

General Senate Meeting

Agenda: January 15, 2025
Lowman Student Center 230A
1:30 – 2:30 PM

- Call to order – President – Zacj Bellot (covering for Emily Figueroa)
 - Called to order at 1:34pm
- Approval of Minutes – Secretary – Katy Pelton
 - Motioned by Joe Mesa
 - Seconded by Brandi Bishop
- Special Guest
 - Student Success Advisory Board, Heather Claude
 - Provided more information about the board and opportunities to collaborate with other departments to better serve students
 - Academic Coaching for academically at-risk students
 - Taking suggestions for Academic Success Center and First Gen Center
 - Handouts provided and attached to meeting minute follow up.
- Treasurer’s Report – Robin Pierson
 - O&M - \$ 9106
 - Friends of Account - \$ 5510
 - PDC- \$ 10,500
- President’s Report – Zacj Bellot (covering for Emily Figueroa)
 - Review of Staff Senate Expectations
 - Welcome back for Spring 2025 semester
 - Face to face meetings are preferred, Teams for those that are remote
 - Discussion with Dr. White – floating the idea of a fundraiser for the Staff Emergency fund. More information to come from the Special Events Committee.
- Committee Chairs Reports
 - **News & Networking** – Alaura Goad & Lidia Brown
 - No report for January 2025
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 - **Special Events** – Brooklyn Granger & Diane Stoebner-May
 - Per Staff Senate Executive Board Meeting – discussing the idea of a fundraiser for the Staff Emergency Fund
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 - **Staff Development** – Brandy Bishop & Michelle Meers
 - Committee meeting on 1/17/2025 to discuss what needs to be done for the March event
 - Reaching out to presenters to confirm and finalize sessions
 - Partnering with Title IX for April Hot Topic session

- **Staff Affairs** – Joseph Mesa Ashley Pickett
 - 15 new hires in December 2024
 - 15 new hires start of January 2025
 - Staff Emergency Fund update
 - Advancement will add this as an option to the Annual Fund donation card that is printed and completed by staff who donate during face-to-face events
 - Question from Andrea Hoke: Are we able to know donations for the Staff Emergency Fund? So that we know if we are generating funds.
 - It has been discussed and is being investigated. The last time the question was asked, the answer was no from Human Resources.
 - Committee meeting for February will be scheduled
 - Meet your staff senate representative
 - Need headshots from all new members
 - Emails will be updated and sent out to each division
 - Professional Headshots – IMC schedules walk-in hours and those will be shared
 - New Hire email: has been edited and will work with HR to make sure the new version is sent out.
 - **Nominations & Elections** – Stacie Haynes
 - Nominations and elections prep
 - At next general meeting – each committee will need a rep to help Stacie with the elections.
- Old Business: Updates, Discussion/Action Items
 - None
- New Business: Updates, Discussion/Action Items
 - Happy upcoming birthday to:
 - Joe Mesa, January 31
 - Question from Norma Vasquez: Are scooters allowed in the building?
 - Stacie Haynes referred Senate to the SHSU Micro-Mobility committee for more information. Follow up with this committee will be done by Zacj Bellot and Katy Pelton.
- Department/Campus Announcements
 - MLK Day of Service (Student Involvement), Saturday January 18, 2025
 - Employee Health Fair, April 15, 2025
 - Lots of prizes!
 - Title IX Office - Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April 2025)
 - Extending offer to campus departments to host an event
 - Contact Bre Cole, bmc051@shsu.edu
 - Alaura asked if these events are done at satellite campuses? Bre noted that their office is open to that.

- IT announcement
 - Windows 11 updates will impact computers that are not compatible and will have to be replaced.
 - Initiative to move folks to docking stations

- Upcoming Events
 - General Senate Meeting
 - February 12, 2025 at 1:30PM, Lowman Student Center 324
 - Professional Development Day
 - March 11, 2025, Lowman Student Center various rooms

- Call for Adjournment – Zacj Bellot
 - Motioned by Brandi Bishop
 - Second by Robin Pierson
 - Adjourned at 2:05pm