September 07, 2020 – Unofficial SGA Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Start Time: 5:30 pm

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

I. Call to order
   a. 5:33 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. Polos
         1. Should be here by the end of the month
      ii. Resource Tool Box
         1. A guide with all resources available on campus
         2. Will be given to incoming students to help them adjust and will promote SGA
         3. Currently working on the design and solidifying the information
iii. Swipe Meals

1. Transferring meal swipes into dining dollars
2. Currently researching other schools and plans to reach out
   Chartwell

iv. Drive the Vote

1. Two events to increase voter registration
2. Shuttles will take students to Jefferson county courthouse to
   register early
3. Goal: get 250 registered

v. Senate Introduction Post on Social Media

1. To improve transparency between students and senators
   a. Will show people who senators are, what they do, and
   how to get in contact with them
   b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

i. Mentorship Progression

1. Will be establishing Mentorship project at the end of this
   month
2. September 30 will be the Mentor/Mentee retreat
3. If interested in being a Mentor reach out to jasmine

ii. SGA Involvement in Hurricane Relief

1. Still in planning phase, thinking about hosting a food drive
2. Any ideas? Let Jasmine know
iii. Senator Assistance with Committees

1. If interested in overseeing the PR and Student Engagement committee let Jasmine know

iv. House Meeting and COVID-19 Event

1. Will be in partnership with the Student Health Center and Housing Department

c  Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

i. COVID-19 Tabling Event

1. Will be September 10 at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

2. Will be giving out masks, hand sanitizers, and informing students about COVID-19 and how we can beat it

ii. Study with SGA

1. Will be September 15 at 5:30 PM in Maes 102

2. Gives students a chance to meet the SGA members

V. Senator reports

a. Tiffany Tran

i. Reached out about having another mock MCAT exam

1. Will reach out to pre-professional organizations for support

2. Possibly have a virtual option

ii. Idea for housing contracts
1. Has been researching the appeal process and looking into adding a resolution to the contract to prevent what happened this year from happening in the future

b. Caleb Love

i. 

c. Mya Lincoln

i. Looking into getting a COB survey so the students voices can be heard

1. Waiting for a response from the Dean

ii. Looking into the university providing off-campus students with portable wifi hotspots

1. Has been researching other schools in the TSUS system

d. Caroline LeBlanc

i. Fish Tank project updates

1. Emailed Director of Residence and Housing Life and waiting on a response

ii. Idea: we should add an FAQ page to the SGA website

1. Will increase SGA transparency and keep students in the know

e. Leonardo Lopez

i. Overnight Guest Policy

1. Emailed Director of Residence and Housing Life and waiting on a response, will be following up
f. Kaylee Goodspeed
   i. Has postponed previous idea because fall sports has been cancelled
   ii. Transparency guide
      1. A survey to be taken each semester where students can outline their average tuition so incoming students will have a better idea of the costs to expect

g. Maurio Stevens
   i.

h. Alexia Morgan
   i. Has postponed credit hour idea
   ii. I’m Not My Hair Event
      1. October 15 at 5 PM
      2. Will be having an event for those students who feel underappreciated and underheard
      3. Will be broadcasted live and pamphlets will be given out
      4. In partnership with the Diversity and Inclusion Center
   iii. Swipes for Hunger
      1. Students can donate swipes and we can use those swipes to give food to people affected by Hurricane Laura
      2. Emailed Dr. Mena and waiting for a response
   iv. Senior Box
1. Students graduating will receive a trinket, a picture (possibly on a plaque with their name and college), a diploma, etc.

2. Currently researching how other schools do their box

3. Will be in contact with the person over graduation

v. Senior Walk

1. Graduating students will get to walk through their College or the Set and get “sent off” by their fellow students

vi. Title IX

1. Will cover Sexual Violence and Diversity and Inclusion

2. Will be mandatory for students and faculty

vii. Extra Project Ideas

1. Contact Alexia if you need extra project ideas

i. Mykayla Johnson

j. Tyler Martin

i. Tying up loose ends with the T-shirt Design Competition and the Campus Beautification Project

ii. Four Year Graduation Tuition Rebate

1. If you graduate in 4 years and are not on scholarship they will give you a $1,000 or $2,000 scholarship

2. Will increase student graduation rates

3. Has been in contact with Craig Escamilla
VI. Old business

  a. SGA Goals
     i. Will move forward with these goals

  b. Pro Tempore
     i. Alexia will be the Pro Tempore

VII. New business

  a. Executive Cabinet Position
     i. People for consideration: Denton, Timesha, Destini, Colton, Miguel, Jaylen, and Christian
     ii. Will vote on the cabinet in the next meeting

  b. Associate Justice
     i. Candidates: Andrew Zinck and Cameron Foston
     ii. Will serve until they graduate
     iii. Will vote on in next meeting

  c. PR and Student Engagement Committee
     i. Potential candidates: Landon, Ayana, Caitlyn, Jerrica, Antonece, Mckenzie, Colton, Jaqueline
        1. PR: Landon, Caitlyn, Ayana, Mckenzie
        2. Student Engagement: Jerrica, Antonece, Jaqueline
     ii. Will vote on in next meeting

  d. Transition Report
     i. A report typed to help your successor know what to do in this position
1. Should be thorough and detailed to help set them up for success

   ii. Senators are encouraged to start working on them now

   e. Senators are encouraged to stop by the office during office hours

VIII. Open forum

   a. None

IX. Advisor Comments

   a. Recommendation: research TSUS schools when doing projects
   b. LU Hub is up and running
   c. Come by the rec center and use the new fusion check in service
   d. Reach out if you need hurricane relief
   e. Involvement Fair rescheduled to September 23th on the Dining Hall Lawn

X. Announcements

   a. The next House Session is September 8th at 5:30 PM in San Jacinto 218
   b. COVID-19 Awareness Event is September 10th at 11:00 AM by the Set stairs
   c. The next Joint Session is September 14 at 5:30 PM in SSC 120
   d. Study with SGA will be September 15 at 5:30 PM in Maes 102
   e. Voter Registration event will be September 17 at 12 PM - 2 PM
   f. The second Voter Registration event will be September 23 on the Dining Hall Lawn during the Involvement Fair
   g. The Mentorship Program Retreat will be September 30
   h. The next Senate Session is September 21 at 5:30 PM at SSC 120
XI. Adjournment

a. Adjourned at 6:49 PM