

SGA Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/23/2021

Call to order by Marcus Gonzales at 5:30 pm

Guest Speakers

1. Jordanna Stephens:

- Student legal services:
 - i. Services include
 - 1. Landlord/tenant
 - 2. Estate planning and probate matters
 - 3. Criminal law
 - 4. Family law
 - 5. Business
 - 6. Consumer issues
 - 7. Other matters
 - ii. Completely free to students - paid for in our tuition
 - iii. Located in the student affairs office at TTUHSC.
 - 1. Telephone number: 806-742-3286
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
 - i. Can you help with estate planning for those students in non-Lubbock campuses?
 - 1. YES. Note: doing wills in other cities means that you need to find another attorney to execute the will in that city, but Student legal services can prepare all documents for the student.

Officer Updates:

1. Rachel Kortman, VP of Communications

- a. Senator of the semester form due by tonight
- b. Committee of the Semester form due by tonight
- c. Officer elections:
 - i. Intent to run form due by Friday, April 16th by 11:59pm
 - ii. Elections will be held on 4/20/2021 - all students must be there.
 - iii. Please contact us officers if you have any questions about our positions.

2. Tim Brown, VP of Finance

- a. Spring fundraiser in the works - at Chick-Fil-A
- b. Finance Committee is working on student org budgets
- c. Specialty projects update: lots of money, so reach out to student organizations
- d. Points updated through 03/01/2021

- i. Email Tim Brown if you are running for a position and need to know ASAP (especially for running for an officer position).

3. Daniel Payberah, VP of Operations

- a. Repeat about student complains/ideas form
 - i. Please update the google spreadsheets, please share the HSC Net form with your class and let us know that you shared it!
- b. Email Daniel Payberah about attendance if you have any questions or concerns

4. Marcus Gonzalez, President

- a. QPR (Suicide Prevention_ training with Ms. Keri Shiplet
 - i. Free for all senators - please register no later than Friday, April 9th at Noon
 - 1. 2 sessions
 - a. Saturday, 4/10, 10:30am-noon
 - b. Monday, 4/12, 5:30-7pm
 - c. Zoom links in powerpoint
- b. TTU System Joint Session
 - i. Thursday, April 15th at 6pm via Zoom - **MANDATORY**
 - ii. If you have any legislation for system-wide consideration, please submit to Marcus Gonzales by Friday, April 2nd at 5 pm
- c. Vaccines open to all adults starting on Monday March 29th
 - i. Get vaccinated
 - ii. Sharing student involvement with TTUHSC El Paso and UTMB SGAs to address vaccine hesitancy in our communities. Please share any ideas you have on this issue!

5. Proposed changes to Senate Representation

- a. Changes from last meeting
 - i. School of medicine will have 3 senators per class (12 senators total)
 - ii. In effort to be fair to all senators who are currently senators:
 - 1. Changes to representation will be phased in, and all senators in good standing will continue to serve
 - a. Unoccupied seats will be filled or remain unfilled according to new guidelines.
- b. Reiterate numerical changes to student representation

6. Proposed changes to SGA Constitution and By-Laws

- a. More inclusive language to all campuses in TTUHSC
- b. Explains process and standards that have already been in place (which have never been in writing)
- c. Changed reporting structure for Executive Officers (report to Director of Student Life)
- d. Changed committee reporting structure
 - i. Finance and Scholarship to VP of Finance

- ii. Operations and Community Service to VP of Operations
- iii. Public Relations and Social Committees to the VP of Communications
- e. Will discuss and vote on these changes at the NEXT meeting, article-by-article.
 - i. ***Please review these changes and email any concerns up to then***
- f. Links to revised constitution and by-laws at next meeting

Senate Resolutions:

Senate Resolution 21.06

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulation the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee and DEI Student Ambassadors on their establishment at TTUHSC
- Motion – Abbie Evans
- Second – Stephen Rossettie
- Motion passed with 94% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.07

