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## **Senate Meeting #5 – September 24th, 2024**

### ***A. Call to Order 6:03pm***

### ***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***

24 Senators & 5 Executive Board Members

Total: 48

### ***E. Certify Meeting Minutes 09/17/2024***

- Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by Toscano

- Seconded by Underwood
  - 25 Yays , 1 – Abstention

### ***F. Ice Breaker***

- What's your favorite fall comfort food?

## **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.”
- Examples of Office Hours: “ -Organizing SGA Event  
-Creating a Flyer  
-Writing Legislation  
-Researching Solutions for Student Voice  
-Provided a Question for Huntsville City Council”
- 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: [llh033@shsu.edu](mailto:llh033@shsu.edu)

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

- SGA Website is being revamped
  - SGA Senator Application has been updated
- SGA Apparel
  - Picture Day with PR with our new shirts happening Thursday at 3:30pm – this is casual
    - Jacket Guidelines have been sent out to everyone
      - We will only be giving out to the 1<sup>st</sup> - 20 senators!
  - SGA Reception – President White
    - If you have not received this invite, please let me or VP know asap. RSVP must be sent in before October 1<sup>st</sup>
      - Dress Code Options
- Letters of non-compliance have been sent out. Will be going over them!
- If you will not be making it to mandatory events, or senate meetings please send me an email with a valid excuse.
- Thank you, directors, for sending your department meeting minutes at a reasonable time.
- My office hours are every Monday from 9am-10am and every Tuesday from 1pm-3pm.

### ***Impeachments:***

- Vincent Albertoni
  - Entertained by President Scott
  - Moved by COHS Senator Ulloa
    - Seconded by underwood
      - 29 Yays , 1 Abstention

- Passes to impeach Vincent Albertoni
- Nadia Lopez – CJ
  - Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by CJ Senator Smith
    - Seconded by Coleman
      - 28 Yays , 2 abstains
        - Passes to impeach Nadia Lopez
- Kennedy Smith – COSET
  - Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by COHS Senator Ulloa
    - Seconded by Moody
      - VP Rojas-Caballero moved to get Kennedy to step out during voting
        - Seconded by CJ Senator Liggings
      - 26 Yays , 1 Nays, 2 Abstains
        - Voting for Kennedy to remain as a senator
          - 21 Yays, 1 Abstention
            - Passes to continue as a COSET senator

#### ***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!
- Latin Night- Mark your calendars!
  - Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm
    - Tabling's
    - Giveaways
    - Showcase
  - September 26<sup>th</sup>- Latin Night Recap meeting @1:30pm
    - Senator Volunteers and roles
- Latin Night Prep Days
  - Wednesday 9/25: 2:30-6:00pm

- Thursday 9/26 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Friday 9/27: 5:00pm-8:00pm
- Monday 9/30: 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday 10/2: 2:30pm-8pm

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

- Weekly 1:1 meetings with Dean Smith and Brandon on Mondays at 9am in LSC 210
- E-Board meetings Mondays at 5 PM
- President White Reception 10/7 @ 6PM Smith-Lennon Houst (Business Professional)
- Metting w Dr. White, Thursday, and Dr. Moore Friday. If you have anything you want me to discuss in these meetings, please tell me!
- Polos, shirts, jackets coming TBD (please remember invite 2 people to receive your jacket)
- When e-mailing me please utilize my official SGA E-mail at [studentbody\\_prez@shsu.edu](mailto:studentbody_prez@shsu.edu)
- CJ Senators please consider representing your minor next week, so make more space in the Senate!
- Judged Homecoming Floats
- Attended Black Alumni and Friends Reception
- Accepted invitation to Speak at Tree of Lights

## **Director Reports**

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

- Meetings are Wednesday @2pm in LSC 314 with Zoom Available if requested.
- Alopecia Awareness Table

- TABLING YESTERDAY!! 😊
- Thank you to everyone that wore blue today! 😊
- “Your Voice Matters” Tabeing
  - Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 11am-2pm
  - Monday, Oct. 7 @ 12pm-3pm
- “How Can SGA Help You?” = SGA CONNECT
  - Thursday, Sept. 26 @ 11am-2pm
  - Tuesday, Oct. 1 @ 1pm-3pm
- Suicide Awareness Table
  - Monday, Sept. 30 @ 11am-2pm
- Breast Cancer Awareness Table
  - Wednesday, Oct. 9 @ 1pm-3pm
  - Permission granted by President Jared Scott for Pink-out Senate Meeting on Tuesday, October 29
- “Tacos for Tatas”
  - Thursday, October 24 @ 4pm-6pm
  - 230A & B
  - Honor Trifolds and Presentation
  - Food: Tacos!
  - Activities: Coloring, Write a Sweet Note, Make a Bracelet
  - Collaboration with SGA Student Affairs and Phi Beta Sigma

### ***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 October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00pm-12:00pm in the Orange Ballroom
    - Ballet Folkorico will be performing
    - Sigma Lambda Gamma will be in attendance after MGC showcase
  - Halloween LSC Takeover October 30<sup>th</sup> 7-10pm
    - Room and event to be determined

- Our department has been working on finalizing our event idea and drafting POA's

### ***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.
- First Reel!!
- Content days in PR
  - Thursday we will be taking pictures with our new shirts!
- Breast Cancer Awareness Flyer – oct 5th
- Suicide Awareness Flyer – 27th
- 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
- There will be some legislation on the floor today
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
  - Email: [eps017@shsu.edu](mailto:eps017@shsu.edu)

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

- We as chairs have decided to suspend the rules in the Bill S-24-02 and open up the director of Caucus position to those who have not held a caucus chair position. We made this decision due to a lack of qualified chairs.

