September 14, 2020 – SGA Joint Session

Neches 120, Setzer Student Center

Start Time: 5:30 pm

Facilitator: Trevion Wilson, President of the Student Government Association

I. Call to order
   a. 5:32 PM

II. Roll call
   a. Quorum has been met

III. Approval of the minutes from Last Meeting

IV. Officer reports
   a. President Trevion Wilson
      i. SGA Voter Registration Drive
         1. Will consist of 3 events: 2 Registration Events and 1 Drive the Vote Event
            a. Drive the vote: students will be provided transportation to Jefferson County Court House
      ii. Resource Guide
         1. A centralized document that will include all the resources Lamar has to offer
         2. Will be given to Freshman and incoming students
3. Will be meeting with Timesha miller soon and hope to have everything done by September 28

iii. LU Mask Up - COVID 19

1. Have been holding events to promote the importance of wearing masks

iv. Transparency Template

1. A flyer that will show what each SGA member is working on
2. Will help communicate what is happening within SGA

b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

i. Mentorship Program

1. Purpose: to help underrepresented students adjust to campus
2. Goals: Be sustainable; Increase graduation and Retention Rate
3. The mentors will be members of SGA
4. Currently working with Craig Escamilla and Mya Drakeford
5. Launches September 30

ii. Study Hours Program

1. Able to work and interact with SGA and peers
2. Goal: To foster great academic success and increase student connections

iii. Campus Hours

1. SGA members are participating in other student-led organization events
2. Goal: Increase SGA Accessibility and Transparency
c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

i. Meeting Minutes

1. Working on getting the meeting minutes posted to the website

   but until then feel free to reach out for the minutes

ii. LU Hub

1. Look on LU Hub for updates and a calendar of our events

V. Senator Reports

a. Senator Tiffany Tran

i. Working on hosting another mock MCAT exam

1. Has reached out to Ms. Burks and other pre-professional organizations

ii. Looking to create a student survey for the College of Arts and Sciences to better address those affected by Hurricane Laura

b. Senator Caleb Love

i. Reached out to the Dean inquiring about potential projects

ii. Working with Dr. Titus and Dr. McCollum to get the male General Studies majors to switch to Education majors

iii. Recently put out a survey about Hurricane Laura

iv. Greek Brick Proposal

1. As a way to commemorate every greek organization bricks will be showcased under the stairwell in the Setzer Center

   a. Talked to a trophy company in Beaumont and will have a date and price soon
c. Senator Mya Lincoln
   i. Working on getting a survey sent out in the College of Business
      1. Will be meeting with the Dean’s Student Advisor soon
   ii. Working to get off-campus students, who don’t have access to the internet, portable wifis

d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc
   i. Working on getting fish tanks allowed in dorms
      1. Has been in contact with Housing and Residence Life
   ii. Working on getting a FAQ page for the SGA website
      1. Students will have a place to go with commonly asked questions
      2. Goal: Create a better connection between SGA and students

e. Senator Katelynn Haynes
   i. Reached out to Signing Cardinals Organizations about how Lamar can do better and be more inclusive to Deaf students

f. Senator Maurio Stevens
   i. Card-IN-al Plan
      1. Goal: To increase inclusivity among organizations
      2. Working to set up a collective meeting with every cultural organization on campus to see how they are being, and can be, more inclusive
         a. Possibly have them sign an inclusivity contract
         b. Will eventually expand to more organizations
g. Senator Alexia Morgan
   i. Created a Fundraiser to help those affected by Hurricane Laura
      1. Raised approximately $300
      2. Items have been bought and donated already
   ii. Swipe Out Hunger
      1. Students can donate swipes and those swipes will be used to give food to people affected by Hurricane Laura
   iii. Senior Box
      1. Students graduating will receive a trinket, a picture (possibly on a plaque with their name and college), a diploma, etc.
      1. Has been in contact with Ms. White, who is over graduation
   iv. Senior Walk
      1. Graduating students will get to walk through their College or the Set and get “sent off” by their fellow students
   ii. I’m Not My Hair Event
      1. October 15 at 5 PM
      2. Will be having an event for those students who feel underappreciated and underheard
      3. Will be broadcasted live and pamphlets will be given out
      4. In partnership with the Diversity and Inclusion Center
h. Senator Tyler Martin
   i. Working on a Campus-Wide T-shirt Design Competition
      1. Approved last year but will be checking on the status
2. Winners will possibly get a scholarship; proceeds will go to the SGA budget

ii. Campus Beautification Project

1. Working to get a banner on the library

2. Approved last year but will be checking on the status

iii. Four Year Graduation Tuition Rebate

1. If you graduate in 4 years and are not on scholarship they will give you a rebate check

2. Will increase student graduation rates and increase University funding

3. Has been in contact with Craig Escamilla

VI. Old business

a. None

VII. New business

a. None

VIII. Open forum

a. Dr. Jackson (Director of Diversity and Inclusion)

i. REDTalk event: Wednesday the 16th at 12:30 in SSC 120

1. Speakers will talk about struggles they’ve had and how they overcame them

ii. Diversity Talk: LU Latinx Experience

1. Register on the Lamar website

iii. Diversity and Inclusion week: October 12th - 16th
1. Events will be held all that week and are open to everyone

b. Ms. Murray

   i. Stopping the Spread of COVID-19 on Campus

      1. Items Students Should Have: Thermometer, hand sanitizer, wipes, water bottle, and a journal to track symptoms

      2. Symptoms To Watch For: fever, congestion, cough, headache, sore throat, fatigue, body aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea

      3. Social Distance: Stay 6 ft away, avoid large gatherings, take precautions

      4. What is close contact?

         a. Being within 6ft of someone (for more than 15 min), direct physical contact (especially with an infected person)

   ii. Quarantine vs. Isolation

      1. Quarantine

         a. Separates people who MAY have been exposed

         b. Symptoms can take 2-14 days to appear

         c. Critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19

      2. Isolation

         a. Separates people from those who tested positive for COVID-19 (meaning no contact, no visitors)

         b. Stay home and away from people (except to get medical attention)
3. When can you be around people?
   
   a. If you had symptoms:
      
      i. At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared, 24 hours without a fever (without medicine), and other symptoms are improving
   
   b. If you tested positive but have no symptoms:
      
      i. At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared
   
   iii. Resources and where to get tested
   
      1. Student Health Center
         
         a. Visit www.lamar.edu/healthcenter for more information
   
      2. Reach out to Staff and Faculty
         
         a. If you are having trouble and need help
   
   iv. Housing and Residence Life
   
      1. What are they doing to keep you safe?
         
         a. Safety Precautions
            
            i. High touch areas will be disinfected twice daily
            
            ii. Rooms have been set aside for students who need to be isolated
         
         b. How to stay safe
            
            i. Stay aware and do a self-assessment regularly for symptoms
            
            ii. Stay informed
            
            iii. Regularly clean your room and space
iv. Stay in touch with your Resident Assistant

IX. Advisor Comments
   a. Involvement fair will be September 23 from 5 PM - 7 PM (Food and DJ)
   b. Voter Registration information will be on the Lamar website
   c. There will be a polling site November 3rd at the Montagne Center

X. Announcements
   a. Voter Registration Event 1: September 17 from 12 PM - 2 PM in front of the Setzer Center
   b. Voter Registration Event 2: September 23 from 5 PM - 7 PM in the Dining Hall Lawn (during the Involvement Fair)
   c. Study with SGA: September 15 at 5:30 PM in Maes 102
   d. Drive the Vote Event: October 19 and 20 from 12 PM - 5 PM

XI. Adjournment
   a. Adjourned at 5:29 PM