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Senate Meeting #5 – November 19th, 2024

– *Call to Order 7pm*

– *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*

- *43 Senators (4 on zoom), 5 Executive Board members (1 on zoom)*

- *Total: 61*

– *Certify Meeting Minutes 11/12/2024*

- *Moved by Director Underwood*

- *Seconded by Director Toscano*

- *Uni. Pass*
- *Ice Breaker: 5 minutes of social time*

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Macias

- Office Hours: TUES/THURS 1-2PM
- Make Sure to complete your office hours
- Directors make sure to sign off on office hours, so I don't put as incomplete.
- All office hours must be recorded by SATURDAY 11:59PM!!!
- We have a caucus senator office hour sheet
- PLEASE make sure that you record your office hours there has been a lot of missing office hours.
- 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
- Reminders:
 - Room Reservation & Purchase Request 4-5 weeks
 - I will except purchase request and room reservations from Directors
 - room reservations from Caucus Chairs
- 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
- I WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING PURCHASE REQUESTS AS OF NOW FOR THE MONTHs OF NOV or DEC!!!
- I will still be taking Tabeling and room reservation

C. Secretary Salmeron

- Retreat for spring 2025!!! Scan QR code to give eboard feedback, what you want to see for the retreat, time options etc.

- Completed COCJ survey for tabling/tv purposes (QR code & Pics on slide)
- If you plan on changing your college or resign please let me know before the end of the semester.
- Attendance:
 - The dress code still needs to be followed.
 - If you are not in this court room by 7:05pm 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.
- 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.
- Menstrual Product dispenser gear fixing
 - Taking product to facilities building Friday
- Orange Tie Planning
 - Thank you to those who have been sending ideas
 - Talk to me after if you are graduating at the end of the semester!
 - Tentative for April 29th, 2025 at 6:00pm
- Texas State University System, Student Advisory Board 11/20-11/22 @ Lamar University
 - Four topics to present to the Board of Regents which were concerns shared amongst all 7 components including Retention and Enrollment amongst upperclassmen, Campus Safety, Student Involvement and Engagement and lastly Mental Healthcare resources.

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.

- COE Chair is now VACANT, COE will vote for a new chair today in new business if there is a candidate.
- TSUS Student Regent/ THECB Student Representative Application due 12/02/2024 by 5 PM to VPSA. PLEASE REACH OUT TO DR. C IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY
- Met w/ Dr. Moore this Friday
- Met w/ VP Bethea, VP for University Advancement Monday
- TSUS Board of Regents Meeting this week Wednesday-Friday at Lamar University in Beaumont, TX w/ VP Rojas-Caballero. I will still be available through e-mail to studentbody_prez@shsu.edu
- Meeting w/ Dr. White Tuesday 11/25

Director Reports

A. Community Affairs – Angela Toscano and Akylia Washington

- Meetings on Wednesday at 2pm in LSC 314 [SGA Office] with Zoom available
- Safety Walk Shoutout 😊
 - PowerPoint in Progress to send to facilities
- Huntsville City Council Meeting moved to Tuesday Dec. 3 so we can all attend the Tree of Lights
- Keep It Warm Drive
 - Wednesday, January 15 - Friday, January 31
- Meeting change for the Spring Semester
 - Thursday @2pm with Zoom available
- Spring semester events will be planned throughout the winter holidays 😊
- Our Emails adl080@shsu.edu & aiw010@shsu.edu

B. Student Affairs - Lily Temple-Dozier and 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:
 - Surviving finals
 - December 4th from 12-2, Plaza
 - If you would like to help with the event, please see us after the meeting.
 - Materials for purchase & flyer request submitted!
 - Snacks
 - Scantrons
 - Extra gum
 - Pencils
 - Monster
- When submitting office hours please email them to both Lily and I
- If interested in helping with the Black Excellence Ceremony see me after this meeting!
- 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

C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Adison Trowbridge

- Meetings are Mondays at 2:00 in the office, zoom is available just contact us
- 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.
- Member of the week will be announced in New Business. Last one of the semester :(
- Black Excellence Ceremony/ Florecemos Flyer
- Diabetes Awareness
- Surviving Finals
- Potluck Reel/ Pics
- Tree of light group photo
- Looking into ordering SGA Beanies!
- 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

- Last meeting of the semester is on Thursday at 1:00pm in the SGA office
- Meetings will be at 4:00pm on Thursday next semester
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
 - Email: eps017@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 read your post-intent email!
- Make sure you complete all requirements by Monday at 5pm.
- Feel free to contact me at – amr257@shsu.edu



D. Director of Caucus/COBA Caucus Chair – Abigail Dittman

- I will be emailing those students who signed up to receive information about Senate meetings.
- I am following up with Professor Milner over Zoom about our small business idea. Our goal is to start networking first.
- Please contact me if you have any questions or initiatives
- Email: Agd039@shsu.edu

Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Emmy Castro

- Meeting with COSET Caucus and ambassadors is set for Friday November 22nd
- Sorting scholarships with Dr. Lester is in progress
- COSET ambassador application deadline is February 14, 2025! Applications can be submitted to the Lee Drain Building room 200
- Walking with departments has been moved to the spring
- Any further questions can be directed to me at enc033@shsu.edu or come see me after today's meeting!

