



DIVISION OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT  
**LAMAR UNIVERSITY**  
Student Government Association

**February 8, 2021 – SGA Joint Session**

**Maes 106**

**Start Time: 5:30 PM**

**Facilitator: Trevion Wilson, President of the Student Government Association**

- I. Call to order**
  - a. 5:41 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. Officer reports**
  - a. President Trevion Wilson**
    - i. Aquatics Diving Board Update**
      - 1. The diving board has been fixed and the pool is now open**
    - ii. Project: Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Taliah)**
      - 1. Main Goals: To increase campus sustainability, eliminate single-use plastics, and increase use of solar panels**
      - 2. Currently working on gathering supporting data and completing the resolution**
    - iii. Project: LUPD Pricing**

- 1. Idea: To implement a base price (\$20/hr) that all student organizations will pay for police officers; the excess funds will be covered by The Office of Student Engagement; student organizations will be required to fill out a co-sponsorship funds application**
- 2. Has completed the resolution and will be voting on it in the next Senate Session**

**iv. Currently working on Transition Report for next SGA President**

**b. Vice President Jasmine Patin**

**i. Project: Inclusive Palettes (Partnered with Mya)**

- 1. Met with William Boyd last week and planning to meet again this Wednesday to discuss potential meal plan additions**
- 2. The determined meal plan options will go into effect this semester**
- 3. If you have a meal plan option you would like to see implemented, please let Jasmine know**

**ii. Flying Cardinals Mentorship Program**

- 1. Purpose: To assist and provide support to at-risk students as they adjust to college/campus life**
- 2. Has been working with Mya Drakeford to make this program more sustainable within SGA**
- 3. Currently working on a resolution**

**iii. Currently working on Transition Report for next SGA Vice President**

**c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher**

**i. Project: Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Trevion)**

- 1. Met with Professor Flosi and discussed ideas and next steps**
- 2. Currently researching supporting data and drafting legislation**
- 3. Earth Day Ideas: Week-long event with daily activities (i.e. Tree Planting, Campus Clean-up, Petition Tabling, Instagram Pic Challenge)**
- 4. Next meeting scheduled for February 18th**

**ii. Currently working on Transition Report for next SGA Sec.-Treasurer**

**V. Senator Reports**

**a. Senator Tiffany Tran**

**i. Project: Science and Technology Building Hours Extension**

- 1. Met with Dr. Lin and discussed possible solutions**
- 2. Issue: they do not have the budget to pay student workers for another shift**
  - a. Suggested Solution: have student volunteers monitor the building during hours after closing**
    - i. Interested volunteers will need to undergo training**
- 3. Would like an SGA member to accompany Dr. Lin in attending a budget meeting**
- 4. Update: computers will be installed in the makerspace**
- 5. Dr. Lin would like more students to utilize the building**



2. **Striving to make social media posts earlier and make more story posts to track the number of viewers**
3. **Currently working on a farewell video to Dr. Mena (led by Landon)**
  - a. **Almost complete**

**iv. Flying Cardinals Mentorship Program**

1. **Has shown to be really effective — recently gave mentee a tour of campus and helped her set a tutoring schedule**
2. **Will be meeting twice a week to study and work on her goals**

**v. New Project: TVs in Dhall**

1. **Goal: To increase the number and size of the TVs and to get cable programming, such as sports games, played on them during dining hours**

**c. Senator Mya Lincoln**

**i. Community Service Project**

1. **Reached out to The Wesley Center and waiting on a response — will visit soon if no response is received**

**ii. Project: Customizable Meal Plan (Partnered with Jasmine)**

1. **Had a meeting last week with William Boyd that went well**
2. **Met with Destiny and will connect her with Mr. Boyd**
  - a. **Her project is focused on turning meal swipes into dining dollars**
  - b. **She is currently researching supporting information**

**d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc**

**i. Project: Bike Rack Restoration**

- 1. Working on getting bike racks around campus restored/repaired**

**ii. Project: Improving 4-Year Graduation Rate (Partnered with Alexia)**

- 1. Idea: Put symbols next to course names to symbolize the semesters the class is offered**
  - a. Met with Dr. Nichols and she said this information is already available**
  - b. Will be working with her to make it more noticeable**

**iii. Project: Fish Tanks in Dorms**

- 1. Connected with someone through Elizabeth**
- 2. Currently working on creating a survey to be sent to students to gauge their interest in having fish tanks in the dorms**
- 3. Planning to get in contact with the Sam Houston SGA to get their input and ask for advice**
- 4. Intend to meet with the director over each individual dorm**

