October 05, 2020 – SGA Senate Session

Neches 120

Start Time: 5:30 pm

Facilitator: Jasmine Patin, Vice President of the Student Government Association

I. Call to order
   a. 5:34 PM

II. Roll call
   a. Quorum has 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. Resource Guide
         1. Reached out to Kate Downing and will be working with SGA now and in the future
         2. Reached out to Amanda Toups who does graphic design
         3. Looking to reach out to local businesses and see who can offer Lamar discounts to be put in the guide
      ii. Executive Cabinet
          1. Timesha is helping lead the cabinet
          2. Currently working to replace the Mirabeau Lamar head
3. Idea: creating more sidewalks on campus

4. Working to attend SGA events as a cabinet

iii. Aquatics

1. Reached out and confirmed that the pool was closed because of the diving board but they are currently working on repairing it

2. When finished they want SGA to help spread the word about reopening

iv. Drive the Vote

1. Currently registered 150+ students

2. Created the sign-up and will be putting it out soon

v. Transparency Guide

1. Completed and currently working with the PR Committee to get the word out

vi. Graduate Studies Senator

1. Will be meeting with Jasmine Martin (appointed by her Dean) about her role within SGA

b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

i. Mentorship Training

1. Working with Ms. Carol to create a training program

2. Will be Wednesday, October 14th

3. Will be sending out more details soon

ii. Mentorship Retreat

1. Location: SSC Neches 120
2. When: Friday, October 9th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

3. Will be an introductory meeting about the program

4. Chick-fil-a will be catered

iii. Has been working closely with the Speaker of the House on her new position

iv. Met with Canaan about freshman interaction

1. Meeting this Wednesday to further discuss freshman engagement ideas

   a. Contact Jasmine with ideas

v. Study With SGA

1. Possibly get chick-fil-a catered

c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

   i. Recycling

      1. Will be meeting with someone soon to see if we can get recycling reestablished on campus

      2. Possibly implement a Sustainability Committee within SGA

   ii. Sustainability Badge

      1. Students have the opportunity to earn a “Sustainability Badge” after you complete % required courses

      2. The badge is digital and can be put on your resume/e-portfolio

V. Senator reports

   a. Senator Tiffany Tran

      i. Mock MCAT Exam
1. Met with Menna, AMSA Vice President and she requested to wait a few more weeks before planning anything

ii. Library Hours

1. See Tyler’s report

iii. College of Arts and Sciences Survey

1. Completed the survey and waiting for feedback from Execs
2. Emailed Dr. Maurer and waiting on a response

b. Senator Caleb Love

i. Met with Canaan

1. Will begin writing the licensing contract
2. Said CAB can help fund other SGA projects

ii. Men of excellence

1. Meeting this Thursday about the lack of faculty representation
2. Looking to see how the dynamic between Men and Women can improve

iii. PR committee

1. Can create videos or take pictures for SGA if needed

c. Senator Mya Lincoln

i. Portable Wifis

1. Met with Dr. Mena
   a. Said it’s not possible to provide students with portable wifi but advised they go to their cellular carriers for one
b. Gave info about the available places on campus that provide wifi (STEM Building, parking lots, library, Sertinos)

2. Looking to get the available wifi resources put on website

3. Issues: Sci and Tech building is crowded and not open on weekends; what about the people who work late

4. Ideas: Possibly open lounge in the Comm building back up

d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc

i. Meeting next week with McNeil about getting fish tanks in the dorms

ii. Completed a rough draft of the FAQ page

e. Senator Katelynn Haynes

i. Waiting on response from the DSD department and will be contacting the DRC department soon

ii. Looking to get captions on the TVs and will be in contact with Trey

f. Senator Leonardo Lopez

i. Will be emailing Dr. McNeil about the overnight guest policy

ii. Met with the person over the Sci and Tech Building

1. It’s closed on weekends because professors don’t feel safe doing research around students with no masks

2. He will be meeting with the Provost to see if staying open on weekends is a possibility

g. Senator Kaylee Goodspeed

i. Cost Survey
1. Waiting on a response from the IT department
   
   ii. Had someone reach out about the availability of printers
   1. Will be reaching out to Mr. Shaver for advice
   2. Idea: extend hours in the Morris Writing Center
   3. Possibly get the word out about computer labs on campus

h. Senator Maurio Stevens
   
   i. Not present

i. Senator Alexia Morgan

   i. Senior Box
   
   1. Met with Jessica, will be meeting with other people next week
   2. Possibly implement an SGA Graduation Committee
      
      a. Jessica wants to be more in contact with students

j. Senator Mykayla Johnson

   i. Will be contacting Canaan about having a Greek event for Freshman

k. Senator Tyler Martin

   i. Met with the Dean of the Library, Dr. Arne Almquist
   
   1. Library hours
      
      a. Were reduced because of lack of staff but the hours on some days will be extended to midnight within 2-3 weeks
      
      b. Discussed ways to inform students about hour extensions (Post on Campus Announcements or through SGA)
2. 6th Floor Reservation Policy
   i. Rooms are free to reserve; only 2/room and masks are required at all times
   ii. Will talk to library IT to see if form can be online
3. Library Renovations
   a. Will start in February and go floor by floor
   b. Plan to build more study rooms and implement a sprinkler system
4. Other Updates
   a. Vending machines have been installed, earplugs are available, ATM has been moved to the first floor, Technology Share is active (laptops can be checked out)
   ii. Will look into Book Sharing (sharing books with other universities)
   iii. 4 Year Tuition Rebate
      1. Met with Craig Escamilla
      2. Found there is already a $1000 tuition rebate established
      3. Not known by many because info is not on the Lamar website
VI. Old business
   a. None
VII. New business
   a. None
VIII. Open forum
a. Alexia

i. Idea: partner with the Career Center and put on a Career Workshop

   1. Have headshots taken, work on resumes, help with interest letters, etc.

b. Tiffany

i. Excited about everyone’s projects and everyone’s feedback from our Voice the Vote events

ii. We should give everyone the opportunity to park in the Senior Parking area instead of holding them back on a “technicality”

   1. Parking is already “first come, first serve”

IX. Advisor Comments

a. Feel free to email Todd, at tshaver@lamar.edu, if you need help with anything

b. Monday Campus Announcements:

   i. Career fair is October 8 at 2:00 PM

   ii. Students are encouraged to complete the “Let’s Dialogue” survey listed on the Monday Announcements

   iii. Link:

       https://lamaruniv.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9MLf4dJHYNnxfg

X. Announcements

a. LU Read for Change Book Club

   i. Books: “This Book is Anti-Racist” and “How to be an Anti-Racist”

   ii. Deadline to sign up is October 5th
b. Women of Excellence Event on Wednesday, October 7 at 4:00 PM

c. Office Hours: Tuesday (11 AM - 12:30 PM) and Thursday (1 PM - 3 PM)

d. Omegas October 7th Events: Wing Wednesday from 11 AM - 2 PM and
   Financial Literacy event at 7 PM in the SSC Ballroom

e. Omegas and Alphas Bowling Event: October 9th at 8 PM at Star Bowling

f. Drive the Vote: October 13th and 14th from 12 PM - 5 PM

g. I’m Not My Hair Event: October 15th at 4 PM in the library

h. Remember NAACP week is next week

XI. Adjournment

   a. Adjourned at 6:40 PM