



DIVISION OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
LAMAR UNIVERSITY
Student Government Association

March 8, 2021 – SGA Joint Session

Ballroom

Start Time: 5:30 PM

Facilitator: Trevion Wilson, President of the Student Government Association

- I. Call to order**
 - a. 5:42 PM**
- II. Roll call**
 - a. Quorum has not been met**
- III. Approval of the minutes from Last Meeting**
 - a. Last meeting minutes have been approved**
- IV. Officer reports**
 - a. President Trevion Wilson**
 - i. Project: Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Taliah)**
 - 1. Idea: Give students the opportunity to pay off parking tickets by performing community service work**
 - 2. Legislation has been drafted and sent to the Parking Office**
 - a. Waiting on a response before presenting to Senate**
 - ii. Project: LUPD for Student Org Consistent Pricing**
 - 1. Legislation has been voted on and passed in the Senate**
 - 2. The next step is to get with Mr. Shaver and discuss implementation plans**

iii. Caleb's Greek Plaque Project

- 1. Has been completed and approved**
- 2. The next step is for Caleb to reach out to Elizabeth and begin creating a design**

iv. Transparency Flyer

- 1. Purpose: To keep the students of Lamar up-to-date on what SGA is doing and to inform them about upcoming events**
- 2. Currently working on an updated version**

b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

i. Project: Inclusive Palettes

- 1. Meeting with Mr. Boyd has been rescheduled for this week**
- 2. Currently working on a resolution to be presented to the Senate**
- 3. Projected to be finalized and implemented during this semester**

ii. Flying Cardinals Mentorship Program

- 1. Meeting with Mya scheduled for this week**
- 2. The Mentorship Retreat date for this month is tentative**
 - a. The topic will be centered around teaching professional/life skills**

iii. Currently working on Transition Report for next SGA Vice President

c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

i. Project: Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Trevion)

- 1. Met with Professor Flosi again to discuss updates and to solidify Earth Day ideas**
 - 2. Emailed Parking to further discuss our ideas/potential solutions and waiting on a response**
 - a. Will follow-up soon**
 - 3. Currently brainstorming potential alternatives to the parking ticket relief idea**
 - 4. Next meeting scheduled for March 18th**
- ii. University Sustainability Committee**
- 1. Working on eliminating unnecessary paper use in the library**
 - a. Professor Flosi will give updates when she hears back from the library about their current status**
- iii. Currently working on Transition Report for next SGA Sec.-Treasurer**

V. Senator reports

a. Senator Tiffany Tran

i. Project: Science and Technology Building Hours Extension

- 1. Dr. Lin met with upper administration about getting extra funding to pay student workers and they said there is no funding available**
- 2. Would like to show all of the services and amenities that this building has to offer through the creation of a website – could also possibly allow students to make online room reservations**
 - a. Will be following-up with Dr. Lin soon**

- 3. Planning to create a survey to gauge student interest**

- ii. Project: SGA Suggestion Box Beautification**

- 1. Sent the flyer to the Execs and waiting on their response**

- 2. The next step is to promote the flyer through social media to reach more students who might be interested in helping**

- iii. Project: College of Arts and Sciences Student Committee**

- 1. Has been approved by the Dean**

- 2. Currently working on finalizing legislation**

- 3. The next step is for the Dean of each department to appoint a representative to serve on the committee**

- b. Senator Caleb Love**

- i. Not Present**

- c. Senator Mya Lincoln**

- i. Community Service Project**

- 1. Having trouble getting in contact with The Wesley Center but looked into The Big Event and found that we can register/serve as a team**

- ii. Project: Customizable Meal Plan**

- 1. Will be meeting with Mr. Boyd this week**

- 2. Currently researching supporting information and finalizing the resolution – open to any help or assistance with this**

- 3. Projected to be implemented during the Fall semester**

- d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc**

i. Project: Bike Restoration

- 1. Has been in contact with Mr. Martin who is on board with the repairs and is currently requesting funding for this**

ii. Project: Fish Tanks in the Dorms

- 1. Reached out to Sam Houston for advice and they reported never having an issue with fish tanks or with having to require students to sign a contract**
- 2. Currently working on a survey to gauge student interest**

iii. Project: Increase Course Consistency (Partnered with Alexia)

- 1. Will be meeting with the Academic Advising Center to discuss adding symbols next to course names on degree audit that will symbolize which semesters the class is offered**
- 2. Planning to create a set of standards to guide advisors during advising sessions – will help create a more consistent advising experience for students**

iv. Project: Makerspace Funding

- 1. Will be emailing the person over the Science and Technology building and the Dean of the College of Engineering to see if they can...**
 - a. provide suggestions on how to secure funding for students to purchase tools to use in the makerspace**
 - b. help increase awareness about the functions of the makerspace and who can use it**

v. New Project: Online Dining Hall Menu Accuracy

- 1. Will be emailing Dining Services soon to see if they can make a better effort to keep their online menu updated**

e. Senator Katelynn Haynes

- i. Not Present**

f. Senator Jasmine Martin

i. Event: Let's Talk About Grad School

- 1. Date/Time: March 25th and 26th from 10 AM - 4 PM**
 - a. Sessions will be held virtually in 30 min time slots within this time frame**
- 2. Currently have over 20 graduate program representatives confirmed**
- 3. A flyer with all of the details will be posted this week**
- 4. Will have the layout and scheduling solidified by the next Senate session**

g. Senator Cade Pellerin

i. Project: Increase Disaster Preparedness

- 1. Purpose: To increase the number of resources Lamar has on hand with the intent to be better prepared in the event of a natural disaster**
- 2. Idea: To create an on-campus stockpile of water**
- 3. Will first need to determine which department will oversee this stockpile and then contact them**

