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Senate Meeting #6– February 25th, 2025

– *Call to Order at 6:01PM*

– *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."

– *Texas Pledge*

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

– *Roll Call: 47 Senators, 5 Executive Board Members*

– *Certify Meeting Minutes 01/28/2024*

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by Senator Sandaval
 - Seconded by Chair Coleman
 - Uni pass

– *Ice Breaker: 5 minutes of social time!*

Officer Reports

A. *Chief of Staff Macias*

- Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 11am-12pm!
- Make sure to have your office hours done by SATURDAY AT 11:59PM, please communicate if you need an extension or need to be excused.
- Directors and Caucus Chairs please have all office hours signed off by Sunday 11:59PM PLEASEEEEEEE!!
- You should fill out your office hours every week on either the department or caucus sheet. Depending on the office hours you receive.
- Office Etiquette!
- If you guys need anything, please reach out to me!!

B. *Treasurer Hernandez*

- Office hours: Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm and Thursdays 3pm-5pm
- Meeting with Brandon and Teresa at 2:00 pm every Tuesday
- Examples of a purchase requests, plaza/room reservation, emails, and the budget can be found on blackboard under the expenditure tab
- Plaza Spots picture can be found in the expenditure tab under room reservations
- Also When filling out a Room Reservation or Plaza Spot please submit a backup room or spot just in case and include all relevant information
- Email: lh033@shsu.edu

C. *Secretary Salmeron*

- Office Hours: Monday – 9am-10am, Friday – 9am-10am
- Attendance: If you will not be at mandatory events or Senate meetings, please let me know by Tuesday's at 12pm.
- SGA Calendar Weekly Recap
- How to stay in good standing
- "Home Department" Recap

D. *Vice President Rojas-Caballero*

- Office Hours:
 - Monday- 9:00am-10:30am, 3:15-4:00
- Internal Affairs meets bi-weekly on Mondays at 6pm in the SGA office
 - Will meet next Monday at 6pm in the SGA office

- Orange tie
 - RSVP Form
 - No plus ones
 - RSVP QR code is on black board
 - If you are a graduating Senior, please fill out the QR code on black board, will also put it in SGA Group chat
 - Please take RSVP seriously!
 - April 29th, 2025 at 6:00pm
 - OT Meeting
- SGA FEST
 - March 20th 5-8 pm
- New Senator Orientation
 - 2/18 with COS Macias and Director Schweikhardt
 - 2/21 with President Scott and Director Temple-Dozier
 - Dates for the remainder of the semester are now on black board in the “New voted in senators” tab!

E. President Scott

- Office Hours Mondays from 11-3PM and Thursdays from 12-2PM
- Shot promotional video w/ Dr. White and Madam VP
- Meet with VP Amanda Withers next week 3/4
- Next week March 4th we will have our annual senate pic taken! Please come in stated dress code. Pictures will take place at 5:30PM!
- Friendly reminder of SGA Election Schedule:
Filing Opens Monday March 3 and closes March 17 @ 5PM.
 - March 2 The Grave Saturday March 1, 10AM
 - Bylaws Workshop Wednesday Importance
 - Entertained by Scott
 - Moved by Brett
 - 2nd by Naveah
 - Uni pass, Congratulations to our new Director of Council Fontenot!

Director Reports

- ***Community Affairs – Angela Toscano and Akylia Washington***
 - Meetings are on Thursday @2pm with Zoom Available
 - Room: LSC 325 - (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
 - Start Fresh with Clean Care Drive
 - Last Day: March 7 @12PM
 - BAPI Site Leader Registration
 - 32 Days Left to Sign Up!
 - Huntsville City Council Meeting
 - March 4 or 18 @6pm
 - On the Agenda to speak at the meeting
 - Mardi Gras After Dark
 - Collaboration with Queens of the Future
 - Thursday March 6 @6pm-9pm in Frank Parker Plaza
 - SGA Spring Festival: Carnival Theme
 - Game: Balloon & Darts
 - Giveaways: Fidgets & Food Coupons
 - Raffle for Projector & \$200 Bearkat Bucks
 - Women's History Month Table
 - March 2025 = “Write One, Take One”
 - Our Emails adl080@shsu.edu & aiw010@shsu.edu

