

## **SGA Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 11/17/2020

Call to order by Marcus Gonzales at 5:30 pm

### **Guest Speakers**

**1. Doris Hereford, M.Ed. (Director, TTUHSC Student Diversity & Inclusion; Asst. Director, TTUHSC Office of Student Life):**

- This year, Ms. Hereford leads a new diversity committee made of students.
- Tour of website for Office of Diversity & Inclusion
  - i. Celebrations of diversity
  - ii. Institutional policies
  - iii. Land acknowledgements (recognize the Native inhabitants of this land)
  - iv. Report student incidents
  - v. Campus resources (gender neutral bathrooms, helping hands food pantry, nursing rooms, tranquility/prayer rooms, etc)
- Overview of mission statement reflecting TTUHSC's commitment to diversity and inclusion
- The 4 E's
  - i. Encourage
  - ii. Enlighten
  - iii. Empower
  - iv. Embrace
- Introduced student ambassadors for diversity and inclusion (SADI)
  - i. 37 student applications over the Summer, 15 students chosen to represent HSC student body as a whole.
  - ii. SADI will represent the student body in issues of diversity and equity, provide opportunities for engagement and learning, support our underrepresented groups, and uphold the TTUHSC values.
  - iii. Goals include:
    - 1. Creating opportunities and providing resources for students to be engaged
    - 2. Fostering an environment for diverse inclusion
    - 3. Provide informative activities that acknowledge disparities in marginalized populations
    - 4. Developing diversity awareness
    - 5. Providing safe and positive space
    - 6. Being the voice of the student body in the DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) committee.
  - iv. New initiatives
    - 1. Gather data and information, build websites and social media, etc.

2. Reach out to other student organizations, connect with Alumni
  - a. HSC is an interdisciplinary facility, a good place to foster inclusion and activity for equality.
3. Training/Resources/Speakers
  - a. IGNITE training in Spring
    - i. Last year, TTU provided IGNITE allyship training, focusing on
    - ii. Each member of SADI has taken up a category (national Latino month, women's month, bi-history month, important dates for LGBTQ+ community, etc)
  - b. monthly celebrations/social media
  - c. Glossary, monthly newsletter

### Officer Updates:

#### **1. Time Brown, VP of Finance**

- a. SGA Fundraiser tonight at Capital Pizza
  - i. Tech Terrace location
  - ii. Don't forget to submit your points if you buy food!
- b. Submit your points- Spreadsheet last updated Nov 1st

#### **2. Rachel Kortman, VP of Communications**

- a. Polos have arrived
  - i. Lubbock senators, pick up your polo from Student Life Office (2C400), M-F from 8am-5pm
  - ii. Amarillo senators, pick up from Kristin Stutz's office (4th floor in SOM), M-F, from 8am-5pm
  - iii. Dallas Midland & Odessa Senators: polos were mailed to your campuses on 11/11; pick up instructions are pending.
  - iv. New senators: polos ordered in December, hopefully ready in
- b. Senator Headshots - due January 1st, 2021
  - i. We will not take headshots on campus this year due to pandemic restrictions
  - ii. Take your own headshot!
    1. Wear your SGA polo
    2. Plain background, neutral color (tan, cream, white)
    3. Includes you, chest and higher
    4. Smile!
  - iii. T-Shirt design contest for Double-T Scholarship
    1. submit your electronic or drawn designs to Neil Jain by 11/20
    2. Voting on T-shirt design on 12/01 meeting
      - a. Every submission is an awareness point
      - b. Winning designer gets a free T-shirt!
      - c. Advertisement/orders will start in January/February

- c. Senator of the Semester
  - i. Submit by 11/24
  - ii. Awarded on 12/01
  - iii. Submit on HSC net
  - iv. Winner gets a plaque at the SGA banquet
- d. Apply for Phonathon Scholarship (more in committee updates)
- e. Holiday Extravaganza (more in committee updates)

### **3. Daniel Payberah, VP of Operations**

- a. Updated Senator Count
  - i. 81 total members including officers and at large.
  - ii. 73 voting senators
  - iii. Reminder that SGA needs to meet a quorum of  $\frac{2}{3}$  to conduct business
- b. Meeting minutes for all previous meeting have been submitted - will be available to all HSC students on SGA website
  - i. The powerpoints and videos are made for SGA senators, but the Meeting Minutes are accessible to all HSC students
- c. Reminder to report campus maintenance issues to Operations committees

### **4. Marcus Gonzalez, President**

- a. Board of Regents Meeting Dec 10-11th
  - i. Email Marcus if there's anything specific you want included in the SGA report
- b. THECB Student Representatives nominations due this coming Friday
- c. Academics Council meetings this Friday
  - i. Will provide updates at next SGA meeting

## **Senate Resolutions:**

### **Senate Resolution 20.26**

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating Dr. Samuel Prein PhD and Dr. Lindsey Penrose PhD for receiving the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) Star Award.
- Motion – Neil Jain
- Second – Miguel McQueen
- Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate

### **Senate Resolution 20.27**

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating Dr. Ronald L. Cook, DO for his selection as the first recipient of the Lubbock Osteopathic Endowed Chair.
- Motion – Neil Jain
- Second – Sheida Jaberian Doraji
- Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate

## **Senate Resolution 20.28**

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate with regards to honoring the founding of TTUHSC; SGA supports the establishment of an annual celebration of the founding of TTUHSC to be held on June 6th.
- Motion – Stefan Raicevic
- Second – Josh Wilms
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

