

SGA Meeting Minutes:

Date: 11/16/2021

Call to order by Bernardo Gonzalez at 5:34 pm

Guest Speakers:

1. Ben Montecillo, MPA, Associate Managing Director, Office of Financial Aid

- a. To help try to get a panel of small groups of students to read over website, flyers, and pamphlets to really fine tune what is best to reach students and what is best for students.
- b. Asking for a small group to join to meet once or twice a semester contact Ben. If you are interested

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- *Damieanus Ochola*
 - ENMU COVID Money gave students an equal amount of money. Why did TTUHSC give different amounts of money? Was it based on a different criteria?
 - Through CARES (stimulus package), there were no regulations so there was free rain on what to do with it as long as it goes to students. First round was an application. Next round, restrictions were changed but still a little open. Third round, very open, but left to the schools to decide what is best for the school. Last round was based on FASFA and eligibility.
- *Keri Shiplet*
 - What is a HERF?
 - Third stimulus package by the Biden Administration which was till March 2021.
 - Is all you do if Federal Financial Aid? What are the options in case a student has never had it before but needs it that semester?
 - State loans are available, institutional grants and scholarships, and short term loans are available. Our legacy now is available. Quick fixes are available in case someone needs money now and is waiting for a grant or scholarship.

Officer Updates:

1. Emma Brackett, VP of Finance

- a. SGA Fundraiser November 30th from 4-9 at Raising Cane's (Stay tuned for flyer, so there will be a points opportunity) In the works: on meeting day. If you attend, it is two points and if you share the flyer you will get one point. A good way to earn money for our scholarships
- b. Do not forget to submit points! Legislation is required (it is also worth the most points) In order to remain a senator, you must meet points

2. Abelardo Palma, VP of Communications

- a. Senator headshots are due on January 1st, 2022
 - i. Senators will send a headshot taken by their phone as long as it is clear. Within the following guidelines
 - 1. Wear SGA polo
 - 2. Plain background (e.g., ideally a neutral color: tan, white, cream)
 - 3. Includes only the senator
 - 4. Chest or higher
- b. Instagram Reel
 - i. Everytime a new piece of legislation is passed, senator will be posted on instagram as a video of senator discussing piece of legislation

Questions and Answers:

- *Joel Ennin*
 - What if we do not have our polo?
 - The company has a shortage on men's polos, so instead take a picture in a nice collared shirt or blouse.

3. Kameryn Slayton, VP of Operations

- a. Poll Everywhere updates:
 - i. Still working on setting up polling service to voting on legislation
 - ii. Reminder to survey campus grounds for maintenance or quality issues
 - 1. Report any issues to the operations committee using the form on HSC Net
 - 2. <https://ttuhsc.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/450864>

4. Bernardo Gonzalez, President

- Board of Regents Meeting - This friday, 11/19/2021
 - Email me if there's anything specific you'd like included in our SGA report
- THECB Student Representative & Student Regent nominations due 11/22/2021
- CMS vaccination mandate

- Applies to all TTUHSC clinical affiliates
- Encourage peers to get vaccinated
- Grievance report system
 - Academic grievance
 - Non-academic grievance
- Next Speaker: Jason Weber
 - Associate VP- Office of People & Values
- COVID Vaccine Mandates
- Student Grievances
- Next meeting: Jason WEber
 - Associate VP- Office

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Bernardo: How do you all feel having the COVID-19 Vaccine being mandated?

- *Stefan Raicevic:*
 - How can the school require the students to pay \$100 dollars for a covid test?

