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Senate Meeting #5 – September 17th, 2024

A. Call to Order - 6:00pm

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: 19 Senators & 5 Executive Board Members

Total:46

E. Certify Meeting Minutes 09/10/2024

- Entertained by President
 - Moved by Director Underwood
 - Seconded by CJ Senator Miller
 - Unanimous pass

F. Ice Breaker

- What is your favorite SHSU tradition?

Officer Reports

A. Chief of Staff Macias

- Office Hours: TUES/THURS 11-1PM
- Make sure you do your office hours.
- Looking forward to the events we have this month!
- If your activities involve administration, please be sure to copy Dean Smith and Brandon.
- If you guys need ANYTHING, please don't hesitate to contact me.

B. Treasurer

- All Directors can now pull from their funds as of September 1st
- **ALL PURCHASES MUST BE SUBMITTED 4-5 weeks in advance! If it does not fall within that timeframe, I will NOT approve your request nor will the President or VP.**
- Bearkat Family Weekend Prized have been purchased for Bingo!
- When submitting a purchase request, do not attach links in the description section, mean for description of the items!
 - o Use a separate document and attach the links with descriptions and picture of the item!
 - o Include a “back-up” section on the document incase your first pick item can not be purchased.

C. Secretary Salmeron

- Letters of non-compliance have been sent out. They have a week to response before we move forward with the impeachment process.
 - o Will provide an example / definition of what a letter of non-compliance is
- Reminders:
 - o How to stay in good standing
 - Will be on slide
 - o Attendance

- SGA By-Law 2: Meetings of the Student Senate
 - Section H (The whole thing will be on the slide)
 - By-Law 3: Requirements Of Senators
 - Section B (The whole thing will be on the slide)
- If you will not be making it to mandatory events, or senate meetings please send me an email with a valid excuse.
- Thank you, directors, for sending your department meeting minutes at a reasonable time.
- Friendly reminder: SGA will be tailgating this Saturday (09/21) please come if you can help!!!
- My office hours are every Monday from 9am-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 via zoom at 7:00pm.
 - It is imperative that you make it. If you find yourself in a position where you cannot, please reach out to me via email.
 - Reminder that we will meet in person when legislation is being brought to the floor the following senate meeting
- Latin Night- Mark your calendars!
 - Oct 3rd at 8pm
 - Tabling's
 - Giveaways
 - Showcase
 - September 26th- Latin Night Recap meeting @1:30pm
 - Senator Volunteers and roles

E. President Scott

- If you are not in dress code you will not be acknowledged & will not be counted present.
- Weekly 1:1 meetings with Dean Smith and Brandon on Mondays at 9am in LSC 210
- E-Board meetings Mondays at 5 PM
- President White Reception 10/7 @ 6PM Smith-Lennon Houst (Business Professional)
- Interested in being on the Tailgate Committee? Reach out to me.
- Saturday at 3:00PM must be set up for tailgate
- Sept. 24 “Blue Out Meeting”
- Remember to follow a dress code.
- Met w Jeanine Bias w rest of Eboard Friday
- Polos, shirts, jackets coming TBD (please remember invite 2 people to receive your jacket)
- Questions:
 - “Can Rojas-Caballero drop the dates in the groupme?”
 - Referring to Latin Night
 - Answered by President Scott:
 - Yes, but please hold any other questions during open forum.

Director Reports

A. Community Affairs – Liv Hernandez & Angela Toscano

- Meetings are Wednesday @2pm in LSC 314 with Zoom Available if requested.
- Deputizations as Volunteer Voter Registers
- “Your Voice Matters” Labeling
 - Posted on Instagram!
 - First Table COMPLETED!
 - Wednesday, Sept. 25 @1pm-3pm
 - Thursday, Sept. 26 @11am-2pm