- ***Student Affairs - Lily Temple-Dozier and Aly Underwood***
 - Tomorrow’s meeting is at 4:00pm in LSC 322
 - Please still let us know if you need to join on zoom!
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Mardi Gras After Dark
 - Collaboration with Queens of the Future
 - Thursday March 6 @6pm-9pm in Frank Parker Plaza
 - Spring Fest
 - March 20th, 5-8
 - Soda Bowling
 - Potato Sack Race

- Pie the Pres as a reward for winning our game
- Eco-Week
 - Monday, April 7th, 5-8: BYOI
 - Bring your own item
 - Tuesday, April 8th, 12-2: Stuck on SGA
 - Wednesday, April 9th – In Progress
 - Thursday, April 10th, Adopt Don't Shop/Collab with Community affairs
- February Student Affairs Meeting Locations:
 - February 26th: LSC 322
- When submitting office hours or questions please email them to the BOTH of us.
- If you have any SGA questions or need guidance, please let us know, we'd love to help!
- Email: aeu003@shsu.edu lkt009@shsu.edu

• ***Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Adison Trowbridge***

- Meetings are Mondays at 3:30PM
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of when it needs to be POSTED. We will only be accepting flyer requests from Directors and Chairs. Please CC Secretary Salmeron in your emails!
- Office Hours need to be sent to BOTH of us and need to be on time (Friday). Reach out to us if you need an extension!
- Member of the Week will be announced in new business! Make sure you are filling out the form!
- PR Workshop will be next Thursday (March 6th) from 5-6PM. Location TBD
- BAPI 2025 - awaiting approval
- First Generation Collab – Feb 24th (and throughout the week)
- Filing Post – Feb 24th
- Election Post – March 3rd
- FSL Townhall – March 19th
- Black History Month Faculty Highlight – We will be posting our last few highlights this week!
- If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at

rlg080@shsu.edu axt158@shsu.edu

D. Rules and Regulations- Emarie Schweikhardt

- Meetings at 4:00pm on Thursdays in the SGA Office (LSC 314)
- Tabling on Friday from 10:00am – 1:00pm with a survey about dining and rec hours
- Bylaws Workshop Feb. 26th @ 6pm
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
 - Email: eps017@shsu.edu

F. Director of Council – D’Juan Fontenot & Alyssa Rodriguez

- DATE: 02/25/2025
- If you are stating your intent, please stay back so I can gather your information!
- 2 Vote-Ins McKenzie Menefee (COBJ), Valerie Robles (COBA)
- Make sure you're completing your council member process correctly
 - Fill out the application (attached) NEW SENATOR APPLICATION
 - Take the SGA knowledge quiz (must get 80% or above, this is found on the blackboard)
 - Attend two department meetings (for example: Rules and Regulations, Community Affairs, etc.)
 - Complete two office hours
 - Meet the SHSU GPA requirement of a minimum of 2.25
- Feel free to ask any questions: ddf028@shsu.edu



Director of Caucus/COBA Caucus Chair – Abigail Dittman

- ***Caucus chairs please send me when you are meeting with your deans.***
- Business Senators, we are going to the Capitol with the chamber, Feb. 26th.
- We have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the chamber as well within the government
- The deadline for COBA ambassadors is April 18, 2025 at 4:00 pm.
- COBA Senators, please take a picture with me afterward.
- Email: Agd039@shsu.edu

Chair Reports

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Emmy Castro

- STEM week meeting: February 26th at 2:00 pm
- Dean Holt meeting: February 27th at 10:30 am
- Event and meeting Calendar
- Survey for committee's
- COSET career fair Wednesday, February 26th; 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Any further questions can be directed to me at enc033@shsu.edu or come see me after today's meeting!

