

March 16, 2021 - SGA House Session

**Ballroom** 

Start Time: 5:30 PM

Facilitator: Destiny John, Speaker of the House of the Student Government Association

- I. Call to order
  - a. 5:35 PM
- II. Roll call
  - a. Quorum has not been met
- III. Approval of the minutes from Last Meeting
  - a. Last meeting minutes have been approved
- **IV.** House reports
  - a. Speaker of the House Destiny John
    - i. Project: Dining Dollar/Dining Swipes Exchange
      - 1. Working to schedule a meeting with the Chartwells Director
    - ii. Encourages House representatives to talk with their organizations and brainstorm potential project ideas to bring to the next meeting
- V. Old business
  - a. None
- VI. New business
  - a. None
- VII. Open forum

- a. Q. Is everyone completely satisfied with Lamar? What can be improved?
  - 1. A. Concerns:
    - a. Science and Technology Building Hours
      - i. Senator Tiffany Tran is currently working on this but the problem she ran into is that there is no money in the budget to pay employees to oversee the building during those later hours
    - b. Campus Life
    - c. Student Representation in the Setzer Center
      - i. Would like to see more information about the events happening on campus and the resources available to students; There are not many activities to do in the Set besides study and eat; Not a welcoming and comforting atmosphere
      - ii. SGA has passed legislation to increase Greek representation in the Setzer Center plaques will include information about the Greek organizations on campus and will be located on the first floor of the Setzer Center and will look similar to the President's and Dean's List displays
    - d. Food Options

- There are not many food options, especially in the Set after the replacement of Jason's Deli with Smoothie King
- ii. There is a lack of food diversity in the dining hall and sometimes the better food options are only available to certain groups
- e. Attendance at SGA House Sessions
  - i. Attendance from House Reps is "technically" required but there is no way to enforce this

## 2. Ideas:

- a. Student Organization Fundraiser/Fair in front of the
  Set
- b. Allow for events to be held in the Quad
- c. Add a section on LU Hub where students can voice their concerns
- d. Have RA's send out emails or post flyers about campus events
- b. Q. What should be done about these concerns?
  - i. Would like to see more attendance from upper administration and student organizations at SGA House Sessions
  - ii. A faculty, staff, and administration directory should be created and made accessible to students so it is easier to know who to directly contact when there is a concern

iii. House Reps are encouraged to write legislation to help address these issues and to attend House Sessions to voice their concerns

## VIII. Advisor Comments

- a. Advises students to contact Chartwells to inquire about broadening food options on campus
- b. Reminds students that there is a new Residence Halls Director who might be open to hearing these suggestions
- c. Room occupancy is still at 25% capacity
- d. SGA Elections
  - i. The University Press is sponsoring a Presidential debate on March
     17th at 7 PM via Facebook Live students will be able to submit
     questions to the candidates
  - ii. Go to lamar.edu/sga to view the candidates running for SGA and to see their campaign points
  - iii. Students are highly encouraged to vote during elections and run-offs
    - Runs-off occur when no candidate receives a majority of the votes — the two candidates who received the most votes will then compete again in a run-off election
  - iv. Students can vote in Self-Service Banner on election days by using the "Vote for SGA" link
    - Out of the candidates running for Class Senator positions
       (Sophomore, Junior, Senior), students can only vote for the
       candidate that will be representing the classification they will

be entering upon the Fall 2021 semester (this is based on the number of credits a student has completed)

e. If you are having problems with LU Hub please notify Ms. Pulliam, Canaan, or Mr. Shaver so they can help

## IX. Announcements

- a. Spring Break is March 19th
- b. SGA Safety Walk: March 24th at 6 PM in the Ballroom
- c. SGA Election Voting will begin at 8 AM on March 24th and end at 5 PM on March 25th
- d. Study with SGA: March 30th at 6 PM in the Ballroom
- e. SGA House Session: April 6th at 5:30 PM in the Ballroom a Zoom option will also be available
- f. Slack is our main communication platform if you have not already, please get with Speaker of the House Destiny John to get added

## X. Adjournment

a. Adjourned at 6:14 PM