- Tuesday, Oct. 1 @1pm-3pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 2 @1pm-3pm
- Thursday, Oct. 3@11am-2pm
- Monday, Oct. 7 @12pm-3pm
- Alopecia Awareness Month/Tabling
 - Monday, Sept 23 @12-3pm
 - Permission Granted by President Jared Scott for Blue-Out Senate meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24
- “Suicide Awareness” Month / Table
 - Monday, Sept. 30 @10am-12pm
 - Collaboration with Chair Ashari Gordon
- “Breast Cancer Awareness” Table
 - Wednesday, Oct. 9 @1pm-3pm
 - Flyer Request Sent
 - LSC Plaza spot secured
 - Permission granted by President Jared Scott for Pink-out Senate Meeting on Tuesday, October 29
- “Tacos for Tatas”
 - Collaboration with SGA Student Affairs and Phi Beta Sigma
 - Under Construction
 - Tacos, Bracelets, Coloring, Notes, PowerPoint / Trifold, etc.
- November Events
 - Business Blueprint: Wednesday, Nov. 13 @4:30pm-7:30pm
 - Safety Walk: Thursday, Nov. 14 @6pm
 - FLASHLIGHTS!
 - Textbook Drive: TBA
 - Adopt a Grandma/Grandpa: TBA

B. Student Affairs - Aly Underwood

- Our meetings are Wednesdays at 3:00pm in the SGA office (zoom is available if requested)
 - We had our first meeting last week!
- Upcoming Events:

- Latin Night October 3rd from 9:00pm-12:00pm in the Orange Ballroom
 - Ballet Folkorico will be performing
 - Sigma Lambda Gamma will be in attendance after MGC showcase
- Halloween LSC Takeover October 30th 7-10pm
 - Room and event to be determined

C. Public Relations - Rhiannon Guel & Alyssa Hernandez

- Meetings are Thursday at 3:30pm
- Flyer requests need to be sent in 3-4 weeks AHEAD of time.
- “Your Voice Matters” Flyer
- “Alopecia Awareness” Flyer
- HSI Trivia Night
- Got the photos from the camera
- If you have any ideas for PR or need to send in a request email us at rlg080@shsu.edu and amh223@shsu.edu

D. Rules and Regulations- Emarie Schweikhardt

- Meetings are on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the SGA office
- Constitution Workshop on Thursday, October 10th at 5:00pm
- Rules & Regulations Google Drive is updated
- Legislation Template is completed
- Please contact me if you have ideas for legislation
- Email: eps017@shsu.edu

E. Director of Caucus – Abigail Dittman

- We, as chairs, decided to suspend the rules in Bill S-24-02 and open the director of caucus position to those who have not held a caucus chair position for at least one prior semester due to lack of qualified chairs.

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 the GroupMe – after your intent email is sent!
- This year, we'll use separate attendance forms and QR codes for council members and voted-in senators and directors.
- Time to answer questions – in the google form.
- Make sure to stay on top of getting your office hours done!
- Congratulations new Senators/Caucus Chairs!
- Feel free to contact me at – amr257@shsu.edu



Chair Reports

A. Graduate – VACANT

B. Sciences, Engineering and Technology - VACANT

C. Humanities and Social Sciences – Ashari Gordan

- I'm currently working on setting up a meeting with my dean, as well as

getting my flyer and Microsoft form approved to post around the college.

- Working on Domestic Violence Awareness Month resolution and event for October.

D. Arts and Media - VACANT

E. 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.

F. Criminal Justice Chair - Je'hmory Coleman

- I have a meeting scheduled with Dean Lyons for October 7th at 9:00 AM
- The CJ caucus will meet every other week to discuss concerns
- Meeting times and days are TBD

G. Health Sciences - VACANT

H. Business Administration – Abigail Dittman

- Potential collaboration with COBA orgs
- Collaboration with Community Affairs department

General Information

A. Old Business

- Voter Registration Tabling
- HSI Trivia

B. New Business

- President Scott entertained the motion to start the vote in process

While Director of Council was preparing to talk about council members

- Director Underwood moved to send out each council member individually for the vote in process.
 - Director Toscano seconded the motion
 - Motioned Failed
 - Vote: 17 Nay's and 2 Yay's
- CJ Senator Taylor made a motion to have a 5-minute recess.
 - Director Underwood seconded the motion
 - Motioned Failed
 - Vote: 16 Nay's and 4 Yay's

Vote In's:

- Eva McDonald: COHS
 - Entertained by Scott
 - Moved by Director Toscano
 - Seconded by Director Underwood
 - 19 Yays & 1 Abstain
- Yena Ahn: COCJ
 - Motioned by CJ Senator Balfour to table vote ins until next meeting (09/24/2024)
 - Seconded by CJ Senator Liggings
 - Yay 1, 18 Nay's & 3 Abstain
 - Motion Fails
- Move forwarded with the vote in process
 - Motion made by CJ Senator Arreguin
 - Seconded by Chair Gordan
 - Vote: 17 Yays, 2 Nay's & 4 Abstains
 - Entertained by Scott to vote in Yena Ahn
 - Moved by Ulloa
 - Seconded by Toscano
 - 17 Yays , 4 Nays, 4 Abstains
- Kaeley Smith: COCJ

- Entertained by Scott
 - Moved by Toscano
 - Seconded by CJ Senator 2nd Pam
 - 12 Yays , 4 Nays, 8 Ab
- Adison Trowbridge: COCJ
 - Entertained by Scott
 - Moved by Underwood
 - Seconded by Toscano
 - 21 Yays , 4 Abstains
- Munachi Mogekwu: COCJ
 - Entertained by Scott
 - Moved by Chair Gordan
 - Seconded by Chair Coleman
 - 22 Yays , # Nays, 4 Abstains
- Entertained to keep discussion at a 1:30 - President Scott
 - Motion by Toscano
 - Seconded by Ulloa
 - 21 yays , 1 nay , 1 abstain
- Jasmine Stewart: CAM
 - Entertained by Scott
 - Moved by underwood
 - Seconded by Toscano
 - 21 Yays , 3 Abstention
- Dai'Jion Jackson: CAM
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by underwood
 - Seconded by Chair Coleman
 - 21 Yays , 1 Abstention
- CAM Chairs
 - Dai'Jion Jackson
 - Jasmine Stewart
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by underwood to table vote in until next senate meeting
 - Seconded by Jackson
 - Unanimous Pass

- COHS Chair
 - Eva McDonald
 - Entertained by President Scott
 - Moved by Schweikhardt
 - Seconded by Toscano
 - Unanimous Pass
- What's the difference between caucus chair and senator?
 - Senator:
 - **Senators represent the students in each Academic college. Shall be no more than 15 per caucus and all Senators have the right to vote on all legislation.**
 - **They also are members of the 4 departments and complete tasks done in each department called "office hours"**
 - Caucus:
 - **Grouping of senators in the senate of each academic college.**
 - **Lead Representative and spokesperson for Caucus! This position meets with the Dean of their College once a month and holds meetings with the Caucus to hear concerns and better their college.**
- “Who do I talk to about collaborative affairs with SGA and the Dance Department?”
 - Within SGA:
 - Talk to our Directors about a potential collaboration!
 - Outside of SGA:
 - The office in the performing arts building center on the 1st floor passes the elevator down the hall.
 - Reach out to clubs in the dance department.

C. Open Forum

Open to discuss anything from the meeting.

- Dress Code
 - Over Zoom:
 - They (People on Zoom) also must abide by the dress code. If they want to speak and fail to be in proper attire, SGA

Executive Board will NOT acknowledge them. Once again, if you choose to not follow the dress code you will be counted as unexcused during the senate meeting and will not acknowledge.

- Council members:
 - The dress code strictly only applies to voted in members. If a voted in member does not show up in dress up, they will be considered an observer.
- Stating Intents:
 - COCJ: Dylan Sutter
 - COCJ: Lily Temple
 - COBA: Krista Henderson
 - COSET: Connor Brentt
 - Motion to vote Connor Brentt back in SGA made by Balfour
 - Entertained by Scott
 - 2nd Underwood
 - Treasurer Hernandez moves to pass the previous question
 - 2 Yays, 20 Nays, 4 Abstains
 - Motion fails

D. Announcements

Outside of SGA reminders.

- Sam Jam is happening during/after the meeting!

E. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:59pm

- Entertained by President Scott
 - Director Toscano moved to adjourn the meeting
 - Seconded by Treasurer Hernandez
 - Unanimous Pass

