October 12, 2020 – SGA Joint Meeting

Neches 120

Start Time: 5:30 pm

Facilitator: Trevion Wilson, President of the Student Government Association

I. Call to order
   a. 5:36 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. SGA Voter Registration Drive
         1. Goal: Increase Civic Engagement
         2. Currently registered 150+ students, including the entire football team
         3. Drive the Vote: students will receive shuttle transportation to and from the Jefferson County Courthouse for early voting
      ii. Resource Guide
         1. Goal: Connect student with the resources available to them
2. Includes: on-campus resources, discounts from local restaurants/shops, etc.

3. Have currently been cold-calling local restaurants for discounts

4. Will be scheduling a meeting with Marketing for design help

iii. Transparency Template

1. Goal: Improve transparency between students and SGA

2. Template has been completed and posted to SGA social media

3. Looking to make changes to the By-laws to make template sustainable

iv. Aquatics

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

v. Executive Cabinet

1. Projects

   a. Increasing number of sidewalks on campus

   b. Replacing Mirabeau Head with a statue that represents all Lamar students

      i. Will brainstorm ideas for students to vote on

b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

   i. Mentorship Program
1. Goals: to help those at-risk students who feel underserved and underrepresented, to be sustainable

2. Retreat will be launching soon

   ii. Study with SGA

   1. Goal: to increase student interaction within the classroom, to help students to connect with each other

   iii. Campus Hours Initiative

   1. Goal: to increase SGA accessibility and transparency

   2. SGA members have been participating in other student-led organization events

   c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

      i. The Meeting Minutes have now been posted to the SGA website

      ii. Campus Sustainability

         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

         3. Sustainability Badge

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

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

V. Senator reports

   a. Senator Tiffany Tran
i. Lack of Study Rooms
   1. Reached out to the Dean of the Library about possible solutions
   2. In a few weeks the hours will be extended to midnight

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

iii. College of Arts and Sciences Survey
   1. Completed, working to put into a template before sending out

b. Senator Caleb Love
   i. Greek Proposal
      1. Licensing contract has been written
      2. Will be meeting with Mr. Shaver soon about the next steps
   ii. Working with Dr. Titus and Dr. Wright to get more General studies majors to Education majors
      1. Currently contacting students individually
      2. Working with Lance to make the transition easier
   iii. PR Committee has created the Coffee with Congress and Study with SGA flyer templates

c. Senator Mya Lincoln
   i. College of Business Survey
      1. Currently brainstorming questions
   ii. Portable Wifi Project
1. Met with Mr. Shaver and Dr. Mena

2. Working to get the available wifi resources put online

d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc

i. FAQ page

1. Goal: answer common questions students may have about SGA

2. Need to finish some details and then will be reaching out to Execs for approval

ii. Fish Tanks

1. Will be meeting with Dr. McNeil soon

iii. Helping Alexia with her Senior Box project and the Resume Workshop

iv. Emailed IT desk about possible solutions to better camera quality

e. Senator Katelynn Haynes

i. Heard back from the President of Signing Cardinals and reached out to a faculty member they recommended

1. Waiting on a response

f. Senator Leonardo Lopez

i. STEM Building

1. Met with person over STEM building - Gaven Jones

   a. Mr. Jones talked to the Provost about possibly opening on the weekends

   b. Will be kept in the loop
2. Looking to possibly get printers installed

g. Senator Kaylee Goodspeed
   i. Cost Transparency Survey
      1. Goal: give students an accurate description of the fees they will face in college
      2. Emailed IT and will be following-up in person

h. Senator Maurio Stevens
   i. Card-IN-al Plan
      1. Created points for each organization to ensure the fair treatment of everyone
         a. Points: Access, Attitude, Choice, Partnerships, Communication, Policy, Opportunity

i. Senator Alexia Morgan
   i. I’m Not My Hair Event
      1. October 15 at 4 PM
      2. Will be having an event for those students who feel underappreciated and underheard
      3. Guest speaker coming to talk about the Crown Act
      4. Working to get a video posted advertising the event

ii. Resume Workshop
    1. Will be meeting with all of the engineering clubs next week
    2. Date: shooting for November 19
3. Students will get help with their resume, interest letter, cover letter, headshot, etc.

iii. Senior Box

1. Looking to schedule a meeting with the manager of the bookstore soon to get started on it

j. Senator Mykayla Johnson

i. Not Present

k. Senator Tyler Martin

i. T-shirt Design Competition

1. Turned into the Mask Design Competition

ii. 4-Year Tuition Rebate

1. Found there is already a $1000 tuition rebate established

2. Not known by many because info is not on the Lamar website

3. Believes Lamar should be more transparent with this info

iii. New Project: Enhancing Student Mental Health Support/Accessibility

1. Will start working with administration

VI. Old business

a. None

VII. New business

a. None

VIII. Open forum

a. Office of Financial Aid

i. General Information
1. Students are encouraged to complete the FASFA and any scholarship applications as soon as possible as awards are given out in February/March

2. If you need help with anything feel free to visit

ii. Financial Aid Funds

1. If your GPA drops below 2.0 you will be placed on financial aid probation

2. Be careful dropping classes past the 12th class day because financial aid funds could be frozen indefinitely

iii. FASFA Required Information

1. *Note: Use your dependency (dependent/independent) to determine if you need to provide parental information

2. Link to checklist:  

   https://www.educationquest.org/pdfs/FAFSAchecklist.pdf

IX. Advisor Comments

   a. None

X. Announcements

   a. Drive the Vote: October 13th and 14th from 12 PM - 5 PM, Set Circle Drive

   b. Study with SGA: October 13th at 5:30 PM in Maes 102

   c. Mentorship Retreat: October 21st

   d. Technology Share: students can check out laptops from the library

   e. Wifi Locations:

      i. E-1: Beside Galloway, Geology, Social Sciences, Physics, and Music
ii. D-5: Between the Comm Building and Dining Hall

iii. C-1: In front of the Rec

iv. G-2: Large Lot behind Campbell Hall, next to the Sci & Tech Building

f. Library hours will soon be extended to midnight

XI. Adjournment

a. Adjourned at 6:33 PM