Committe Updates:

Community Service: Brianna Mendoza Co-chair: Ashley Bassett

- Salvation Army Community Service; Angel Tree Project
 - Novemeber 27th- South Plains Mall: 10am to 1pm, 1pm to 5pm, 5pm to 9 pm about 6 people needed
 - Angel Tree Table by adopting angel and accepting gifts
 - Will need help setting up the angel on the tree
 - Next nine days:
 - First six days: Dec 8th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th,: 9-12, 1-4 about 8 people needed
 - Other three days, packaging all gifts received Dec 16th, 17th, and 20th: 9-12pm, 1-4pm
- Link for sign up:
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Kl6l4dm4YYXKpgEubJkXWqbNIVB CXsVzziSDb8DxUIE/edit?usp=sharing>

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- *Keri Shiplet:* Is SGA expected to fill out the spots?
 - Right now it is just SGA but branch out to different classes or our classes
- *Damieanus Ochola*

- Shared with meeting minutes sent by Abelardo Palma
- *Emily Brandon*: Is this volunteer opportunity only in Lubbock?
 - It will just depend on location. There are respective Salvation Armies in Amarillo, Midland, and Dallas. Have to check on Abilene

Finance: Joel Ennin

- Once receiving flyer for Raising Canes please send it out to to respective schools/programs

Operations: Damienaus Ochola

- Senators be aware
- Be involved in Recommendation Box

Public Relations: Alex Stutter

- Starting posting info on instagram about the senator. Email Alex with headshot. Include program, hometown, fun fact/ hobby, and what goal what the senator wants to achieve. Due on Jan. 1st, if you need help show up before the meeting and we will get that covered for you.

Scholarship: Chris Mariano

- Phonathon Scholarship, make sure you fill that out and tell everyone else about the scholarship. Post on social media to respective campuses and the more people we are able to help. Promote as much as you can

QUESTION AND ANSWERS:

- *Alex Stutter*: Public Relations is working on a flyer for the scholarship to spread awareness about the scholarship.

Social: Joanna Mammen

- Holiday Extravaganza
 - SGA cannot accept donations we will try to work with veteran's resources and will donate toys. We are looking for volunteers in Abilene or Amarillo campus. Time will be from 12-2 based on schedule.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- *Emma Brackett*: We want all the students to help them out by raising awareness for events and opportunities. These are awareness points and attending events are worth two points.

Senate Resolutions:

Senate Resolution. 21.26

- Congratulation-- Dr. Chinnaduari Mani, Ph. D, on his first grant award from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)
- Motion-- Damieanus Ochola
- Second-- Jenna Jurecky
- Motion passed 100 percent on zoom and in-person

Legislation Collaboration:

Brent Kisby:

- Certain staff and student have talked to include gender neutral bathroom on 4th floor C-Pod

Regan Croff:

- AT, PT, OT rehab labs close at 5 and there is no access. Research to why that is? Would love to use the idea to get the rehab labs to be open longer. Reason why is that all campuses have to be fair due to security purposes. Labs contain expensive equipment that is not available outside of labs

Madelyn Perez:

- Working towards having the security guards or another service available to walk students to their cars after a certain hour each night.

Kim Belcik:

- Using open education resources at TTUHSC working with another senator. Freely available resources to reduce the overall costs of resources.

Announcements:

- Sam's Express will not return in the Spring
- Suggestion Boxes are happening.
 - Common area Ex: Lubbock Synergistic Center
 - Abilene and Amarillo senators reach out to Bernardo on what areas we could put suggestion boxes. How many would be needed to reach all students?

Upcoming Events:

- Last meeting of the semester 11/30
- Senator of the Semester nomination by 11/24
 - <https://ttuhsc.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/515126>
- Legislation reminder: the Friday before the last meeting

Relavant Links:

Open Forum:

- *Keri Shiplet*
 - SGA has two scholarships that they are responsible for giving out. Phonothan is open right now. Star spangled double t scholarship. Give back nights and t-shirts sales, the more sold the more money given to the scholarship.
- *Damieanus Ochola*: Is the senator of the semester form on HSC Net
 - Yes, it will be uploaded tonight
- *Brianna Mendoza* Have they made a decision of VP of DEI
 - They have not
- *Zackary Collie*: Is there a document that could be shared about the scholarship? Direct links? Links to flyers and easier for senators to get a hold of.
 - HSC Net folder with all events coming up and be easier to access for senators and not getting tons of emails

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Brent Kisby

Second: Sparsh Ray

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 pm