

SGA Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/19/2021

Call to order by Marcus Gonzales at 5:30 pm

Initial remarks: thanks to those senators who were involved in the MLK day activities.

Guest Speakers

1. No guest speaker for this meeting; the guest speaker had to reschedule.

Officer Updates:

1. Time Brown, VP of Finance

- a. What to look for in the coming semester:
 - i. Spring fundraiser activity
 - ii. Raised \$431.00 towards Double T Scholarship
 - iii. Finance committee - organization funding process beginning soon
 1. If you or your friends have a student organization that you are involved in or at starting, and want funding for next year, submit the documentation by this semester (generally in March)

2. Rachel Kortman, VP of Communications

- a. T-Shirt design contest for Double T scholarship
 - i. Advertisement/orders will start January-February (more info from Neil during committee updates).
- b. Senators are to pick up their polo and send a headshot
 - i. Headshot due at Midnight tonight for all individuals who have picked up their Polos

3. Daniel Payberah, VP of Operations

- a. SGA Student Manual
 - i. Physical manuals were not able to be distributed in the fall semester so we are going to revisit how to distribute that to senators
 - ii. Requests/Complaints submission form on HSCnet that allows all HSC students to request legislation that senators can draft.
- b. If you have 2 or more unexcused absences you received an email from Daniel yesterday, and if you need to set up a meeting with Daniel due to absence please follow up.
 - i. Retroactive submission of documentation for excused absences could be discussed/submitted at that time.

4. Marcus Gonzalez, President

- a. Academic's Council Meeting this coming Thursday, 1/21

- i. Will go over what is working and what isn't during the pandemic
 - ii. Talk about library renovations
 - iii. Open floor for any questions or requests to discuss for the meeting.
- b. Medallions for Graduating Senators
 - i. Only to those senators who emailed Marcus that they are graduating.
 - ii. Email Marcus if you did not do so, and expect to graduate
- c. Proposed changes to the constitution
 - i. We are presenting them to the senate piece-by-piece to go over the changes.
 - 1. Articles I-IV changes presented.
 - a. Most changes update the phrasing to be more consistent and accurate.
 - b. A lot of language regarding specific wording of regional campuses are taken out, since we are trying to include the regional senators in the general SGA membership rather than a distinct group.
 - c. Senators are free to review our changes.
 - i. Review these changes over the next 2 weeks, and we will vote on these changes next meeting.

Senate Resolutions:

Senate Resolution 21.01

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding safe dining locations for GSBS students.
- ☐ Discussion:
 - What was the reason they moved the tables in the first place?
 - Non-HSC personnel in the waiting room/patients from the hospital were using the tables
 - Resolution: Within the resolution, we will only be putting isolated chairs to allow for more adherence to social distancing.
- Motion – Josh Willms
- Second – Stephen Rossettie
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100 % support from student senate.

Senate Resolution 21.02

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating Rural Student Health Sciences Mentorship Program for its services to the West Texas Community. Hoping to expand the program with school of nursing, pharm, allied health ect.
- Motion – Sparsh Ray
- Second – Sheida Doraji
- Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate.

Committee Updates:

1. Community Service – Josh Wilms, Chair

- Update:
 - i. Thanks to everyone who has participated in the events that we've had this past semester
 - ii. Over the next 2 months, we've wanted to open up the field to anyone who wants to donate blood
 - 1. Anytime you are able to donate blood anywhere, as long as you provide proof, you can get 4 points of community service.
 - a. Discussion: if you've had COVID, is there a time period you should wait before you give blood?
 - i. There is a required waiting period - double check with the donation site about specifications.
 - iii. In April, there will be a large scale blood drive
 - 1.

2. Finance – Emma Brackett, Chair

- Update: Reminder that if you are in leadership for any organization, remember to fill out the Senate Funding Form to get funding for next year.
- Transitions for leadership need to be done by March to attend finance meetings.
 - i. Question: Where will the Senate Funding Form be?
 - 1. An email will be sent out soon about signing up for a training that will take place next week - you will learn about the re-registration process, budget request process, training about moving agency accounts off campus, etc.
 - 2. The email will include the form.

3. Operations – Marilyn Mathew, Chair

- Update: We are expanding the HSC net form
 - i. Request for ideas about how to promote awareness for the HSC Net form (Requests/Complaints form for general students).
 - 1. So far we have the announcements emails, as well as intentions to work with the public relations committee.
 - 2. Any more ideas are welcome.
 - ii. Also working on the Student Manual.

4. Public Relations – Clair Parker, Chair

- Update: Twitter - Miguel is the founder, but will follow through with what we have been doing on facebook and instagram
- Call for photos - we really would like some
- Headshot with bio due today and Clair will send an email with all the requirements

- i. Question: what are the requirements for the senator headshots?
 1. Details in email.
 2. Other photos (past or future), please send to Claire!

5. Scholarship – Neil Jain, Chair

- Update: T-Shirt design has been chosen. Order link will be up soon.

6. Social – Bernardo Gonzalez, Chair

- Update: Thanks to senators who participated in the canned food drive.

Upcoming Events

- Next meeting is February 2nd
- Look over proposed changes to the constitution, will be voted on during 2/2 meeting
- Email legislation by 5pm the Friday before meeting
- Email Marcus with any question for the Academics Council meeting on Thursday (01/21/2021)

Open Forum

- No discussion.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion: Miguel McQueen
- Second: Stephen Rossettie
- Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 pm