**e. Senator Katelynn Haynes**

- i. Not Present**

**f. Senator Jasmine Martin**

- i. Event: Let's Talk About Grad School**

1. **Purpose: to give students the resources and information they need about graduate school and to build relationships with undergraduates**
  2. **Distributed a form to find interested representatives from each graduate program**
    - a. **Planning to have 30/45 Grad Programs represented at the event**
    - b. **Currently have 12 reps signed up right now, will be reaching out to alumni to see if anyone is interested**
  3. **In the process of collecting prizes/incentives for the event**
- g. **Senator Cade Pellerin**
  - i. **Recently sworn in and is currently looking for projects to begin/assist with**
- h. **Senator Kaylee Goodspeed**
  - i. **Project: Course Cost Survey**
    1. **Will be meeting with Dr. Nichols this Thursday**
  - ii. **Project: Sensory Safe Space**
    1. **Emailed Kyle Mutz and will be meeting with him next Tuesday**
- i. **Senator Maurio Stevens**
  - i. **Project: Reducing Student Orgs Fees**
    1. **Met with Canaan and he said he would talk with Event Services to see if it is possible for co-sponsorship funds to be used towards room fees**

**j. Senator Alexia Morgan**

**i. Project: Improving 4-Year Graduation Rate (Partnered with Caroline)**

**1. *See Caroline's report***

**ii. Project: MathLab Hours Extension**

**1. Has a meeting this Saturday to see if it is possible for the MathLab to be available on weekends and to discuss ways to increase student participation**

**k. Senator Mykayla Johnson**

**i. Project: Day Passes in the Rec Center**

**1. Working with Mr. Todd; he will be discussing this topic in a meeting soon and will give further information/feedback after**

**ii. Project: Increase Housing Options**

**1. Currently emailing other universities to get more information about how they achieved this**

**2. Has been contacting nearby housing complexes to inquire about sizes, prices, amenities, etc.; want to create a list of potential partnerships**

**l. Senator Tyler Martin**

**i. Project: Increasing Mental Health Resources**

**1. Goal: To improve the availability and accessibility of mental health resources**



2. **Idea: Partner with Talk Space to give Lamar students a free 3-month trial**
    - a. **Talk Space allows students to call, video chat, and text with a mental health professional**
  3. **Lots of action items to be completed— will be a long-term project**
- ii. **Project: Increase Campus Accessibility**
    1. **The DRC is looking into hiring someone to come out and assess the campus and identify areas of concerns**

**VI. Old business**

- a. **None**

**VII. New business**

- a. **None**

**VIII. Open forum**

- a. **Expansion into WAC Presentation by Marco Born**
  - i. **Lamar Athletics will be transferring from the Southland Conference to the WAC this summer**
    1. **This will bring more publicity and higher recognition to Lamar as a whole**
  - ii. **Traveling concerns: majority of Lamar sports, except football and basketball, will only play against Texas teams**
  - iii. **Basketball and Baseball championships will be held in Las Vegas and Arizona respectively — if you would like to attend one of these games**

**and show support, feel free to reach out to Mr. Born for more information and help with travel plans**

**iv. Currently WAC does not have football, but plans to add it soon**

**v. Questions:**

**1. Q. Why are we changing conferences?**

**a. A. That's a better question for the Southland Conference to answer**

**2. Q. Will sporting events still be free?**

**a. A. Yes, all games will still be free to students**

**3. Q. What is the difference between FCS and FBS**

**a. A. In short, FCS stands for Football championship subdivision and is what Lamar is currently in. This division offers a lesser amount of scholarships compared to FBS, which stands for FBS-football bowl subdivision. This division has approximately 85 scholarships**

**4. Q. Will we have back-to-back football seasons?**

**a. A. Yes, football will play this Spring and in the Fall**

**b. Link to Presentation:**

**[https://lamar0-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/tbelcher\\_lamar\\_edu/ERBEKfmZppVGtoVULWjRwxYBai67aHPrjuUn9IBGNU3YDQ?e=ml7fXN](https://lamar0-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/tbelcher_lamar_edu/ERBEKfmZppVGtoVULWjRwxYBai67aHPrjuUn9IBGNU3YDQ?e=ml7fXN)**

**IX. Advisor Comments**

**a. None**

**X. Announcements**

- a. The Big Event: April 10th — Registration is open**
- b. Order of Omega inductions are approaching**
- c. Black History Month Tabling Event: Feb. 15th at 12 PM - 1 PM in the Set**
- d. Safety-Walk: Feb. 11th at 6 PM in the Ballroom**
  - i. Subject to cancellation as there is a chance of rain, look to social media for updates**
- e. Study with SGA: Feb. 23rd at 6 PM in ballroom**
- f. Black History Month Celebration: Feb. 24th at 6:30 PM in Price Auditorium**
  - i. In partnership with NAACP**
- g. SGA Election Candidacy window opens Feb. 15th at 8 AM**

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Adjourned at 6:42 PM**