



**Student Government Association**  
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## **Meeting #1 Minutes – August 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2023**

### ***A. Call to Order*** at 6:08PM

### ***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***

Quorum: 6 Senators to 4 E-Board Members

Total: 26

### ***E. Icebreaker***

Name, Classification, Major, and how did you hear about today's meeting?

## Officer Reports

### A. Chief of Staff

- I will be updating Blackboard with the purchase request form, and a thorough questionnaire.
  - o Please direct purchase request questions to Kezia, or Nicole.
- I will be updating office hours.

### B. Treasurer

#### - 2023 – 2024 Budget

Total: \$63, 201

Stipends: \$35,100 (\$28,101)

BAPI: \$3,500

HOCO: \$500

O-Tie: \$6,000

University Affairs: \$3,500

Student Affairs: \$3,000

Internal Affairs: \$50

External Affairs: \$300

Public Relations: \$2,500

Rules & Regulations: \$100

Menstrual Equity: \$2,500

Discretionary: \$3,600 (Means up to the E-Board)

E-board Platforms: \$2,751 (Our ticket platforms)

Misc: \$3,000

- All Directors can pull from their funds starting September 1st.
- All purchase requests WITH invoices need to be sent to me at least a month in advance
- Email me! ([kmf059@shsu.edu](mailto:kmf059@shsu.edu))
- All LSC rooms & yard space reservations need to be sent to me at 2 weeks in advance
  - o Email me the room/yard space, the time you need it, and all other details including if you need a laptop, catering needs, etc.
  - o The budget was adjusted with the help of pro-staff, past SGA Executive members, and current SGA Executive members.

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

- For reports, please type them in on the agenda when Vice President Scott sends them via email. You have until 5pm on Tuesday to put them in. I will look over them afterwards and fix any typos or anything of the sort If I see them. If for some reason you forget to send in your report in time, please email them to me ASAP so I can add it to the agenda.
- I am creating a basic template for department meeting minutes. I will be sending this as soon as I can make it. Please utilize this template for your meeting minutes so that they will all be in a similar format and easy to read.
- Directors, I have added a link to a Google Form on Blackboard for you to be able to submit your attendance for each of your department meetings. This is on your department's homepage.

### ***D. Vice President***

- SAB Parliamentarian – met with TSUS universities (LU, SRSU, LSCO, LSCPA, SHSU, TXSU, LIT) Freshman Seminar Group: Doing research on Active Shooter Drills, Retention of 1<sup>st</sup> year students, Off campus/ Life Skills, DEI Transition, Peer Mentor Implementation
- Reserving rooms for Orange Tie Affair
- 1<sup>st</sup> Internal Meeting Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm via zoom

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

- President White monthly meetings have been scheduled for the rest of the semester on randomly scheduled Fridays
- SR VP of Operations Amanda Withers 1:1 meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9am
- Weekly 1:1 meetings with Dean Smith on Mondays at 1pm
- PharmD at SHC Kendra Bookman to meet with Executive board about sexual wellness vending items to include contraceptive over-the-counter options
- Spoke at New Student Convocation and the Kat Comedy Show
- Sammy's Lip Sync Battle Judge by Student Activities on August 24<sup>th</sup> in the Kat Klub at 6pm
- Committee Appointments have been sent out to Tama Hamrick in the summer
- Texas State University System, Student Advisory Board Chair for 2023-2024, I will be speaking on behalf of the board and all (7) SGA's in the system at the Board of Regents meetings that meet quarterly, next time in November at Lamar University

- Appointments:
  - D. of University Affairs – Liv Hernandez
  - D. of Student Affairs – Madelyn Hemping
  - D. of Public Relations – April Salmeron
  - D. of Council – Aly Underwood
  - Interim D. of External Affairs – Alison Ulloa
  - Interim D. of Rules and Regulations/Attorney General – Connor Brett
  - Sargent at Arm – Rianna Flores
  - Menstrual Equity Committee Chair – Maria Rojas-Caballero
  - Celebratory Event Committee – *Vacant*
  - Student Life Committee – *Vacant*
  - Civic Engagement Committee – *Vacant*

## Director Reports

### ***A. External Affairs – Alison Ulloa (Interim)***

- September 19<sup>th</sup> – second city council meeting of the fall semester
  - I will be there, so please join me if you can!
  - 6pm
- “Meet your Local Officials”
  - We are still searching for bigger officials in the Houston area to come down for Meet Your Local Officials
- Book Drive for the Little Library in Emancipation Park
- “Sam’s Giving” – Donation drive throughout the month of November

### ***B. University Affairs – Liv Hernandez***

- “Barkats All Paws In” – April 13<sup>th</sup> 7am-1pm LSC Courtyard
  - Community-wide volunteering event!
  - Put this in your calendar!
- “Safety Walk” - November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm; collaboration with freshman course UNIV 1101 is unknown as of now.
- “Complain to SGA” will be hosted biannually to gather issues.
  - Working to improve this event.