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate with regards to implementing a pilot test of Headspace in ~500 students.
 - Question: Who has access to the app utilization data?
 - All of this would have to be HIPAA compliant. Will make sure on this issue with the President's office in the future.
- Motion – Josh Willms
- Second – Ashley Pingsterhaus
- Motion passed with 96% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.08

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate with regards to Increasing Awareness for Therapy Assistance Online.
- Motion – Josh Willms
- Second – Sheida Doraji
- Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.09

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulation Chelsea Gerlicki, Kate Holder, Caroline Freedle, Dean Steven Berk, and Dr. Lauren Cobbs for providing Headspace to medical students via AMA memberships
- Motion – Jenna Jurecky
- Second – Bernardo Gonzalez
- Motion passed with 98% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.10

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate to revise the distribution of Senate seats to provide equal representation across each school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
 - Open floor for questions:
 - Chris Mariano: now that we know that these changes will not be immediately implemented (phased-in), who will the representation work year-by-year?
 - All senators up to the Spring of 2021, so long as they are in good standing, will keep their seats. Every year, as people fall off and create empty seats - those empty seats will either be removed (if there has been historically more seats than the new representation allows), or the seats will remain empty and try to be filled.
 - Subsequent years will be compliant with new representation rules, such that over a few years
- Motion – Marcus Gonzales
- Second – Josh Willms
- Motion passed with 96% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.11

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating Eric MacLaughlin, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCCP, PCPS, for the distinguished honor of receiving the President’s Award for Interprofessional Teamwork.
- Motion – Chris Mariano
- Second – Jenna Jurecky
- Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Committee Updates:

1. Community Service – Josh Wilms, Chair

- Blood drive is coming up next month - will send out an email after the meeting reminding about the event
 - i. Recruit people to donate blood (asking senators to share awareness of this) Specifically getting businesses to help.
 - ii. Only blood and super-red donations will count.

2. Finance – Emma Brackett, Chair

- Fundraiser is being planned for April 6th (chick-fil-a)
- Flyer in the works

3. Operations – Marilyn Mathew, Chair

- Working on the senator handbook

4. Public Relations – Clair Parker, Chair

- Putting up social media for fundraiser

5. Scholarship – Chris Mariano, Chair

- T-shirts: official email with pick-up instructions will be sent out.

6. Social – Bernardo Gonzalez, Chair

- Thanks to those who voted for faculty awards.
- Please finish the senator and committee awards

Upcoming Events:

- Next meeting 04/06/2021 (last meeting to present legislation - email legislations to Rachel Kortman the Friday before next meeting)
- Last meeting will be 04/20/2021 - officer elections meeting
 - Get intent to run form in by April 16th
 - Everyone has to be there
- Joint Congress will be on Thursday, April 15th
- Student Life announcement
 - Stanford Medicine Abilities Coalition website
 - April 10th, Saturday, 8am-6pm.
 - Event is free, no log/password required
 - Presentation materials will be provided prior to the event
 - Share this info for an awareness point
 - Conferences will be recorded, and a link to the video/conference materials will be available in a few weeks.

Open Forum:

- Marcus: If you plan on running for an officer position, remember to meet your requirements (legislation, points, etc).
- Lily Thornton: is there a google doc with legislation ideas that we can sign up for
 - Josh Willms: Most of the legislation has been explored and submitted
 - One about making voting day a university holiday.
- Keri Shippet: clarification - the blood drive Josh Willms spoke about is sponsored by SGA that will be held on TTUHSC campus.
 - Everyone who gives blood for this blood drive needs to pre-sign up.
 - 250 spots for student/staff/faculty. Goal is to fill up all of these spots ahead of time, before we inform the public
 - It's the first American Red Cross blood-drive to happen in Lubbock.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion: Marilyn Mathew
- Second: Jenna Jurecky
- Meeting Adjourned at 6:19 pm