



DIVISION OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
LAMAR UNIVERSITY
Student Government Association

April 12, 2021 – SGA Joint Session

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Start Time: 5:30 PM

Facilitator: Trevion Wilson, President of the Student Government Association

I. Call to order

a. 5:36 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. SGA attended the Big Event and volunteered at Southeast Texas Food

Bank School Tools and helped pass out school supplies to teachers

ii. SGA Safety-Walk

1. Went very well, received lots of good feedback/suggestions

2. Main Issues Found: Lack of security cameras, broken

windows, lack of crosswalks, accessibility issues

3. Report has been finished and will be sent out to administration

by Friday

iii. Project: LUPD for Student Org Consistent Pricing

1. Sent resolution to Mr. Shaver
 2. Next Step: A committee will be formed and will meet over the summer to discuss possible implementation
- iv. Looking to make amendments to the SGA By-laws
1. Would like to integrate the Transparency Flyer into the responsibilities of PR
- v. Currently working on Transition Report
- b. Vice President Jasmine Patin
- i. Project: Inclusive Palettes
 1. Met with Mr. Boyd
 2. Planned to be implemented this semester but may run over into next semester
 3. Resolution has been finalized and will be voted on in the next Senate Session
 - ii. SGA Safety-Walk
 1. Assisted in finalizing the report and will be sending it out soon
 - a. Planning to meet with administration and discuss possible solutions
 - iii. Project: Increase Visual Representation of Diversity in the Setzer Center
 1. Sent an email to Ms. Cynthia Hicks and waiting on a response to schedule a meeting — planning to visit her office soon
 - iv. Flying Cardinals Mentorship Program

2. **Currently waiting for each College Chair to appoint their student representative**
 3. **Planning to start meeting in the Fall**
- ii. **Project: SGA Suggestion Box Beautification**
 1. **Has been talking with Senator Tyler Martin's roommate to inquire about getting a sticker designed**
 - iii. **Project: Science and Technology Building Hours Extension**
 1. **This project will most likely continue into next semester**
 2. **Hopes to have the website completed by this summer**
- b. Senator Caleb Love**
- i. **Recently learned about the death of a LIT Student — Bryson Davis**
 1. **A service was held to honor Bryson — SGA attended and gave their support**
 2. **The Education Program offers free counseling to students**
 - a. **Will be sending out a mass email to students soon to inform them of this service**
 3. **Has been looking into getting an honorary degree for Bryson**
 - a. **President Trevion Wilson has been in contact with LIT and is waiting on a response**
 - ii. **Project: Greek Plaque Proposal**
 1. **Currently working with Ms. Jeanes to create a picture collage of all of the Greek organizations on campus**
 - a. **Has 12 of out 19 pictures needed**

- a. They confirmed that Lamar does keep a stockpile of water and that they were able to immediately distribute water during the recent freeze
- b. Has been discussing ways to improve communication to students about the availability of resources during times of uncertainty

h. Senator Kaylee Goodspeed

i. Project: Course Cost Survey

- 1. Met with Mr. Shaver and decided on publishing the survey through LU Hub
- 2. Currently finalizing the legislation and survey — will be finalized this week

ii. Project: Sensory Safe Space

- 1. Waiting on approval for the proposed 5-year plan
- 2. Currently finalizing the survey

iii. Has been talking with the incoming Sophomore Class Senator and is currently working on Transition Report

i. Senator Maurio Stevens

i. Project: Co-sponsorship Funds

- 1. Project has been completed

ii. Currently working on Transition Report

j. Senator Alexia Morgan

i. Project: Increase Course Consistency (Partnered with Caroline)

1. Will be working with Cardinal Communities to start a program that informs students about important advising topics (adding/dropping classes, taking more than 12 credits, etc.)
- ii. Project: Guest Passes in the Rec Center (Partnered with Mykayla)
 1. Assisted Senator Mykayla Johnson with this legislation
 2. Resolution was presented last week and will be voted on in the next Senate Session

k. Senator Mykayla Johnson

i. Project: Increase Housing Options

1. Project has been on hold because she has been having trouble getting in contact with the right people

l. Senator Tyler Martin

i. Currently working on Transition Report

VI. Old business

- a. None

VII. New business

- a. None

VIII. Open forum

a. Presentation by William Boyd and Jack Spurlock from Dining Services

i. Upcoming Events

1. Earth Day Dinner: April 22nd
2. Late Night Breakfast: May 3rd from 9 - 11 PM
 - a. There will be giveaways

- 3. Virtual Dining Focus Group: April 21st via Zoom**
 - a. Spots are still open for all groups: Residents, Commuters, and Faculty/Staff**
 - ii. May 11th is the last day to use Dining Dollars**
 - iii. Students can stay up to date on everything by following Lamar Dining on social media (@lamardining) or by checking the website**
 - iv. It is very important for students to voice their concerns and give feedback so Dining Services knows what students want**
 - 1. If you have any questions/comments/concerns feel free to email Dining Services at dining@lamar.edu**
 - v. Fall 2021 Initiatives/Updates**
 - 1. Would like to create a Dining Committee**
 - a. If you are interested in being a member please reach out to Dining Services**
 - 2. A new TV is being installed in the Dining Hall (in the carpeted area) — students will be able to hold meetings in that space and utilize the TV**
 - 3. Looking into possibly having a contract with Subway so students can use their dining dollars to purchase food — this initiative is in its early stages**
 - vi. Questions:**
 - 1. Q. Would it be possible to play cable on the TVs (i.e. football games)?**

a. A. To do this a cable subscription would be needed but Dining Services is currently looking into ways to extend digital services (i.e. digital menu, cable in Dhall, etc.)

2. Q. What were the other food replacement options for Jason's Deli, besides Smoothie King?

a. A. Smoothie King has been in the contract for a couple of years now, even before Mr. Boyd started working here

3. Q. What happened to the food truck?

a. A. It has been down due to COVID but Dining Services is currently looking into ways to get it running in the Fall and ways to enhance the experience (i.e. increasing the number of food trucks)

4. Q. Is the Dining Services Committee open to all students?

a. Yes, it is open to all students

vii. Suggestions:

1. Park the food truck near the dorms during later hours

a. This would attract more students as there is currently only one food option available to students after 9 PM

2. Implement a meal exchange program

a. Would allow students to use a dining swipe to buy a meal instead of dining dollars

viii. Concerns:

- 1. There are not many food options available during later hours**
 - a. A. Hours have been extended at The Market but there would need to be more foot traffic on campus to extend hours at other food places**
- b. General Student Concerns:**
 - i. As a result of graduation ceremonies getting canceled, students are not being given the graduation regalia they deserve**
 - 1. The Academic Excellence Ceremony was canceled and students were not given any graduation regalia**
 - a. Suggestion: Could hold a virtual (or prerecorded) ceremony to honor the students; the students could pick up their regalia themselves (or possibly have it shipped to them)**
 - 2. Phi Kappa Phi has not inducted any students in the past couple of semesters, even if they met the requirements**
 - 3. There is currently no graduation regalia for Presidential (Mirabeau) Scholars**
 - a. The Scholarship Office will be talking with their Director to see what can be done**

IX. Advisor Comments

- a. The Transition Ceremony will be May 3rd at 5:00 PM on the 8th floor of the Library**
- b. Encourages students to reach out if they need any help with their projects**

- c. Kaylee's Course Cost survey will be created through Qualtrics and published through LU Hub**

X. Announcements

- a. None**

XI. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 6:39 PM**