

SGA Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/06/2021

Call to order by Marcus Gonzales at 5:30 pm

Guest Speakers

1. None - "year in review" presented, instead.

Year in Review:

1. 19 pieces of legislation passed so far
2. Heavy focus on mental health/wellness, diversity/inclusion
3. Changes to Senate Representation, first time since 2003
 - a. Well received by TTUHSC administration and regional campuses
4. Founding Day legislation currently being worked on.
5. Increased student representation across TTUHSC communities
6. First all-virtual Senate session

Officer Updates:

1. Tim Brown, VP of Finance

- a. Points are updated through 4/5/2021
 - i. Reminder to submit points form
- b. Finance Committee has finished reviewing Student Organization Budgets
 - i. Legislation for this will be voted on at today's meeting
 - ii. Budgets will be presented to Student Services Fee Committee on 04/08/2021
- c. SPF (Special Projects Funding) Requests
- d. Spring Fundraiser will be at Capital Pizza on 04/20/2021

2. Rachel Kortman, VP of Communications

- a. Officer Job Descriptions found on TTUHSC SGA Website
 - i. Intent to run form due on Friday, April 16th, at 11:59pm
- b. Elections for officers will be 4/20/2021 - MANDATORY session
 - i. Additional Information
- c. Double T Scholarship T-shirt Fundraiser
 - i. Email has been sent with specific pick-up instructions per campus
 - ii. Shirts are in the process of being shipped
- d. Double T Scholarship (pending)

3. Daniel Payberah, VP of Operations

- a. All senators - check your attendance with the provided link. Email Daniel Payberah if you believe there are any errors in your attendance.
- b. All meeting minutes are posted on the TTUHSC SGA website.
- c. Reminder to update the google spreadsheets for the complaints/interest form and social media per class.

4. Marcus Gonzalez, President

- a. QPR (Suicide Prevention) Training with Ms. Keri Shiplet
 - i. Free for all senators, register by Friday, April 9th at Noon
 - ii. Two sessions to choose from
 1. Sat, 4/10 10:30am-12pm
 2. Mon, 04/12, 5:30-7pm
- b. Joint Congress - MANDATORY EVENT - Thursday, April 15th, at 6pm over Zoom
- c. Presented legislations SR 21.20, SR 21.21, SR 21.22, SR 21.23

Changes to SGA Constitution and Bylaws:

1. More inclusive of regional campuses and distance students
 - Removed "Lubbock" language; opened up the same opportunities for all students
2. Explains processes and standards that have already been in place---just not in writing
 - Senator Elections, Senator Responsibilities, etc.
3. Changed reporting structure for Executive Officers
 - Report to Director of Student Life
4. Changed Committee reporting structure
 - Finance & Scholarship committees will report to VP of Finance; Operations & Community Service committees will report to VP of Operations; Public Relations & Social committees will report to VP of Communications

5. SGA Constitution

- Articles I-IV were approved by the Senate on 1/19/21.
- Comments, questions, or concerns on Articles V-XII
 - i. None
- Voting:
 - i. **Constitution Article V: Officers**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate
 - ii. **Constitution Article VI: Committees**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate
 - iii. **Constitution Article VII: Speakers**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate
 - iv. **Constitution Article VIII: Disbursal of Organization Funds**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate
 - v. **Constitution Article IX: Meetings**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate
 - vi. **Constitution Article X: Constitutional Amendments**

1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate
- vii. Constitution Article XI: Inter-Semester Functions**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate
- viii. Constitution Article XII: Oath of Office**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

6. SGA Bylaws

- Includes new Senate Representation--passed on 3/23/21.
- Comments, questions, or concerns
 - i. None
- Voting:
 - i. Bylaws Article I: Representation**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate
 - ii. Bylaws Article II: Responsibilities & Requirements of Senators**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate
 - iii. Bylaws Article III: Senator Election Procedures**
 1. Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Senate Resolutions:

Senate Resolution 21.04

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding establishing Voting Day on federal election days as a university holiday
- Motion – Josh Willms
- Second – Emma Brackett
- Outcome – Motion passed with 96% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.12

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating Dr. James Dembowski, Ph.D., CCC-SLP on his retirement from TTUHSC School of Health Professions.
- Motion – Abelardo Palma
- Second – Stefan Reicevic
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.15

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating the Student Research Week Committee on adapting the format of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences 33rd Student Research Week.
- Discussion:

- Josh Willms: Suggestion to name the student in charge of the committee Mariacristina Mazzitelli, and general congratulations to the leadership team.
- Motion to amend piece to add the name of the leadership team passed with 98% support from student senate
- Motion – Emma Brackett
- Second – Jenna Jurecky
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.16

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding study rooms 5D101, 5D102, 5D105-5D107 currently being used for storage
- Motion – Bernardo Gonzalez
- Second – Jenna Jurecky
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.18

- Congratulation – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating the TTUHSC School of Health Professions Physician Assistant Studies on their building expansion groundbreaking and program expansion.
- Motion – Celeste Menzer
- Second – Lily Thornton
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.19

- Action – The 2021-2022 Organization Funding Bill appropriates funds for the support of these registered student organizations for the fiscal year beginning September 01, 2021 and ending August 20, 2022.
- Motion – Tim Brown
- Second – Stephen Rosettie
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.20

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate supporting the 87th Texas State Legislature's approval of the partnership between the Texas Tech University System and Midwestern State University Texas
- Motion – Josh Willms
- Second – Marilyn Mathew
- Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.21

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate to the Texas Senate Committee for Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations regarding support for increased TEXAS Grant funding
- Motion – Josh Willms
- Second – Marilyn Mathew

- Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.22

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding the effects and concern of mental health and mental health resources offered by the Texas Tech University System during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Motion – Josh Willms
- Second – Marilyn Mathew
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Senate Resolution 21.23

- Action – Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate expressing gratitude and appreciation to all COVID-19 frontline workers both in the United States and TTU System community.
- Motion – Josh Willms
- Second – Marilyn Mathew
- Outcome – Motion passed with 100% support from student senate

Committee Updates:

1. Community Service – Josh Wilms, Chair

- Blood drive coming up
 - i. Need people to sign up and give blood (students, faculty, or staff can sign up)
 - ii. Sign up sheet will be sent out to volunteer to facilitate the blood drive
 - iii. We are awarding 5 community service points to those who donate blood
 - iv. The American Red Cross is facilitating this blood drive (contact them if you have any questions)
 - v. Flyer will be sent out in email
- Still need to contact business to put together the goodie bag
 - i. Ask everyone that is one the community service committee to each contact one business within the week

2. Finance – Emma Brackett, Chair

- Contacted capital pizza and we will be sending all the money for scholarships.

3. Operations – Marilyn Mathew, Chair

- Finish up with the handbook by the end of the week 4/9.

4. Public Relations – Clair Parker, Chair

- Collaborate with community service - any photos of community service, please email Claire.

5. Scholarship – Chris Mariano, Chair

- No updates.

6. Social – Bernardo Gonzalez, Chair

- Trophies and awards are in the works.

Upcoming Events:

- **Joint Congress** on Thursday, April 15th, at 6pm (virtual)
 - MANDATORY
- **Next meeting** on Tuesday, April 20th
 - MANDATORY
 - Intent to run form (for SGA officer position) due Friday, April 16th, by 11:59pm
- **ARC Blood Drive**
 - If you sign up to give blood and attend, you can get 5 community service points
 - If you aren't in Lubbock - donating blood at a different facility will still earn you 5 points
 - Ages 18+, must be 110+ lbs
 - If you can't give blood, spread awareness of this event for awareness points.

Open Forum:

- **Claire Parker:** When legislation is submitted, does every author get points?
 - **Tim Brown:** Tim has taken care of adding all legislation points. Legislation points do not need to be individually submitted, only community service and awareness points need to be submitted.
- **Sayanika Dutta:** legislation (in collaboration with Damien) wasn't put forward this year and will be tabled for next year. How will this work, and will points be awarded?
 - **Marcus Gonzalez:** This is one of the first times this has happened in the SGA. Pass the legislation on to whoever takes your spot, but keep your names on the legislation. Legislation will be picked up next year.
 - Credit is still given for submitting the legislation
- **Keri Shiplet:** Student Life is in charge of the Synergistic Center, planning to do some renovations over the summer. Want to talk to students who use this space for feedback.
 - In-person, showcasing of furniture next Wednesday (04/14) at 4 PM in the Synergistic center. Another virtual event is being scheduled.
- **Marcus Gonzalez:** general congratulations to the entire senate for a productive year.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion: Sandi Buchanan
- Second: Ty Talley

- Meeting Adjourned at 6:21 pm