

SGA Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/02/2021

Call to order by Marcus Gonzales at 5:30 pm

Guest Speakers

1. **Keri Shiplet**, Director of Student Life.
 - Discussion about **Suicide Prevention Training**
 - i. Video presentation, describing the characteristics of suicidal ideation, epidemiology of suicide, and a message for hope that healthcare is improving in identifying and preventing suicide.
 - ii. QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) video presentation, discussing the logistics and benefits of QPR training.
 - iii. QPR Training by TTUSHC
 1. 1.5 hour training
 2. Learn to identify when someone is in crisis, how to confront them and ask them about it, persuading them to live, and referring them to professional help.
 3. Texas Statistics
 - a. 1 person dies by suicide every 2 hours in Texas
 - b. Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in Texas, 2nd leading cause of death in TX for those 15-34 years old.
 - c. In 2019, suicide accounted for 3,578 deaths in TX, 47,000 deaths nationally.
 4. If anyone we know wants to host this training.
 - a. Costs \$2.50 per person. Intending to use SGA funding to host training. Also seeking further funding.
 - iv. Questions and Answers
 - 1.

Officer Updates:

1. **Rachel Kortman, VP of Communications**
 - a. Notice to submit legislation by the Friday before the next meeting (preferably before 12pm)
 - b. T-Shirt design contest for Double T Scholarship (link to place T-Shirt order provided in presentation).
 - c. Work on Phonathon Scholarship will be continued by Chris
 - d. Flyer for TTUSHC Disaster Day (Interprofessional Mass Disaster Simulation)
 - i. Requesting volunteers to help with various aspects of live, in-person events – including check-in, temperature checks, PPE disbursements giveaways, and passing out lunch.

- ii. Scheduling attached to presentation.
 - iii. Remember to wear SGA polos if you volunteer.
 - iv. Registration link for volunteering provided in the presentation.
- e.

2. Tim Brown, VP of Finance

- a. Spring fundraiser in the works
- b. Student orgs/ student org leadership needs to attend financial training with the Office of Student Life
- c. Deadline for Student Orgs to submit budget request form is 3/1/2021
- d. All forms are available on HSC net.

3. Daniel Payberah, VP of Operations

- a. We have received the digital SGA Senator Manual; Operations committee will expect to begin work on updating this within the next week. Information will be emailed out in the next few days.
- b. SGA “complaint/ideas box” form (tentative name) initiative in the works.
 - i. One online spreadsheet for senators to note what types of social media their specific class uses. Please email the VP of Operations if an important form of social media is not present.
 - ii. Another online spreadsheet will log teach type of social media and if individual classes have been notified on that type of social media, per month. Points will be given for notification, and hopefully we will have a confirmed notification through least 1 type of social media type, per class, per month.

4. Marcus Gonzalez, President

- a. Joint Congress Senate Meeting information to be provided soon
- b. Academics Council meeting on 1/21/2021
 - i. Requested more student-centered communication regarding emerging COVID strains and vaccines.
- c. Notice for students to start thinking about upcoming officer elections
 - i. Reach out to current officers about their position, workload, responsibilities, etc.
- d. Article I-IV revisions (provided 2 weeks ago)
 - i. Any feedback, thoughts, etc?
 - ii. Vote on these revisions
 - 1. Article I-IV revisions approved with 100% approval on 2/2/2021 at 6:00 PM.

Senate Resolutions:

Senate Resolution 21.03

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding increase in promoting the hiring of diverse standardized patients for clinical education.
- Written by Tochi Eboh and Sparsh Ray

- Guest speaker: Emily Sargent, President of SNMA (Student National Medical Association)
 - SNMA aims to address the concerns and issues for underrepresented and minority populations
 - Submitted a call to action with administration (with the help of SGA and other organizations)
 - Intention: get more diversity in the standardized patients to help us future positions.
 - Original call to action included asking for diverse standardized patients, but they didn't include that originally since hiring SP's involved the entire Health Sciences Center, not just the School of Medicine.
 - Why this issue is being pursued by SGA – an interprofessional student body.
- Discussion: None.
- Motion – Tochi Eboh
- Second – Josh Willms
- Outcome – Motion passed with 96% support from student senate.

Senate Resolution 21.05

- Congratulatory – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy in Amarillo for their recently awarded \$2.8 million grant from the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)
- Discussion: None
- Motion – Abbie Evans
- Second – Emma Brackett
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate.

Committee Updates:

1. Community Service – Josh Wilms, Chair

- Update: Email will be sent later tonight regarding updates.

2. Finance – Emma Brackett, Chair

- Update:
 - i. Working on putting together a google form to send out to the entire senate, to get ideas for the Spring Semester Fundraisers.
 - ii. Reminder that funding form (due March 1st, found on HSC net), you need to re-register your organization.

3. Operations – Marilyn Mathew, Chair

- Update:
 - i. Reiterate updates from VP of Operations
 - ii. Please report any on-campus maintenance issues to any member of the operations committee

4. Public Relations – Miguel McQueen

- Update:
 - i. Please send in senator spotlights
 - ii. SGA Instagram and twitter are live

5. Scholarship – Chris Mariano, Chair

- Update:
 - i. Notice reiterating information about Double-T T-Shirts and Phonathon Scholarship.

6. Social – Bernardo Gonzalez, Chair

- Update:
 - i. Looking into end-of-the-year social event options, more info to come.

Upcoming Events

- Next meeting 02/16/2021
- Last meeting dates:
 - 03/02/2021
 - 03/24/2021
 - 04/06/2021 (last meeting that legislation can be presented)
 - 04/20/2021 (elections meeting)
- Posting about the T-Shirt and TTUHSC Disaster Day Event will provide awareness points.

Open Forum

- If you are going to run for officer position, you must be eligible to run
 - Meet all senator requirements and be in good academic standing.
- Stephan Raicevic, Jenna Jurecky, and President Marcus Gonzalez met with the TTUHSC President's office to set up a TTUHSC Founder's Day.
 - *Administration seems receptive to the idea.*

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion: Miguel McQueen
- Second: Marilyn Mathew
- Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 pm