- a. **Plans to contact the Emergency Committees Lamar has to see if they have any advice/direction**

h. Senator Kaylee Goodspeed

i. Project: Course Cost Survey

1. **Talked with Ms. Emily Born and found that an exemption form will not be needed**
2. **The next step is to meet with Dr. Kang to begin building the survey – has emailed him and is waiting on a response**

ii. Project: Sensory Safe Space

1. **Has answered questions from Ms. Beth Byers and Dr. Harm from College Connect about the purpose of this project and is waiting to receive their input/feedback**
2. **Will also be working with Dr. Kang to create a survey to gauge student interest**

i. Senator Maurio Stevens

i. Not Present

j. Senator Alexia Morgan

i. Project: MathLab to be available on weekends

1. **Met with Ms. Jacqueline and discussed this idea – the soonest they could offer this is during the Summer semester as a pilot program**
2. **Also working on ways to increase Freshman math test scores as they have decreased since being out of the classroom**

ii. Project: Increase Course Consistency (Partnered with Caroline)

- 1. Planning to meet with Dr. Nichols to see what she is currently developing and to see how we can spread awareness about this**

k. Senator Mykayla Johnson

i. Project: Increase Housing Options

- 1. Currently contacting apartment complexes to discuss idea/feasibility and to request price quotations**

ii. Project: Guest/Day Passes in the Rec Center

- 1. Waiting to receive an update from Mr. Shaver**

l. Senator Tyler Martin

i. Not Present

VI. Old business

- a. None**

VII. New business

- a. None**

VIII. Open forum

a. Michael Saar Presentation: Library LibQual+ Survey

- i. Purpose: to assess how the library is meeting the needs of its users and to gather concerns/suggestions on how things can be improved**
- ii. Can be found at lamar.edu/library and it takes about 5 minutes to complete**
- iii. Greatly encourages students to take this survey and to spread the word around; This survey is very important as it is one of the primary**

feedback methods the library uses when making improvement decisions

- 1. In the past, this survey was used to make decisions about the improvements that are currently, or planned to be, taking place**
 - a. Ex: Remodeling study rooms, increasing electronic resources, improvement of safety and security, revitalizing of the building as a whole**
 - b. Renovations will soon begin on the sprinkler system — will be going floor by floor**
- iv. Each participant will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win an Apple iPad Air, two \$25 gift cards to the campus bookstore, or 20 vouchers for one free Grande Starbucks beverage**
- v. Survey closes on March 29th**

b. Library Recommendations

- i. Tiffany: to reupholster seats and allow printers and coffee machines to be available to students 24/7**
 - 1. Response: This would be more feasible if printing was easily accessible to where students could retrieve their own paper**
- ii. Jasmine: to install a first floor restroom — this would be especially helpful for disabled students**
- iii. Cade: to give students an adequate amount of prior notice so students know which floors will be open/closed**

1. **Response: They plan to be able to do this but oftentimes the library gets alerted at the last minute; hoping to get this information posted to the library website once confirmed**

c. Questions

i. Q. Is there a current remodeling plan in place?

1. **A. Not currently, but that could be implemented as a result of this survey**

ii. Q. How will the renovation of the sprinkler system affect students?

1. **Measures will be taken to avoid as much inconvenience as possible but there will be periods of time when floors are unavailable. In these instances, there will be a library rep able to retrieve items for you**

iii. Q. Are there still colored printers available?

1. **A. Will look into it and get back to you**
2. **A. Yes it is available but you have to specifically ask to print in color**

iv. Q. Will students have an input in the renovation of the library?

1. **A. We hope that is the case, but utilization of the survey is a great way to voice your ideas/suggestions**

v. Q. Will there be a remodeling committee that students can serve on?

1. **A. This could be a possibility but as for the time being we want to make sure we get input from students, faculty, and staff through the use of this survey**

vi. Q. Will we always have to reserve rooms or is this just because of COVID-19?

1. A. Yes, it was initially implemented in response to coronavirus. However, we are interested in seeing feedback from students as there has been both positive and negative responses to this — could potentially have a mixture of reservations and first come first serve in the future

IX. Advisor Comments

a. None

X. Announcements

a. Stay tuned to the SGA social media pages for details about the elections

b. Tentative Updated Safety Walk Date: March 24th at 6:00 PM in the Ballroom

c. Big Event Registration is open

i. Everyone is required to register individually, but if you are a part of a team make sure to signify which organization in the appropriate section on the form

XI. Adjournment

a. Adjourned at 6:50 PM