November 16, 2020 – SGA Senate Session

San Jacinto 218

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. Learning how to use Adobe InDesign so the process has been prolonged
         2. 14 pg booklet
      ii. Mirabeau B. Lamar Statue Video
         1. Has been completed but a few adjustments need to be made before it’s published
      iii. Board of Regents Meeting
1. Will not be attending as students are not allowed at this upcoming Board of Regents meeting

iv. Mentorship Program

1. Will be reaching out to both Mentees early this week

v. Police Pricing

1. Working on a resolution that will provide student organizations more consistent and affordable pricing when police are needed at events

b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

i. Inclusive Palettes

1. Met with William Boyd (over dining services) and he’s eager to work with us and explore possible options/solutions

2. Currently working on preparing a resolution

3. Looking into Chipotle to replace Jason’s Deli instead of Smoothie King (Smoothie King hasn’t been completely confirmed yet)

   a. Caleb will be helping to facilitate the project

4. Follow-up meeting scheduled for December 2nd

ii. Safety Matters Event

1. Assisted in planning and collaborating with CAB and LUPD for the safety event

iii. Mentorship Program
1. Met with Mentee this past week and will be signing Integrity Contract soon

2. Need everyone’s Integrity contract by Friday

iv. Election Rules

1. Working with the Justices to ensure next year’s election is fair and unbiased
   a. Making sure to establish more clear and defined rules, punishments, and roles

c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

i. Sustainability Committee

1. Will be informing departments about the Sustainability Badge this week

2. Working on a Sustainability Transparency Flyer
   a. Will be in partnership with the Green Squad
   b. Goal: To increase awareness about the importance of Sustainability and to inform students about what’s going on around campus with the Green Squad and the University Sustainability Committee
   c. Will include: the mission statement, fun facts, current projects, how to get involved, etc.
   d. Similar to SGA’s Transparency Template

ii. Mentorship Program

1. Will be meeting with Mentee this Friday
V. Senator reports

a. Senator Tiffany Tran

i. College of Arts and Sciences Survey

1. Followed-up about the list of students and survey is planned to be sent out this week

ii. SGA Suggestion Box Beautification Project

1. Spoke with the President of the Artist Common Club and only one person sign up
2. The new plan is to wait until next semester and reach out to the other two Art orgs on campus to see if they’re interested

b. Senator Caleb Love

i. PR Committee

1. Secure the Bag (Resume Event) Flyer is complete

ii. Greek Plaque Proposal

1. Resolution is complete and will be voted on today

iii. Education Certification Exam Study Guide

1. Talked to Ms. Sprott - the faculty advisor over the PPR exam
2. Reached out to 3 out of the 4 faculty advisors over each concentration and they are on board

iv. Mentorship Program

1. Meeting with Mentee this Wednesday to discuss what they want to gain, and Friday to have a study session
2. Will sign Integrity contract
c. Senator Mya Lincoln
   i. Not Present

d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc
   i. Resume Workshop
      1. When: November 19th at 6:30 PM in the Mcdonald Gym
   ii. Mentorship Program
      1. Meeting with Mentee on Wednesday to get lunch

 e. Senator Katelynn Haynes
   i. Tv Captions
      1. Still waiting on a response from the DSDE department
      2. Trey recommended a few people to reach out to
   ii. Plan to revisit the Parking Project

f. Senator Jasmine Martin
   i. Graduate Studies Survey
      1. Received 61 submissions and counting
      2. Currently brainstorming event/project ideas that cater to the responses

g. Senator Leonardo Lopez
   i. Not Present

h. Senator Kaylee Goodspeed
   i. Sent potential survey questions to Jasmine and waiting for feedback
   ii. Planning to meet with Dr. Nichols for approval and then will meet with Dr. Pember
i. Senator Maurio Stevens

i. Student Engagement Committee

1. Met to discuss the skits for the Safety Matters Event

ii. Card-IN-al Plan

1. Will plan to meet early next semester as this semester is coming to a close - great opportunity to teach orgs how to be more inclusive to new members

2. Will reach out to orgs now to set a date/time and reserve the room

j. Senator Alexia Morgan

i. Secure the Bag Event (Resume Workshop)