C. Interim Humanities and Social Sciences – Jazmine Rivera

- Meeting with Dean Li first friday of every month at 2:00 pm starting March 7!!
- Working on collab with peer mentor programs within CHSS
- CHSS Caucus to be held bi-weekly on Fridays @5 our next meeting is March 7th
- If you have any ideas or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to email me and Ashari: jtr064@shsu.edu , ajg128@shsu.edu

D. Arts and Media – Daijion Jackson

- The meeting with Interim Dean Anderson was today!
- Our new C.A.M Dean Jason Vest was announced over the weekend
- The Houstonian news is back up and running
- SGA movie night is this Thursday at 5pm

- If you have any questions my email is ddj041@shsu.edu

E. Education – Alexis Argueta

- First, the **happiest congratulations** to our new **COE Senator, Ms. Kayla Rhone** for getting voted in!
- **Meeting with Director of Innovative Partnerships and Coordinator for Field Experience, Pathways, & Partnerships with/ COE)**
 - Met with Angie Taylor & Ellen Eldridge (2/19) to improve communication on placements & the blocking process for secondary education majors. They're working on digital flyers to clarify degree pathways and teacher certifications.
- **TRiO Outreach**
 - Met with TRIO Director Kelly Stuckey (2/20)—she's eager to promote SGA and provided great outreach feedback. I'll be working with our PR team to get materials posted.
- **SGA COE Senator GroupMe**
 - Please look for this information on Blackboard
- **Upcoming COE Event**
 - COE Career Fair: 02/27 at 9 AM – 2 PM in LSC Orange Ballroom!
- **Contact Me**
 - I'm happy to answer and/or review any questions or ideas, please email me at: ara093@shsu.edu.

F. Criminal Justice – Je'hmory Coleman

- We have our caucus meeting on Friday at 3pm
- I reached out to Luke regarding tabling materials
- This week will be focused on reaching out to orgs and setting up ask the dean event
- If you are a part of the College of Criminal Justice and are voted in and are not in the GroupMe let me know
- If you have any questions, comments, or concerns that you would like to bring to me, my email is jwc061@shsu.edu

G. Health Sciences – Tyree Roberts

- Caucus meeting Wednesday at 3:30pm
- Met with Dean
 - Discuss some potential upgrades for LDB

Ambassador Program

HOSA Texas conference

Our intern Dean got promoted to be Dean of COHS going into effect 3/1

- COHS Week Recap
- American Heart Awareness Month Tabling February 27th 12pm to 3pm
- I'm open to feedback, concerns, and ideas so please don't hesitate to reach out my email: tdr050@shsu.edu

Committee Reports

A. Parking Enforcement Committee– Matthew Neal

- We're planning to table next Wednesday from 10-12.
- Submitted a request for flyers to spread the word.
- Planning to put flyers in different buildings to reach more students or creating a sandwich board.
- Next meeting is Wednesday at 3:30 in the SGA office.
- Let me know if you want to be in the GroupMe.

B. Rec Hours Committee– Munachi Moge kwu

A. Old Business

New Member Orientation

Feedback:

- Senator Tellis: Enjoyed how casual and informative it is
- Senator Vega: Enjoyed how informative it is
- Senator Balfour: Suggested moving into the LSC rooms

B. New Business

- Resignation Letters:

Ethan Vo: COCJ

Ahjinae Liggings: COCJ

- ***Impeachment:***

Hiram Rodriguez: CAM

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Director Underwood
- Seconded by Senator Smith
- 18 Yays, 5 Nay, 25 Abstention
 - Failed to be impeached and will remain in the senate.

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

Mckenzie Menefee: COCJ

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Director Washington
- Seconded by Senator Ford
- 48 Yays, 1 Abstention
 - Congratulations!