***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 the GroupMe – after your intent email is sent!
- This year, we'll use separate attendance forms and QR codes for council members and voted-in senators and directors.
- Make sure to stay on top of getting your office hours done!
- Thank you everyone for your patience!!
- 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***

- I have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 at 10:30am with Dean Holt.
- This meeting will be an introductory meeting, here we will discuss what we can work on to better COSET.

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

- I'm currently working on setting up a meeting with my dean, as well as



- getting my flyer and Microsoft form approved to post around the college.
- Finished up current legislation, working with R&R on another
  - Model UN application closes Monday 9/30
  - Using AI skills workshop Wednesday 11am-1pm

### ***D. Arts and Media - VACANT***

### ***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 have a meeting scheduled with Dean Lyons for October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- The CJ caucus will meet every other week to discuss concerns
- Meeting times and days are TBD

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

- I am scheduled to meet with Interim Dean Zapalac September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am
  - These meetings will be re-occurring, the last Monday of each month
- If you have any question or concerns that you would like for me to discuss with the dean please get in contact with me @ [exm196@shsu.edu](mailto:exm196@shsu.edu)
  - I will be creating a GroupMe for all those in the COHS

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

- I have emailed and communicated with Dean Self intending to have an initial meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30-11.

- I will be communicating with our COBA senators to intend on having our first meeting.
- I have reached out to COBA clubs and organizations and sent an SGA questionnaire to seek and advocate for their ideas for COBA.

## General Information

### A. *Old Business*

#### - *CAM Chair Vote*

- Director Underwood moved to table to vote until next meeting (Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024) because Jasmine Stewart was not present.
  - Seconded by Director Guel
    - Unanimous Pass

#### - *Homecoming Tailgating*

- If you are wanting to join the tailgating committee, please let President Scott know!
  - We appreciate everyone who helped.

#### - *Your Voice Matters Tabling*

- 10 people signed up to register to vote!!!

#### - *Alopecia Awareness Tabling*

- Thank you to everyone who wore blue to the senate.
- Every blue ribbon got handed out during tabling!

### B. *New Business*

#### - *Resolution F-24-01 Suicide Awareness Month Resolution*

- Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by COHS Ulloa
    - Seconded by Guel
      - 30 Yays
        - Resolution F-24-01 Suicide Awareness Month Resolution Passes!

- ***Resolution F-24-02 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resolution***
  - Entertained by Scott
    - Moved by COHS Ulloa
      - Seconded by Director Guel
        - 28 Yays
          - Resolution F-24-02 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resolution Passes
          - Correction in section 5 whereas:
            - “The Office of Title IX and Discrimination and Counseling Center” it needs to be corrected to “The Office of Title IX and Discrimination Resolution”
            - Motion made by COBA Senator Moody to amend the resolution for the proper phasing
              - Seconded by COBA Senator Garcia
                - 31 Yays, 1 Abstention

Questions:

- “Would you ever partner up with another organization to table? (Referring to the organization Crime Victim Services Alliance – CVSA)
  - Answered by Director Toscano: “Yes, that would be amazing!”

- Treasurer Hernandez clarified that all tablings are open to the public.  
Please feel free to join us next time we table!

### ***Vote In's***

#### ***Tyree Roberts – COHS***

- Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by CJ Senator Arreguin
    - Seconded by Director Toscano
      - 30 Yays
        - Passes, Congratulations COHS  
Senator Roberts!

#### ***Victoria Spivey – COHS***

- Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by Chair McDonald
    - Seconded by Chair Gordan
      - 24 Yays , 5 Abstain
        - Passes, Congratulations COHS  
Senator Spivey!

#### ***Alexis Argueta – COE***

- Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by COHS Senator Ulloa
    - Seconded by – Director/Chair Dittman
      - 23 Yays, 6 Abstain
        - Passes, Congratulations COE Senator  
Argueta!

#### ***Morgan Montgomery – COCJ***

- Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by Treasurer Hernandez
    - Seconded by VP Rojas-Caballero
      - 23 Yays , 8 Abstain
        - Passes, Congratulations COCJ  
Senator Montgomery!

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

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

- SGA Reception is 5pm-6pm, please make the adjustments to make it on time!
- PR Media Day: If you are not the SGA casual shirt, you will not be in the pictures.
- Director of Caucus was voted on during their meeting. The meetings are uploaded to blackboard.

Stated Intents:

- COCJ: Ethan Padron
- CHSS: Matthew Neal
- CHSS: Jasmine Rivera
- COSET: Mia Abrago
- COHS: Ariel (Didn't say her last name)

### ***D. Announcements***

Outside of SGA reminders.

### ***E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:53pm***

- Entertained by Scott
  - Moved by Director Toscano
    - Seconded by CJ Senator Miller
      - Unanimous pass