1. In partnership with Alpha Phi Alpha and NSBE

2. Two people from the Career Center will be presenting and helping to critique resumes and interest letters

3. Will offer free headshots

ii. Freshman Suggestions

1. SGA Shadowing

   a. Day in the life of an SGA member

2. Public Speaking Event

   a. Purpose: To teach students all there is to know about speaking in front of people
i. How to get more involved and interact with others, how to join E-boards, how to dress to impress, how to lead a meeting

b. Tyler: Theater and Arts have been brainstorming for a similar event and SGA could possibly partner with them

iii. Senior Box

1. Still in progress, projected to be finished in the Spring

iv. Will be working with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to put on fun events for the Freshman

k. Senator Mykayla Johnson

i. Greek Event Idea

1. Reached out to Canaan and was redirected to Oris
   a. Said to brainstorm an idea and he will help

2. Event Details: Greek life Showcase
   a. Every Greek org on campus would be involved
      (strolling, chants, etc.)
   b. There would be information about how to get involved
   c. Catered to Freshman and anyone interested in getting involved with Greek life

3. Emailed Oris with the basic info about the event and waiting on a response, began working on a presentation about the event
I. Senator Tyler Martin

i. Mental Health Project

1. Met with the Student Health Clinic and discussed ways to spread the word about Mental Health

2. Panel Event Idea:
   a. Panelists would talk about their experience and give advice/tips on how to improve your mental health
   b. Potentially partner with SGA
   c. Planned for next semester

ii. Project Idea:

1. Concern: Many Blackboard users are experiencing difficulties

2. Talked with the Director of Distance Education
   a. Possibly look into doing Blackboard Informational videos and potentially test run them in the Spring
   b. Maybe include in the resource guide to help students

iii. Updates from the Athletic Director

1. There will be four home basketball games before Christmas (2 for Women and 2 for Men)
   a. There will be a limited number of seats available and tickets are not free for students

2. Planning for full seasons of Men’s and Women’s Basketball in the Spring

3. Planning for 6 games of football in the Spring
4. Will potentially be full seasons of volleyball, as well as other sports, in the Spring

5. Want to hold a small socially distanced tailgate at the first home football game

6. Want to work with SGA and the Peckers to get more school spirit and increase student engagement
   a. Alexia: Athletics should involve student orgs and intramural sports in halftime shows
      i. Caroline: There is a limited amount of time dedicated for halftime or our team gets penalized

VI. Old business
   a. Greek Plaque Proposal Voting
      i. Will need to be approved by Dr. McNeil and then Beaumont Trophy will begin processing
         1. Installation planned for late February/early March
      ii. Voting Results: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

VII. New business
   a. None

VIII. Open forum
   a. Caleb:
      i. [Tyler] How did you get involved on committees?
         1. Appointed by President Evans but SGA can also appoint students to committees
b. Alexia

i. Project Idea:

1. Concerns: Classes only offered during one semester can force a student to graduate later than expected
   
   a. Teachers’ Response: Not enough teachers to teach those courses or not enough students taking the class

2. Goal: To get classes offered on a more consistent schedule (year-round)

ii. There are not a lot of jobs available especially for students not on work-study

   1. Jasmine: there should be consistent guidelines as fewer students are working because of COVID

IX. Advisor Comments

   a. Recommends using the Monday Announcements and the TVs to spread the word about events to a broader audience

   b. Recommends looking back at voting procedures

      i. Proposals should be read out with a physical copy in one meeting and then voted on in the next

      ii. Process wise, the Greek Council should have voted on Caleb’s proposal first

   c. Student jobs will be posted soon (both regular and work-study)

   d. The Rec will be closed during Thanksgiving Break

   e. The Set will be closed up until the Sunday after Thanksgiving
X. Announcements

a. Safety Matters Event: November 17th from 2:30 - 4:00 PM in McDonald Gym

b. Secure the Bag (Resume Event): November 19th at 6:30 PM in McDonald Gym

c. Execs will assist the Senate in pushing their projects to completion

d. Polos are in, we need your signature before you get your polo
   i. Come get your polo from the office, preferably during office hours

e. Class Schedules will need to be turned in to the Execs before the beginning of the Spring 2021 semester.

f. Begin working on Transition Reports for the next administration
   i. The Execs can provide an example if anyone needs one

g. The next group Mentorship Meeting with Mya will be on November 30th

h. Goals for Spring 2021
   i. Improved attendance in SGA related meetings/events
   ii. Have resolutions passed and changed by March of 2021
   iii. Establish sustainable changes from our administration
   iv. Continue communication about projects with faculty and administration over Winter Break
   v. Reach a broader audience

i. Joint Session Absences
   i. Katelynn: 1 Excused; Leo: 1 Unexcused; Mykayla: 2 Excused, 1 Unexcused; Tyler: 1 Unexcused
j. Senate Session Absences:

i. Caroline: 1 Excused; Katelynn: 1 Excused, 1 Unexcused; Tyler: 1 Unexcused; Tiffany: 1 Unexcused; Mykayla: 1 Excused; Mya: 1 Excused; Leo: 1 Unexcused

XI. Adjournment

a. Adjourned at 7:00 PM