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Ashari Gordan

- Senators are reaching out to orgs with survey (gotten a good amount of responses)
- If you're in CHSS fill out my survey plz and ty
- Meeting w dean this Friday
- Tabling for diabetes awareness month w/ Chair McDonald (11/21 12-2pm oty)
- If you are interested in legal internships reach out, a lot for next semester/summer close in December.

Arts and Media – Daijion Jackson

- I have the meeting with Dean Anderson scheduled for December 4th at 2pm.
- Discussing caucus meeting times with C.A.M Senators
- Had/Having C.A.M breakfast with deans Nov 19
- I will be discussing concerns brought up from C.A.M Orgs and the talent show idea during my caucus meeting which is tbd.
- If you have any questions my email is ddj041@shsu.edu

D. Education – Alexis Argeta

E. Criminal Justice Chair - Je'hmory Coleman

- Things I'm working on:

- i. An organization committee for CJ
 - ii. Getting on the screens
 - iii. Tabling in the college
 - 1. We will be tabling Thursday at 12pm in the lobby and getting student feedback
- I met with Dean Lyons Thursday November 7th at 12:00pm and we discussed
 - i. Having a networking event with Alumni
 - ii. The ADA accessibility of the restrooms
 - iii. The difficulties in navigating throughout the building
 - iv. Having students more involved in events as opposed to just faculty
 - v. The availability of classes in person
- Our next Caucus meeting will be Thursday November 14th at 5pm before Safety Walk
- If you have any ideas pertaining to the college of criminal justice talk to me after the meeting or email me at jwc061@shsu.edu

F. Health Sciences – Eva McDonald

- Collaborating with Chair Gordon for the Diabetes awareness tabling on the 21st
- Next meeting with the dean will be to wrap up our goals for future activities in upcoming semesters
- Mental Health Happy Hour- Wednesday, November 20, 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the library
- Sweets & Treats event November 20th in CHSS 430 from 1:30pm-4:00pm
- My meetings with the dean are scheduled for the last Monday of each month. 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

A. Old Business

- Safety Walk

- It was a great event, everyone had fun with their groups!

- A lot of Senators realized how many things need to improve around campus.
 - Example: The parking lots, gas leak information etc.
- Thank you to our amazing Community Affairs directors!!!

New Business

- *Education Chair:*

- Entertained by President Scott
- Motion made by COED Senator K. Taylor to do a secret ballot.
 - Seconded by COED Senator M. Ford
 - Passes

Secret ballot result: Alexis Argueta, congratulations to our new COED Chair!

- COHS Chair:

- Entertained by President Scott
- Moved COHS Senator T. Roberts
- Seconded by Director Toscano
 - 8 yays
- Congratulations to our new COHS Chair!
 - This will go into effect Spring 2025

- *Vote In's:*

- *Monae Ford: COED*
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by Chair McDonald
 - Seconded by COHS Senator A. Ulloa
 - 47 Yays, 2 Abstentions
 - Passes congratulations!
- *Sydney Caesar: COHS*

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by COBA Senator D. Fontenot
 - Seconded by Director Washington
 - 45 Yays, 5 Abstentions
 - Passes congratulations!
- *Brauilo Sandoval: COSET*
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Motion made by COSET Senator M. Abrego
 - Seconded by Director Toscano
 - 44 Yays, 4 Abstentions
 - Passes congratulations!

Member of the Week: Akylia Washington, thank you for your dedication in SGA!

- Resolution F-24-07 New Bell Tower Tradition

- Entertained by VP Rojas-Caballero
- Motion made by President Scott
- Seconded by COBA Senator N. Moody
- 50 Yays
- Passes congratulations!
- Feedback:
 - They loved the resolution, a great way to support our fellow Bearkats!

B. Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

- Community Affairs: Spring 2025 department meetings will be held every Thursday at 2pm in the SGA office.

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C. Final Goodbye to our Seniors

***Eva McDonald:
COHS Chair***

***Jared Taylor
2022-2024
Former CJ Caucus Chair***

***Alison Ulloa
2021-2024
Former COHS Chair
Former Director of Caucus***

D. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

- Thank you to everyone who showed up to Mr. Tri Sigma in support of COBA Senator N. Moody and our Tri Sigma members. Please make sure to congratulate him on winning part of the pageant!
- Senator M. Abrego trying to start an organization with SAAFE House, if anyone is interested, please let them know.
- Check out UBUNTU for volunteer hours, they are having a garden day the 20th .
- Senate: Next week we are on zoom, attire for that is ugly sweaters (if you do not have one it's okay just be in appropriate casual). If you're speaking, please make sure to have your cameras on, President Scott will not require cameras on the entire time.
- Thanksgiving: Make sure to take yall's pictures. We've done segments where some SGA members say what they are thankful for, and we want to do it this year as well.

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:30pm

Entertained by President Scott

Motion made by Director Trowbridge

Seconded by Director Guel

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