### ***C. Student Affairs – Madelyn Hemping***

- Welcome Week Events
  - “Welcome Back Bash” – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm, Orange Ballroom A/B
    - Bounce house, snacks, flyers, card games, corn hole, etc.
  - “Kickback with SGA” – August 29<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-2pm, Parker Plaza spots 26, 27, 28/Amplified Sound
    - Collab with VPSA, PC, StuAct, LI
    - Bring lawn chairs and coolers! It’s a hangout!! (No Alcohol)
    - Cornhole!!! (Thank you Campus Activities)
  - “The Voice with SGA” – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 3pm-5pm, LSC Theater
    - Those who attended last year please talk to me after the meeting or text me!
    - Karaoke
- Tabling:
  - Hopefully Monday from 11-1pm for the Welcome Back Bash (hand out flyers, event being the same day might be beneficial)
- Google Form:
  - When I sit down, I will send a google form to the SGA groupchat (via groupme) to get event ideas and another for those who are interested in joining Student Affairs!
- Meetings Wed. 4pm (subject to change)
- Contact me: [mgh040@shsu.edu](mailto:mgh040@shsu.edu)

### ***D. Public Relations – April Salmeron***

- 10 \$100 Amazon Gift cards to giveaway
- Event calendar for scheduling moving forward is in progress.
- Merchandise designing: CC Creations, Urban Circle, Highpoint, University Tees
- Student Activities “Tree of Lights” – November 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm Parker Plaza
- Social media post rebranding and quality control implementation

### ***E. Rules and Regulations – (Interim) Connor Brett***

- Attorney General, an appointed position is the director for this department.
- Robert’s Rules cheat sheet in BlackBoard

## ***F. Director of Caucus – TBD***

- Revamped version of Director of Collegiate Affairs; will still serve as a caucus chair for their college along with leading other chairs
- Position will be voted among other caucus chairs at the first meeting or appointed if less than half of the colleges are vacant
- Recruit caucus chairs for each college
- “Dean’s Call” – biannual, fall and spring date TBD
  - o Chance for SGA to voice our concerns to the Deans

## ***G. Director of Council – Aly Underwood***

- Bearkat Kickoff Sessions
  - o I am very excited to see you here if you came from the BKO sessions!
- Organizational Outreach in progress
  - o I have a meeting with ALD’s President, Delvin Coleman, this Thursday
- What I do/Info for any potential new members:
  - o Hello! I will be guiding you through your Senator process! All the information you need to know, I will be there to guide you through.
  - o As I will say a million times, if you have any questions at all, reach out to me.

## **Chair Reports**

### ***A. Graduate***

### ***B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology***

### ***C. Humanities and Social Sciences***

### ***D. Arts and Media***

### ***E. Education***

### ***F. Criminal Justice***

### ***G. Health Sciences***

### ***H. Business Administration***

## **Committee Reports**

### ***A. Menstrual Equity Committee***

- Updated Signage is completed as well as new promotional Signage for buildings that do not have dispensers and would like to purchase one (Just waiting to be able to Laminate).
- Looking for committee members (Anywhere between 2-5)! We have 22 dispensers on campus and are planning on continuing to expand... So all and any help is appreciated.
- Follow Project M.E on Instagram @shsu.projectme!

### ***B. Celebratory Event Committee***

### ***C. Student Life Committee***

- SB 17 & SB 18 dissection
- August 29<sup>th</sup> – SGA Townhall Ft. Jeanine Bias – 6pm, LSC 241
  - An informational for anyone to attend regarding the bills to take place starting January and its effect on the University
  - Will be replacing the general Senate meeting
  - On the Welcome Week Calendar!

### ***D. Civic Duty Committee***

- Election Day: November 7<sup>th</sup> 7am-7pm
  - Election season should be all year round!
- Do research on local, state, federal voter data to raise voter efficacy throughout the entire year
- Get deputized at the Walker County Annex before October  
[Get Deputized Here!](#)

## General Information

### *A. Old Business*

- Summer Senate was a success!

### *B. New Business*

- **2023 – 2024 Budget**
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    - Unanimous pass
  - Rules & Regulations: \$100
    - Kezia motioned, Ali second
    - Unanimous pass
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  - Unanimous pass
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  - Unanimous pass
- Misc: \$3,000
  - Kezia motioned, Aly second
  - Unanimous pass
- Intents stated by:
  - Grant Smith
  - Chloe Barham
  - Jenna Kelley
  - Kendall Harris
  - Lex Morgan
  - Sophie Powers
  - Hector Garcia
  - Emarie Schweikhardt
  - Charles Obaseki
  - Hailey Patterson
  - Jorge Gordillo
  - Brad Williams
  - Britney Torres
  - Hector Garcia

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

- How come the budget for homecoming is set at \$500?
  - We based the budget on last years spending, as well as advice from the previous treasurer and current president.
- Who oversees the misc. budget?
  - Kezia oversees the budget, as well as the Senate and Executive Board. The misc. is there to buffer other departmental budgets and help fund office supplies.
  - Leftover funds rollover to the next year.
  - We can vote on reallocating funds if needed.

- President Calderon will be meeting with the health Center to create a sexual wellness vending machine that could include contraceptive over-the-counter medications
- We are looking to expand dining hall hours. Any ideas are much appreciated on how to go about that, such as a survey.
- Are we able to speak with the city council about our concerns?
  - We cannot campaign as a student body.
  - We are nonpartisan.
  - We can present how the student body feels, but we cannot take legal action.
  - External Affairs can try their best to get in contact with individuals over Huntsville, but we cannot force them to speak out if they do not want to.
- Vacant positions:
  - Committee Chairs
  - Caucus Chairs
  - Interim Directors
  - Attorney General
    - Stop by the office, or email if you have any questions about these positions.
- SGA Office is in LSC 314.
- Will there be an optometrist on campus at some point?
  - To be asked by Veronica to the Student Health Center.

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

- Attend the Welcome Week events!
  - Check your email to see who your Welcome Week leaders are.
- If you want to talk to Alison Ulloa about the caucus chair positions and get some questions answered, see her after the meeting.
- Tripod is a free thrift store for the students! If you are looking for business casual for SGA meetings, or in general, check it out! Bring your Bearkat Card.
  - Toiletries and school supplies too!
- Follow the SGA Instagram!
- We look forward to getting to know you all.
- Visit the E-Board at office hours! Our hours on posted on the office door.
- Townhall will count as a second meeting for PNMs. This is located at LSC 241.

### ***E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting @ 7:11PM***

- Motioned Veronica, Second Aly; Unanimous pass