



SGA Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Sahil Tonk.

Guest Speaker

None.

Officer Updates

President – Sahil Tonk

- Requested that absence request forms be submitted at least 24 hours in advance.
- Presented goals for the year, including active communication with the TTU System Board of Regents, other SGA presidents, and institutional faculty.
- Explained the structure of the TTU System.
- Emphasized the importance of senators using their first and last names on Zoom and keeping cameras on for attendance purposes.
- Noted that points and attendance will be uploaded weekly if possible.

Vice President of Communications – Bennett Schackmuth

- Discussed committee assignments and congratulated committee chairs.
- Outlined goals for the year, including expanding SGA's social media presence, promoting the Senators and Subs event, and supporting committees.
- Encouraged senators to check Discord and email regularly.

Vice President of Operations – James McGowan

- Presented the first community service opportunity: American Heart Association Walk on September 20, 2025.
- Reinforced attendance requirements (Zoom first and last name, camera on).
- Will maintain senator points and attendance spreadsheets in Google Drive.

Vice President of Finance – Alexander Hayek

- Will begin work with the Scholarship and Finance Committees.
- Reminded senators that the meeting schedule is fixed and should be treated as a firm commitment.

Committee Updates

Community Service – Chair: Kayla Martinez

- First-time chair; excited to begin work with the committee.

Operations – Chair: Amber Jones

- Returning member; available for questions and legislative support.

Scholarship – Chair: Suha Garasia

- First-time chair, previously served on committee.
- Requested ideas for fundraising for Double T and Phonathon scholarships.

Finance – Update provided by Arshama Dehghan

- Gave a brief overview of the Finance Committee's scope, standing in for the absent chair.

Social – Chair: Annaliese Schultz

- Planned to hold weekly meetings on Thursdays, beginning October 2, 2025.
- Began planning for the Senators and Subs event.

Public Relations – Update provided by Taylor Sanders (standing in for Chair Sarah Neal)

- Reviewed prior year's social media activities and discussed strategies to increase engagement.

Legislation Overview

President Tonk provided examples of past legislation, including:

- Funding for dry erase markers in study rooms.
- Expansion of student organization participation for distance students.
- Annual Find Your Soulmate shoe drive.
- Initiatives such as a research exchange program and proportional representation for distance students.

Open Forum – Legislative Proposals

- Adele Wilson – Call to action regarding inequity of tuition and resources at satellite campuses (study spaces, tutoring, library access).
- Dhwaani Chaturvedi – Proposed congratulatory legislation for Dr. Ward on her promotion to Assistant Dean for Clinical Skills Education; also reminded senators to label committee affiliation when proposing legislation.
- Genevieve Fuentes – Proposed call to action for a Speech Pathology Pinning Ceremony for graduate students.
- Vickie Le – Proposed congratulatory legislation for Abigail Buterbaugh on her promotion to

Program Director of the Physician Assistant Program.

- Sahil Tonk – Proposed congratulatory legislation for Dr. Tedd Mitchell on his upcoming retirement as Chancellor of the TTU System.
- Arshama Dehghan – Suggested congratulatory/introductory legislation for the incoming Chancellor (to be finalized pending BOR approval).
- Jordan Bishop – Suggested a call to action for collaboration with nearby campuses to allow TTUHSC students access to additional study and parking resources.

Discussion followed regarding whether tuition/resource-related proposals should be framed as a call to action or a special project. It was also noted that tuition is currently under a freeze, but the resource inequity remains a valid concern.

Post Open Forum

- Sahil Tonk provided a tour of the Google Drive and Discord, emphasizing available resources, legislation templates, and committee folders.
- James McGowan reiterated that senator points and attendance spreadsheets will be maintained and updated in Google Drive.

Announcements

- Red Raider Days upcoming for Amarillo, Odessa, Midland, Abilene, and Dallas campuses.
- National Hazing Prevention Week: September 22–26, 2025.
- Leadership for Learners professional development series available in Fall (Tuesdays) and Spring (Wednesdays).
- Reminder about the American Heart Association Heart Walk on September 20, 2025.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Dhwaani Chaturvedi, seconded by Caleb Martin. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.