## **Committee Updates:**

### **1. Community Service – Josh Wilms, Chair**

- Update:
  - i. December has three community service options
    - 1. Helping hands food drive
    - 2. Toys for Tots
    - 3. Card and letters for nursing home residents
  - ii. They will set up a drop box for the whole month of december where students can drop of items for aforementioned volunteering options
  - iii. SGA was contacted by American Red Cross to provide volunteers for a blood drive in 2021.
    - 1. Wants feedback from SGA
    - 2. American Red Cross wants to collect at least 100 units of blood in one day (April 26th)
    - 3. We need 36 student volunteers
      - a. Likely that COVID will still be a major issue, so limits are pending.
      - b. Temperature checks for all volunteers and donors, donors will have to sign up, everything needs to be planned out in advance
    - 4. Four teams of students
      - a. 1st team sets up in the morning
      - b. 2nd team opens doors, monitors donors, etc. in morning
      - c. 3rd team that does the same as team 2, but in the afternoon
      - d. 4th team disassembles everything.
  - iv. Things for COVID will likely be worse next year than they are now, but getting blood is a necessity despite the pandemic.
    - 1. Advocates to get as many students as possible to donate
      - a. HSC students are overall better at adhering to health regulations
    - 2. Hopes that as a senate we have volunteers, and as students in HSC, we fill as many of those donation spots as possible.

3. Considering getting public media involved to advocate for donation and better health in the Lubbock community at large.

## **2. Finance – Emma Brackett, Chair**

- - i. Reflect Tim's presentation - go get Pizza!

## **3. Operations – Kevin Dural, Co-Chair**

- Coordinating Meet up between the committee
  - i. Continuing to facilitate group communication amongst Operations committee
  - ii. Coordinating meet-ups - planning on attending fundraiser today
  - iii. Coordinate progress in the operations committee.
  - iv. Some common subjects that are being considered:
    1. Cafeteria - health institution with consideration of quality and health of the food being served
      - a. Meeting up with Dr. Justyna
    2. Amenities available to students and clearer descriptions of when and where they are at the institution

## **4. Public Relations – Claire Parker, Chair**

- Update:
  - i. No further updates on current progress
  - ii. Hoping to have things up and running over the upcoming break
  - iii. Email your headshots to Claire Parker, including some introductory information about yourself
  - iv. Working on a twitter

## **5. Scholarship – Neil Jain, Chair**

- Update:
  - i. Reminder about t-shirt Designs contest
  - ii. Double-T scholarship and phonathon scholarship will be run
    1. Application will close on December 14th, Scholarship committee will grade the applications based on improved grading process
    2. Encourage everyone to apply

## **6. Social – Bernardo Gonzalez, Chair**

- Update: Holiday Extravaganza Dec 8th - Dec 11th
  - i. Considerations:
    1. Monday - tent set up, hand out candy to students and faculty
    2. Throughout the entire week, have donation station set up outside of Syn center

3. Opportunity for students to donate to the Social committee via Venmo and other online platforms, and the social committee members can buy donations.

### Q/A:

- Can senators use headshot from last year?
  - You can if you absolutely have to, but if you are able to take your headshot in the NEW polo, please do so.
  - Email Rachel the headshot photos in the new polos.

### Open Forum:

- Josh Willms
  - Next week, before we submit new legislation, request for strategic advice
    - Do we want to make voting day a university holiday?
    - Do we want to allocate each person ONE day during the early voting period?
    - Thoughts?
      - Having a universal election day off is a more likely idea - it's harder to accommodate variability if everyone chooses their day off
    - Please help support this legislation by getting data and surveying your schools, getting faculty support, etc.
  - Want to expand mental health legislation by making Tao therapy online/Headspace in an opt in basis
    - Consider getting an phone application that
    - Medical school already gets headspace due to AMA memberships
      - Similar process not necessarily available for other programs.
- Stefan Raicevic
  - Last week, many HSC students were involved in the interprofessional education (IPE) event. Feels that students had criticisms of IPE, trying to compile thoughts across programs
    - Students want to focus more on learning what each school does.
      - Students want specialty specific training
      - Group students that are interested in a shared specialty
    - Topics that aren't relevant to everyone
      - Speech-Pathology students felt excluded when they were being lectured on transplantations
    - Students want to learn more procedural problem solving
    - Technology issues in general.
  - Opinions on this subject
    - Emma Brackett: have you reached out to the people that ran the IPE event? They should have feedback forms, it may be beneficial to have a student council to give input on the IPE event.

- Marilyn Mathew: other programs have other IPE activities, SOM/speech language is more limited
- Miguel McQueen: he volunteered at the IPE event and did find it strange that the event was for SLP students, where the content didn't reflect their education - suggest more focused IPE's that tailor to programs, and to allow opportunity for other programs to be involved to learn.
- Edgar G. Martinez - as a student in GSBS, he didn't feel the content of the IPE was directed at students like him. General consensus in GSBS is that the current IPE events doesn't reflect their interests
- Stephen Rossettie: reflects sentiments that IPE's can be improved, believes that the faculty would appreciate hearing this feedback.
- Elizabeth Neuman: in the PT program, also felt similar to students in Speech-Pathology and GSBS.
- Hopes to bring this information to HSC attention - doesn't have to be legislation if it doesn't have to be, but it would be good to have a more informed opinion.

*Motion to Adjourn:*

- Motion: Josh Willms
- Second: Edgar Martinez
- Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 pm