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Senate Meeting #5 – October 22nd, 2024

– *Call to Order – 6:00pm*

– *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*

Senators: 37 (2 on zoom), Executive Board Members 5

Total: 54

– *Certify Meeting Minutes 10/15/2024*

– Entertained by President Scott

- Moved by Director Underwood
 - Seconded by Director Guel
 - Unanimous Pass
- *Guest Speaker*
 - *Dr. Dannie More*
 - Vice President for Student Affairs*

Officer Reports

A. *Chief of Staff Macias*

- Office Hours: TUES/THURS 1-2PM
- Make Sure to complete your office hours
- You must fill out your own office hours and it's the director's duty to sign off NOT to fill out the sheet for you.
- 2 or more office hours is equivalent to an absence of senate meeting!!!
- Directors make sure to sign off on office hours and please email me when you need an office hours excuse.
- All office hours must be recorded by SATURDAY 11:59PM!!!
- 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 room or plaza reservations must be submitted 4-5 weeks in advance with the purchase request
 - I will only except purchase request from Directors and room reservations from Directors and Caucus Chairs
- When submitting a purchase request,
 - Please CC VP Rojas-Caballero to get Purchase request checked faster
- Examples of a purchase request, email, and room reservation can be found on blackboard under the expenditure tab
- Meeting with Brandon and Teresa at 1pm on Wednesdays
- Email: lh033@shsu.edu

C. Secretary Salmeron

- Let's keep it cute! Remember we have a Code of Ethics.
- Events form created – posted on blackboard already & will be uploading Novembers calendar soon!
- Working on creating Chair Coleman a post to be displayed in the COCJ building.
- Attendance:
 - A new updated attendance sheet has been uploaded to blackboard.
 - If you are not in this court room by 6:05pm you will be counted as an unexcused absence.
 - If you are on zoom and not actively participating, you will be counted as an unexcused absence.
- 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 IN PERSON at 6:00pm.
- Meeting w/ ELEVATE 10/25 at 1:00pm
- Orange Tie Planning
 - Tentative for April 29th, 2025, at 6:00pm

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.
- Met w/ Student Involvement regarding BAPI April 12, 2025
- Met w/ Emily White (SHSU Social Media)

- 1:1 w/ Dr. Moore Friday 10/25 at 1:00PM
- Sparklett Water TBD
- March to the Polls w/ NABCJ, BSA, and NAACP 11/05
- GO VOTE! Early voting Oct. 21-Nov. 1 Election Day Nov. 5
- Graduating this semester? Lmk ASAP

Director Reports

A. Community Affairs – Angela Toscano

- Meetings are Wednesday @2pm in LSC 314 with Zoom Available if requested.
- Huntsville City Council Meeting
 - Attend once every month.
 - Previous: Oct. 15
 - Next: Nov. 19
- THIS WEEK!
 - Tacos for Tatas
 - Thursday, October 24 @4pm-6pm LSC 230 A/B
- Upcoming in November:
 - Epilepsy Tabling
 - Collaboration with Chair McDonald
 - Wednesday, Nov. 6 @11am-2pm
 - Business Blueprint
 - SUBJECT TO CHANGE
 - Wednesday, Nov. 20 @4:30pm-7:30pm
 - 2024 Safety Walk = 25 days
 - Thursday, November 14 @6pm
 - MANDATORY FOR ALL SENATORS
 - Sent emails to UNIV 1101, Honors College, Smith-Hudson Scholars
 - Site Leader form was sent out on GroupMe and Secretary Salmeron's reminder email
 - Volunteer form will be on the flyer made from PR
- Email adl080@shsu.edu 😊

B. Student Affairs - Aly Underwood

- Our meetings are Wednesdays at 3:00pm in the SGA office (zoom is available if requested an hour before the meeting starts)
- Upcoming Events:
 - Halloween LSC Takeover
 - October 30th 7-10pm, LSC 116
 - If you would like office hours and or volunteer hours, let me know and you can work this event!
 - Fall SGA Potluck
 - November 7th
 - RSVP has closed
 - Chair Coleman is working on reserving the Villas to host our gathering.
 - Start planning what you are going to bring and cook up!
 - If you need ideas, I have a list!
 - Surviving finals upcoming
 - December Ideas are cooking
- If you have any SGA questions or need guidance, please let me know, I'd love to help!
- Email: aeu003@shsu.edu

C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Adison Trowbridge

- Meetings are Thursday at 3:30pm
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of time.
- Member of the week will be announced in New Business.
- CJ Caucus photos have been sent into the groupme!
- Thank you to everyone that came out to picture day! These pictures have also been sent into the groupme!
- Meeting will be held normally this week.
- Halloween Takeover – This week!
- Safety Walk
- Business Blueprint
- Diabetes Awareness
- 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 are on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
 - Email: eps017@shsu.edu

E. Director of Caucus – Abigail Dittman

- The Deans that I spoke with about “Dinner with the Deans” suggested a luncheon. I am still discussing matters in regard to having senators included.
- Luncheon with the caucus chairs.
- Please contact me if you have any questions or initiatives
 - Email: Agd039@shsu.edu

