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
i. 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

1. 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

1. 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