February 8, 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. 5:41 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
a. Student orgs can rent out rooms for free in the building

ii. Project: College of Arts and Sciences Student Committee
   1. Met with the Associate Dean and she will be meeting with the
      Dean soon to discuss approval
   2. If approved, the committee will consist of one student rep from
      each department and will meet twice a semester

iii. Project: SGA Suggestion Box Beautification
    1. Plans to promote this through social media to reach more
       students who might be interested in helping

b. Senator Caleb Love

i. Project: PPR Test Prep
   1. Discovered there is already a free one available
   2. Working with the Education Department to bring more
      awareness to this — planning to create a flyer; will be
      encouraging professors to inform students about this

ii. Reached out to various SGA’s (Sam Houston, TX State, Grambling,
    and U of L) to see if they are interested in meeting and discussing
    best-practices so we all can get inspiration and improve overall

iii. PR Committee Report
   1. The Black History Month Tabling event, Joint sessions, and
      House sessions are all published to TV screens and social
      media
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/repai-red

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/thelcher_lamar_edu/ERBE
   KfmZppVGtoVULWjRwxYBai67aHPrjuUn9IBGNU3YDQ?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