” section on the document in case your first pick item cannot be purchased.
- Examples of a purchase request, email, and room reservation can be found on blackboard under the expenditure tab
- Purchase request and room reservations should be two separate emails and be sure to include the words “purchase request” or “room reservation” in the subject
- Meeting with Brandon and Teresa at 1pm on Wednesdays
- Email: [lh033@shsu.edu](mailto:lh033@shsu.edu)

## ***C. Secretary Salmeron***

- Letters of non-compliance have been sent out.
  - Go over how to stay in good standing with SGA etc!
    - I’ll go in detail on the slideshow.
- Inventory has been updated for the month of October.
  - The sheet is posted on blackboard – please view it before making any purchases.
- 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 via zoom at 7:00pm.
  - Looked over legislation which will be presented on the floor today!
- Thank you to everyone for all of your work during and leading up to Latin Night!
- Special Events legislation

### ***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.
  - The meeting for Oct. 9 (This Wednesday) will be moved to 6pm via zoom. If you would like to join this meeting, please

email me :)

- Upcoming:
  - Breast Cancer Awareness Table
    - Wednesday, October 9 @1pm-3pm
  - Pink-out Senate Meeting
    - Tuesday, October 29
  - Domestic Violence Panel
    - Thursday, October 17 @3:30pm-5pm
  - Tacos for Tatas
    - Thursday, October 24 @4pm-6pm
- Huntsville City Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, October 15 @6pm
- Business Blueprint
  - Have any businesses that you want to see, email me:)
- 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)
- Upcoming Events:
  - Latin Night
    - This event was wonderfully executed, thank you everyone!
  - 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 finalized
- Start planning what you are going to bring and cook up!

***C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Alyssa Hernandez***

- Meetings are Thursday at 3:30pm
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of time.
- Member of the Week is BACK!!! - Link will be sent out later this week.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Flyer – Oct 9th
- Domestic Violence Awareness flyer – Oct 17th
- If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at [rlg080@shsu.edu](mailto:rlg080@shsu.edu) and [amh223@shsu.edu](mailto:amh223@shsu.edu)

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

- Meetings are on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office
- Constitution Workshop on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
  - Email: [eps017@shsu.edu](mailto:eps017@shsu.edu)

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

- I will be emailing the Deans to ask if we can have “Dinner with the Deans” to speak about collaboration.
- Our Caucus chairs are considering Tabling in each of our buildings.
- Luncheon with the caucus chairs.
- Reaching out to our Associate Deans for advertising and social media.

***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!
- Council Member Requirements
- This year, we'll use separate attendance forms and QR codes for council members and voted-in senators and directors.
- Thank you, CJ Senators who have changed!
- 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
- IMC approval process
- COSET scholarship opportunities are being held in the LDB on Thursday, October 10th from 11:30am- 1:30pm.
- Caucus meetings: TBD
- 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***

- Meeting with my dean Friday, let me know if you have anything you'd like me to mention
- 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
- A lot of CHSS senators showed up for the Mock LSAT, proud of you all!

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

- *I've been able to set my meeting with dean Anderson for October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm*
- *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 please scan this code there will be a drop box soon to discuss meeting availability after the*

14<sup>th</sup>



### ***E. 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).

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

- I had my meeting with my Senior Associate Dean Danielle Boisvert
  - i. We discussed
    - 1. Organizations
    - 2. Internships
    - 3. Marketing
  - ii. Student volunteers are needed for Saturdays at Sam this Saturday in the auditorium at 12pm
  - iii. Volunteers are needed for Cj tailgating, and they will give service hours
- We had our first caucus meeting Thursday October 3rd
- Our next Caucus meeting will be 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)

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

- I have been working on gathering materials for a tabling for Epilepsy Awareness Month in November
  - I'm creating a pamphlet about epilepsy
  - 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
- COHS Newsletter
  - K.H.R.A.S.H.- Kinesiology, Health, and Recreation Association for Sam Houston
  - Eta Sigma Gamma Health Honorary Society- GPA of 3.0 or above Thursday of every month in the LSC at 5pm
  - TEDXSHSU 2024 Featuring Dr. Hernandez and Debra

Balandran- Wednesday, October 9 from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

- Paint a Pin in Kat Klub- Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the LSC Kat Klub.
- I have established a date for our caucus meeting which will be held Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm
  - We will be meeting biweekly
  - Be prepared to discuss initiative that will improve our college!
- 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)



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

- Dean Self and I will have an initial meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-10:30.
- 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 COBA clubs and organizations and sent an SGA questionnaire to seek and advocate for their ideas for COBA.
- We will have recruitment initiatives, through GroupMe, social media, and tabling.

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

- Latin Night
- Presidential Reception

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

### ***Vote Ins:***

- Eslie Jimenez: COCJ
  - Entertained by President Scott

- Motion made by Brett
      - Seconded by Senator Jackson
        - 33 Yays, 1 Abstentions
          - Passes, congratulations!
- Betzabell Velasco: COSET
  - Entertained by President Scott
    - Moved made by P Brett
      - Seconded by CHSS Senator Muna
        - 18 Yays, 3 Nays, 14 Abstentions
          - Passes, congratulations!
        - COBA Senator Moody moved for a 2- minute recess.
        - COBA Senator Garcia seconded
          - Motion failed for a 2-minute recess.
- Matthew Neal: CHSS
  - Entertained by President Scott
    - Moved made by Parliamentarian Brett
      - Seconded by Senator Ulloa
        - 19 Yays, 1 Nays, 13 Abstentions
          - Passes, congratulations!
- Jazmine Rivera: CHSS
  - Entertained by President Scott
    - Motion made by Director Toscano
      - Seconded by Director Underwood
        - 34 Yays, 3 Abstentions
          - Passes, congratulations!

### ***C. Open Forum***

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

- Questions:
  - “Is SGA going to be doing a cultural event again for African Americans, like Black Renaissance Fair last semester?”
    - President Scott answered with a yes.
  - Question for Director of Caucus Dittman:

- “For the dinner with the deans, is that open to senators or just college chairs?” -
      - She answered with just college chairs at the moment.
  - Question for Director Toscano:
    - “Is there going to be a safety walk this year, and have you started planning?” -
      - She answered with a yes, her department has started planning but everything is still in the works. Please feel free to attend the Community Affairs Department meeting to help Director Toscano out!
  - Question for Director Underwood:
    - “Will the SGA Takeover be mandatory?”
      - She answered with no, but we encourage attendance!
  - Question for President Scott:
    - “Do we have to be on a special events committee to do this?”
      - He answered with Yes, and I appoint students for each committee.
- Director Toscano:
  - Please be mindful of other people's allergies while preparing any food for the potluck. If possible, please wear gloves to avoid any
- Director Schweikhardt:
  - Just a final reminder of Thursday’s Constitution Workshop!
  - Attendance is not mandatory but will count towards your SGA jacket point.

***Stated Intents:***

- ***Hiram Rodriguez – CAM***
- ***Joshua Durahm -***

***D. Announcements***

Outside of SGA reminders.

- Please show support and attend the TED Talks that SHSU is hosting!
- Mock Trial hosted by a CJ org next week, make sure to check it out.
- Lastly, please show support during Sigma Week – President Scott would

appreciate it!

***E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting - 7:57 pm***

- Motion made by Director Underwood
  - Seconded by Chief of Staff Macias
    - Unanimous Pass
      - See y'all next week!