Valerie Robles: COBA

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Senator Abrego
- Seconded by Senator Sandaval
- 48 Yays, 7 Abstentions
 - Congratulations! / Fails

- ***Legislation:***

Bill S-25-01 New Member Orientation Bill

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Senator Sandaval
- Seconded by Director Washington

Discussion on Bill S-25-01 New Member Orientation Bill:

- Director Underwood: Is it still mandatory?
 - Yes, they have 2 weeks to complete this.
- Attorney General Flores: Loves the bill for new members
- Senator Sandaval: Enjoys that this is now updated on the floor
- Senator Cash: Is there a zoom option?
 - Director Washington: In person attendance is encouraged, so

unfortunately no zoom option.

- Senator Balfour made a motion to limit discussion to 2 minutes
 - Senator Miller made a motion to amend the previous motion
 - Discussion:
 - 2 mins is not enough time to have a proper discussion
 - Motion fails
 - Limiting the discussion to 3 mins:
 - 20 Yays, 19 Nays, 10 abstentions.
 - Motion fails to limit discussion to 3 minutes.
- Discussion after failed limiting discussion:
 - Parliamentarian Brett: Wanting clarification on the last the Thereof.
 - Senator Moge kwu: Is this going to be considered into their membership as a senator?
 - Yes, this is required for all new members.
 - Senator Balfour: Clarification on the new vote in's if they are supposed to do this after today.
 - Yes, as they are new vote in's they have 2 weeks to complete the orientation.
 - 2 New members: Asked what time the sessions will be held
 - Schedule is posted under the "New Senator" tab on blackboard.

Voting on Bill S-25-01 New Member Orientation Bill:

- 43 Yays, 10 Abstentions
 - Bill passes, congratulates to everyone who worked hard on this bill!

Bill F-25-02 College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Graduate Studies Removal

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by VP Rojas-Caballero
- Seconded by Director Temple-Dozier

Discussion on Bill F-25-02 College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Graduate Studies Removal

- Senator Abrego: Does not think it will be beneficial & thinks we

have not done enough outreach

- Madam VP clarified that you can still join as a Grad student
- Senator Sandaval: Outreach and suggestion
- Director Trowbridge: Believes that this is now the time to do it
- Director Dittman: Clarified she has done a bunch of outreach and the Grad College still failed to do any outreach to SGA
- Lesly: Is there a possibility that SGA can do a collab with the other SGA, as well as the Grad Deans.
 - VP clarified that SGA can still collab with them before
 - Brett clarified that if it's a constitution amendment members can always bring it back if they would like to.
- Senator Miller: Stated that since our new growth she believes as SGA keeps growing, it would be better to keep it in.
- Treasurer Hernandez: Reached out to Grad students and most of them have stated that SGA is too much on top of their studies unfortunately.
 - Director Washington moved to end to discussion
 - 2nd Moane
 - Final voting to end discussion;
 - 43 yays, 4 nays, 4 Abstentions

Voting on Bill F-24-02 College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Graduate Studies Removal:

- 28 Yays, 25 Nays, 10 Abstentions
 - Bill passes, congratulates to everyone who worked hard on this bill!

Resolution S-24-02 VITA Center Awareness Resolution

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved by Brett
- Seconded by Director Temple-Dozier

Discussion on Resolution S-24-02 VITA Center Awareness Resolution

- Senator Ford motioned to limit discussion to 7 minutes.
 - President Scott clarified that discussion must have 2 pros & 2 cons.
- Senator Sandaval: Likes the bill

- Senator Muna: Financial Awareness is crucial
- Director Dittman: Would like to table with the center to bring awareness to tax season

Senator Ford motioned to suspend the rules and limit discussion to 7 minutes.

- Moved by Senator Tellis
- 2nd Director Temple-Dozier
 - Passes to suspend the rules and limit debate

Voting on Resolution S-24-02 VITA Center Awareness Resolution

- Resolution S-24-02 VITA Center Awareness Resolution, congratulations to those who were on it.

Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

Parliamentarian Brett: Emphasized the importance of the Bylaw's.

A. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

Bearkat Kickoff Leader: Applications close Friday 5pm

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:25PM

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by Senator Williams
 - Seconded by Senator Anderson
 - Uni pass