

SGA Meeting Minutes 11/19/2024

Called to order at 5:30 pm by President Jesse Burnett

Guest Speaker

- None for today

President

- Join committee break out rooms

Committee Meetings

- The chair will give an update.

Officer Updates

- President - Jesse Burnett
 - Joint congress January 24-25th in Lubbock
 - Come together with other SGAs to pass legislation
 - We need to know who would like to go for travel reimbursement
 - Please fill out the google form
 - Link will be sent via email
- VP of Communications - Erica Botcher
 - Check discord and emails
 - New members that joined before the IT crash reach out to me
- VP of Operations - Jenna Cramer
 - Thank you to everyone for keeping up with forms on HSC Net and keeping cameras on
 - If you are having trouble accessing HSC Net please reach out ASAP
 - All points are up to date
 - Reach out if you see something that doesn't match up
 - Check out the SGA website
- VP of Finance - Jacob Mcquade
 - Double T scholarship Shirts are for sale
 - Phone-a-thon scholarship is open
 - Senators are eligible for these scholarships

Committee Updates

1. **Community Service - Chair: Nichole Stewart**
 - a. Volunteer opportunities
 - i. Shoe drive is coming up next semester

1. February 10th - 21st
2. Link has been posted in discord
3. Community service points count for helping with this event
 - a. Need help in Amarillo, Odessa, Abilene, and Midland
4. Boxes can be placed at sites that are off campus
 - a. A senator needs to be in charge of this box
 - b. Must be approved
 - c. If you sign up for the sight you are responsible for it

2. Operations - Chair: James McGowan

- a. Discussion of delegation of duties
 - i. Keys for suggestion boxes are being located
- b. Suggestion from senators and subs
 - i. Investigate tutoring for all campuses
- c. Potential solutions to UMC cafeteria fund project
- d. President Jesse Burnett will check the Dallas suggestion box

3. Scholarship - Chair Naresh Sah

- a. Fill out scholarship applications so they can be reviewed
 - i. Promote and encourage other students to fill out the applications

4. Finance - Co-Chair: Alexander Hayek

- a. Special projects funds
 - i. Specific details when choosing
 - ii. Finalize a date to go over budget process

5. Social - Chair: Bennett Schackmuth

- a. Senators and subs going well
 - i. Midland and Odessa yet to come
- b. Banquet on April 27th
 - i. Working on a theme

6. Public Relations - Chair: Sarah Neal Horne

- a. Fill out the flyers
- b. Day in the life reels for students
 - i. Need help with students from the school of pharmacy and school of medicine
- c. Always feel free to repost to reach more people

President - Jesse Burnett

- THECB
 - Attend the meetings
 - Be a representative from June 1st - May 1st the following year
 - The form closes November 27th
 - Please fill that out if you are interested and get it turned in
- New t-shirt designs are in

- Comfort colors
- Share with your cohorts
- Pick them up on campus or 9 dollars for shipping
- QR code sent via discord
- Make sure to get one and encourage others to buy one and apply for the scholarship

Open Forum

James McGowan - All suggestion box keys are accounted for

Faiad Alam - Mentorship for first generation students to make it more widespread, more accessible, and open for all students

Sahil Tonk - This has already been a call to action. There is data being collected. Dr. Jones and Dr. Carr have been working with us to get this program up and running. Currently this is just in the school of medicine, but looking to spread this program.

Alexander Hayek - Possibly expand this using residents

Faiad Alam - Is this collaboration closed?

Sahil Tonk - As of right now the collaboration is closed within the school of medicine

Ester Burns - This project was brought to the floor last year and we are waiting to see what the core team creates and gauges what this program will look like.

President Jesse Burnett - A big thing that is happening with this project is collecting data from all the deans. The wishes is a pledge that the school will take to help with mentorship and first generation students. Legislation will be beneficial for this project.

Alexander Hayek - Call to action for a mentorship program for newly formed student organizations. A community wide day spreading information about their cultures.

Stephaine Rizvi-Stewart - There is a student organization that does this since the change in the Texas Legislation that terminated DEI measures

Advisor Keri Shiplet - Naresh is the head of that student organization and can speak more on this.

Naresh Sah - The organization is working on this. We need more people to help with activities in order to be able to continue. Please reach out to Naresh to be able to plan these cultural activities.

Stephaine Rizvi-Stewart - Proposal for a call to action for the school to reaffirm the commitment to learning education and service to its student body faculty and staff without regard to their country of origin, parent's country of origin, or citizenship status.

Megan Pilcher - UMC cafeteria update. Do we need to keep going or let it go?

Jenna Cramer - Possible to create a meal plan for the cafeteria or a voucher.

Megan Pilcher - We keep getting bounced around with no certain person to speak with. Do we need to send out a survey

Alexander Hayek - potentially fundraising for the event

Keri Shiplet - This doesn't look possible for the university because they do not have the money to be able to pay for this due to the university not owning this cafeteria. The hospital owns it and the institution has come to me to push back against this project. I try not to say no but unfortunately they cannot pay for this one

James McGowan - Cleaning sim center bathrooms

Keri Shiplet- Speak with the sim center

Carolina Sanchez - The petition is circulating with good support. This is closing December 2nd. We are working on getting google forms up and running. The link will be shared in the chat and discord.

Sahil Tonk- Multicultural group may be able to help you

Keri Shiplet - Student organizations can do DEI programs the institution cannot

Adjournment

President Jesse Burnett - Motioned to call this meeting to adjourn

Dhwaani Chaturvedi - Moved to bring the meeting to adjourn

Alexander Hayek - Second the motion

President Jesse Burnett- Adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.