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!
- Make sure you complete all requirements by Monday at 5pm!
- I will be in the office Wednesday at 4pm, come by if you have questions!
- Feel free to contact me at – amr257@shsu.edu



Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Emmy Castro

- Upcoming meeting October 23rd, 11:00am
- Update on visiting orgs!
- Caucus meetings: TBD
- Currently getting in contact with Marketing and Communication heads for new posting schedule!
- Any further questions can be directed to me at 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 CHSS representatives tomorrow via zoom at 2pm to discuss tabling within CHSS sometime next week and reaching out to orgs for feedback
- Attended NBLSA monday, introduced myself to their eboard
- Uploading a flyer survey for CHSS students to give feedback by Friday, updating my headshot tomorrow
- Model UN application closes October 22nd at 11:59, reach out if you want any information

Arts and Media – Daijion Jackson

- Some upcoming events in C.A.M are First-Generation Celebration on Nov 8th in the University Theater center, Shsu Tuba Euphonium Ensemble on the 22nd at 7:30-9pm in the GPAC Payne concert Hall
- Im in the process of reaching out to C.A.M orgs and drawing up an outline for the possible talent show for next fall.
- We will be moving our caucus meeting to next month in November 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

- If you are a C.A.M Senator and have not scanned the QR please scan this code there will be a drop box soon to discuss meeting availability after



the 14th

D. 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.

E. Criminal Justice Chair - Je'hmory Coleman

- We had our first set of caucus pictures on Thursday October 17th at 5pm
- Our next set of pictures will be immediately after this meeting
- I will be meeting with Dean Lyons this Thursday October 24th at 11:00am
- Our next Caucus meeting will be next Thursday November 7th 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

F. Health Sciences – Eva McDonald

- I have been working on gathering materials for a tabling for Epilepsy Awareness Month in November
 - I have completed the pamphlet
 - 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 6th of November

- November the 5th is Purple Day
- I attended Saturday @ Sam to represent the COHS and SGA
- Our Caucus meeting was held Wednesday the 9th at 8:00pm
 - We will be meeting biweekly
 - I will be creating a PowerPoint with the ideas we discussed in our meeting
- 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



G. Business Administration – Abigail Dittman

- I had a meeting with Dean Self and Dean Robinson on 10/17/24.
- COBA Senators, we are having a meeting this Thursday at 6:45 on Zoom.
- The Deans and I talked about a COBA Fashion show and having our own COBA closet.
- I also talked to them about the Breakfast Club idea and having food for students in the lounge in the mornings and if we can have alumni sponsor that.
- There is a form link to send to COBA students, to gain insights of students who may go without food. COBA STUDENTS ONLY!



A. Old Business

- Domestic Awareness Panel

- Feedback:
 - Great panel & refreshments
 - Thank you, Chair Gordon, for the panel!!!

B. New Business

- Vote In's:

- ***Treasurer Hernandez made a motion to amend -- to vote Elvia Salmeron in as a COSET Senator***
 - ***Seconded by COBA Senator Moody***
 - ***Vote to discuss on the reconsideration over Elvia Salmeron***
 - 13 Yays, 3 Nays, 8 Abstentions

Voting if Elvia Salmeron should be voted in as a COSET Senator:

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Parliamentary Brett
 - Seconded by COSET Senator Abrego
 - 29 Yays, 12 Abstentions
 - Passes congratulations!
 - ***Joshua Durham: COBA***
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by COBA Senator Moody
 - Seconded by COSET Senator Abrego
 - 46 Yays
 - Passes congratulations!
 - ***Hiram Rodriguez: CAM***
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Director Underwood
 - Seconded by COCJ Senator Alvarez
 - COCJ Senator Balfour motions to keep discussion to keep to 3 mins.

- Seconded by Parliamentary Brett
 - Motion to keep discussion to 3 minutes, passes.
 - 45 Yays, 1 Abstentions
- Passes congratulations!

- ***Kaylla Taylor: COED***

- Entertained by President Scott

- Motion made by Ulloa

- Seconded by Mia

- 34 Yays, 4 Nays, 7 Abstentions

- Passes congratulations!

- ***Member of the Week: Vice President, Maria Rojas-Caballero!***

- Explaining the difference between a Bill and Resolution before getting started for new voted in members:

According to SGA's Constitution Pg 11, Section 3 it states:

Legislation:^{[[SEP]]}Legislation is any of the possible types of written action that the Senate is authorized to take.^{[[SEP]]}These can include, but are not limited to:

A) Bills:^{[[SEP]]}Bills initiate action on behalf of the Senate. Examples of the types of Legislation which can constitute Bills can include, but are not limited to:

- Allocating moneys;
- Authorizing expenditures;
- Creating or changing any governing documents;
- Revising standing Senate procedures; and
- Any other task the Senate shall deem necessary which is in its power to enact.

B) Resolutions:^{[[SEP]]}Resolutions establish or state a fundamental policy, theory, or belief of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the Student Body. Examples of the types of Legislation which can constitute Resolutions can include, but are not limited to:

- Condolence or memorial resolutions;
- Letters to other legislative bodies;

- Student Government Association positions on important issues; and
- Support for an outside activity or organization.

