September 21, 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. 5:30 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 Trey Wilson
      i. Resource Guide
         1. Working with Reliable Copy Co. and almost complete
         2. Will be an electronic copy and then eventually be a hard copy
         3. Looking to schedule a meeting with Brandy to possibly get them passed out during orientation
         4. Need to get price (approx $50) approved by Todd
      ii. Drive the Vote
          1. Registered 40+ people at first event
          2. Sign-up for Drive the Vote will be put out Wednesday
iii. Transparency Guide

1. Finishing up the details
2. Includes: Current Projects, Upcoming Dates, Contact Info, etc.

iv. Mirabeau Head Replacement

1. Requires legislative action on the state level to get replaced
2. Will be working with President Evans to present it to the state
3. Will be working with the Executive Cabinet on ideas

v. PR and Student Engagement Committees

1. Caleb Love is the head of the PR
2. Maurio Stevens is the head of Student Engagement

vi. Swipe meals

1. No updates

vii. Graduate Studies Senator

1. Looking to get the position refilled

b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

i. Mentorship Project

1. Launch date: September 30
2. Meeting scheduled with Mya Drakeford this week
3. Will be sending out the application soon

ii. Looking to begin a new project

iii. Looking to improve freshman experience to increase retention rate

1. Will be scheduling a meeting with Canaan

iv. Study with SGA
1. Hoping for a better turnout with usage of the committees

2. Possibly get Chick-Fil-A at the next one

v. Pro Tempore Position

1. Working closely with Alexia to fully utilize the position

c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

i. Got access to the SGA Website

1. Will meet with Caroline to work on the SGA FAQ page

ii. Reached out to Ms. Flosi about the Sustainability Committee

1. Will be helping with a Sustainability Badge Program

2. Will be meeting to discuss how recycling can be reestablished on campus

V. Senator reports

a. Senator Tiffany Tran

i. New project: increase number of study areas available later in the day

1. Suggestions: extend library hours

2. Reached out to Dean of Library to get hours extended to 11 PM

ii. Mock MCAT

1. Reached out and waiting for a response from Rosalia

iii. College of Arts and Sciences Survey

1. Almost done and will be sending to Executive to check over

b. Senator Caleb Love

i. Greek Plaque
1. The company quoted a cheaper price ($5 per plate and 5 cents per letter - around $10 - $11 total)

2. Need a licensing contract before moving forward
   a. Will be in contact with Canaan

ii. Working to get more males into the Education program
   1. Working with Dr. Titus
   2. Looking to possibly have a social event with the General Studies Majors

iii. PR committee
   1. Reached out and will be meeting with them this Wednesday
   2. Regular meetings will be Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

c. Senator Mya Lincoln
   i. College of Business Survey
      1. Got in contact with the Associate Dean
      2. Looking to get the surveys posted in the newsletter or handed out during Fall Festival
      3. Currently brainstorming possible questions
   
   ii. Portable Wifis
       1. Waiting on an email from Dr. Mena

d. Senator Katelynn Haynes
   i. Looking to get accommodations for Deaf and hard of hearing students
      1. Got a response and will be reaching out to someone new
2. Looking into getting captions on the TVs in the Comm building

e. Senator Leonardo Lopez
   i. Overnight Guest Policy
      1. Followed-up with the Director of Residence and Housing Life and will be going to her office soon
      2. Idea: Have it be required to get permission from roommate to have overnight guests of the opposite sex

f. Senator Kaylee Goodspeed
   i. Transparency Survey
      1. Will be contacting the IT department soon

g. Senator Maurio Stevens
   i. Card-IN-AL Plan
      1. In the process of contacting the cultural orgs on campus
      2. Will be sending an email to Dr. Jackson to get her to speak at the meeting
   ii. Student Engagement Committee
      1. Got everyone’s numbers and will be reaching out soon
      2. Ideas for Committee:
         a. Get T-shirts
         b. Have tabling events
         c. Have a calendar that includes all events and go to other org events as a committee to show love
d. Get suggestions from members on how to better campus

e. Get endorsed by other orgs to increase visibility

h. Senator Alexia Morgan

i. Hurricane Laura Fundraiser
   1. Raised approx $300 and donated purchased supplies

ii. Swipe out hunger
   1. Met with Todd and Dr. Mena
      a. Would not be able to turn swipes into actual meals

iii. I am Not My Hair Event - October 15
   1. Will inform people about African-American hair and will provide support for students feeling underheard

iv. Senior Box and Senior Walk
   1. Have a meeting scheduled with Jessica
   2. Idea: possibly have students opt-in to pay for it

v. Parking Project
   1. In contact with Canaan, said issue can possibly get resolved
   2. Will reach out to Clayton Harrington

vi. Title IX
   1. Coming out and will be mandatory
   2. Working to get it to encompass more student issues

i. Senator Mykayla Johnson

i. Working on a way to display SGA more to the Greek Council
   1. Will be reaching out to Canaan
ii. Looking into having a big social event for all Greeks

iii. Looking into having an event for Freshmen to get to know the Greeks

j. Senator Tyler Martin
   i. Idea: have an online form to reserve private rooms on the 6th floor
   ii. T-shirt Design Competition
       1. Talked to the Director of Marketing and it is good to go
       2. Looking to schedule a meeting with the Manager of Barnes and Noble to put it into action

iii. Campus Beautification Project
   1. On hold indefinitely

iv. 4 Year Tuition Rebate
   1. Have a meeting scheduled with Craig Escamilla

VI. Old business
   a. Executive Cabinet Voting
      i. Candidates: Denton, Destiny, Timesha, Christian, Miguel, Jaylen, Colton - All voted in
   b. Associate Justice Voting
      i. Candidates: Cameron Foston and Andrew Zinck
      ii. Andrew Zinck voted in

VII. New business
   a. None

VIII. Open forum
   a. How can we improve SGA?
i. Caleb:
   1. Personally wants to work on passing on projects when someone else can handle it better
   2. We need to increase transparency

ii. Alexia:
   1. It is important to prioritize current student issues
   2. Need admin to be more transparent and helpful

iii. Tiffany:
   1. Agree we need administration to be more helpful with us

iv. Mykayla
   1. Need to fix the diving board in the indoor pool because student jobs are on the line

IX. Advisor Comments
   a. None

X. Announcements
   a. Drive the Vote: Oct. 19th and 20th from 12 PM - 5 PM
   b. Registration Event: September 23 during the Involvement Fair
   c. Communication in slack needs to improve - Senators need to respond to messages
   d. This week is Hazing Prevention Week: Sign the board in the Set from 12 PM - 3 PM every day
   e. Office Hours: Tuesdays (11 PM - 12:30 PM) and Thursdays (1 PM - 3 PM)

XI. Adjournment
a. Adjourned at 6:57 PM