- ***Resolution F-24-04 Bearkat Spirit Friday Resolution***

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Chair Coleman
 - Seconded by Chair Jackson
 - 41 Yays, # Nays, 3 Abstentions
 - Resolution F-24-04 passes!

Questions over Resolution F-24-04 Bearkat Spirit Friday Resolution:

- COCJ Senator Balfour: “Is it possible to move it to Bearkat Monday, instead of Friday?”
 - Answered by R&R: This resolution was made with the intent to remind the student body about Bearkat Spirit Friday. So, it’s just reminding them about something we already have.
- Chief of Staff Macias: She loved the Resolution as she had not known we even had a Bearkat spirit day, and it would’ve encouraged her to stay on campus/in Huntsville more while her time living on campus.
- COED Senator Taylor: “I feel like what you said about it’ll encourage people to stay on weekends. I feel like actually getting people to stay. It should also be something that follows along with it, maybe every other Saturday. You know how we do tailgates for the games or small events going on at the weekends. Like Senator Balfour mentioned people leave - --.
 - Point of order – Treasurer Hernandez: “Let's limit this discussion to the actual resolution. If y'all have comments, questions, or concerns about ideas to change Bearkat Spirit Friday, go to a Rules and Regulation meeting. Bring that up there where we can actually do something about it. This discussion is for this resolution specifically, if there's anything wrong with anything that's in this resolution.”

- ***Resolution F-24-03 Epilepsy Awareness Month Resolution***

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Director Underwood
 - Seconded by COSET Senator Abrego

- 44 Yays, 1 Abstention
 - Resolution F-24-03 passes!
- ***Bill F-24-01 Yearly Inauguration Bill***
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Underwood
 - Seconded by COHS Senator Khan
 - 43 Yays, 1 Nays,
 - Bill F-24-01 passes!

C. Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

- Director Schweikart: Have any ideas for legislation? Please reach out to her, attending her department meeting or see her after the meeting!
 - Seth made a motion to limit the discussion to 3 minutes.
 - Motion made by COBA Senator Moody
 - Seconded by CHSS Senator Miller
 - Unanimous Pass
 - Motion passes to keep discuss limited to 3 minutes.
- Director Underwood: Got in contact with a Monster Ambassador for surviving finals. They're just confirming the date, and the number of cases for the event.
- Director Trowbridge: Please stay after if you are wearing pink for a picture!
- Director Toscano: Please make sure to sign up for Safety Walk! We are hosting 2 informational to go over boundaries and such soon, so please make sure to sign up.
 - Senator Abrego: "How do we sign up for Safety Walk?"
 - The google form is the sign up!
- Chair Coleman: If you are in the COCJ and would like to be in the second set of pictures please stay after the meeting.

Stated Intents: None

D. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

- COHS Senator Ulloa: “If you want to do the Tri Sigma pageant. Please come talk to me after. But I want to say quickly, Mr. Senator Nicholas Moody will be representing Student Government Association. So, yippee he's going to be in the Tri Sigma pageant. So please congratulate him, and I highly encourage, because he's representing student government.”
- COED ALEXIS: “My organization H.O.P.E, which is human outreach, preventing exploitation. We have 2 events coming up. We have one on October 24, which is our breast cancer awareness event. We're partnering with NOHCJ, which is a criminal justice organization. We're going to be giving out pink ribbons, bracelets, things like that. Then another event is our paint for hope event, so essentially with the profit that we gain from it because it is an admission to paint pumpkins. We're going to be making care packages for victims that are experiencing exploitation.”
- COSET Senator Abrego: “I had a meeting today with the Safe House coordinators, and we are in the works of starting an organization here at Sam for safety. It would be called Safer Kats. It's just basically an organization to obviously bring awareness about domestic violence, but also to be a safe organization that domestic violence victims can come to. So, if they choose not to go the Title IX route.”
- CHSS Senator Temple: “My organization, Crunk Christians, we're going to be having another event this Thursday, 7 Pm. The address on our Instagram. Our Instagram is just crunk Christians. It's all about, you know, learning about Christ and learning about confidence as well. We're going to be doing this little activity. It's called "like, I am mirrors". So, you guys should come out!”
- COCJ Senator Montgomery: “The National Association of Blacks and Criminal Justice will be selling breakfast in your yard. Donuts and Tacos tomorrow from 11am-1 pm. So, you guys can come out, and then tomorrow is a mandatory meeting. If you want to come, we'll have a guest speaker as well.
- Chief of Staff Macias: “My sorority is having something called luminary on Wednesday. It's going to be at 6 at the Bell Tower. It's basically where we honor people that have passed away in the past year from domestic violence, because of our domestic violence awareness. So, I would love to see y'all come out just, you know kind of pay tributes to people that have passed away this past year from domestic violence.”
- CAM Chair Jackson: “I just wanted to say that our department of theater and Musical theater will be having carried a musical.”

- ***E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 8:05pm***

- Entertained by President Scott
 - o Motion made by CHSS Senator Moge kwu
 - Seconded by Parliamentary Brett

- Unanimous Pass
 - o See y'all next week!