



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

**February 1, 2021 – SGA Senate Session**

**Cypres 125&127**

**Start Time: 5:30 PM**

**Facilitator: Jasmine Patin, Vice President of the Student Government Association**

- I. Call to order**
  - a. 5:36 PM**
- II. Roll call**
  - a. Quorum has 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. Project: LUPD Pricing**
      - 1. Resolution has been drafted and Senators are encouraged to critique**
      - 2. Funding would come from co-sponsorships**
    - ii. Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Taliah)**
      - 1. Main Goals: To eliminate single-use plastics and increase use of solar panels**

2. **Has identified possible areas to install solar panels (i.e. in vacant areas and on the dorm roofs); will continue to research supporting information**
3. **Idea: Solar panels will be acquired through outsourcing**
- iii. **Public Relations Committee**
  1. **Goal: To increase promotion of information — Counseling services, REDTalks, Pool reopening**
- iv. **Currently working on Transition Report**
- v. **Office hours - Tuesdays and Wednesdays morning**
- b. **Vice President Jasmine Patin**
  - i. **Project: Inclusive Palettes (Partnered with Mya)**
    1. **Meeting with William Boyd this Wednesday**
    2. **Resolution will be completed by Feb. 15th**
  - ii. **Flying Cardinals Mentorship Program**
    1. **Will send out a flyer by Feb. 2nd with information about the Mentorship Retreat for mentors to send to mentees**
    2. **Currently having weekly meetings with Ms. Drakeford**
    3. **Resolution will be completed by Feb. 25th**
  - iii. **Beginning to work on Transition Report**
- 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**

**V. Senator reports**

**a. Senator Tiffany Tran**

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

1. **Meeting with Dr. Lin Wednesday**

**ii. Project: College of Arts and Sciences Student Committee**

1. **Meeting Friday with Associate Dean to start planning**

**iii. Project: SGA Suggestion Box Beautification**

1. **Will reach out to Art orgs to see if anyone is interested — an SGA flyer has been attached in the meantime**

**b. Senator Caleb Love**

**i. Project: PPR Test Prep**

1. **Discovered there is already a free one available**
2. **Planning to create a flyer to bring awareness to this; 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)**
- 4. Safety-Walk flyer will be completed by tonight and posted to TV screens**

**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**

**c. Senator Mya Lincoln**

**i. Community Service Project**

- 1. Would like to have more on-campus community service events within SGA**

**a. Ideas: LU community garden, Campus Clean-up**

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

- 1. Meeting with Mr. Boyd this Wednesday**
- 2. Resolution will be completed by Feb. 15th**

**d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc**

**i. None**

**e. Senator Katelynn Haynes**

**i. None**

**f. Senator Jasmine Martin**

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

- 1. Combined "Graduate Studies Cookies and Chat" and "Life After Graduate School" events together**
- 2. Emailed Deans about event and waiting on a response**
- 3. Tentative Date: Last week of March**

**ii. Event: Amazon Gift Card Giveaway**

- 1. Will be reaching out to local businesses and departments on campus to see if anyone will sponsor this event**

**g. Senator Kaylee Goodspeed**

**i. Project: Course Cost Survey**

- 1. Emailed Dr. Nichols and waiting on a response**

**ii. Project: Sensory Safe Space**

- 1. Will be reaching out to the DRC soon**

**h. Senator Maurio Stevens**

**i. Project: Co-sponsorship Funds**

- 1. Will be meeting soon with Morgan and Canaan to discuss including room charges and fundraising in the list of things funds can be used for**

**ii. Student Engagement Committee Report**

1. **Goal: To attend at least one event during an org sponsored week**

2. **Will be operating the Black History Month Tabling Event**

**i. Senator Alexia Morgan**

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

1. **Met with Caroline and decided that the main focus will be put on encouraging academic advisors and cardinal communities to better inform students about their options and how their decisions can affect their future graduation rate**

- a. **Emailed the advising center and waiting on a response**

- b. **Idea: Put symbols next to course names to symbolize during which semesters the class is offered**

**ii. Project: MathLab to be available on weekends**

1. **Emailed Dr. Jenson and Dr. Bryce and scheduled a meeting for Feb. 13th**

2. **Idea: Create a survey or sign-up sheet to determine how many students are interested; possibly only offer this during finals**

**iii. Project: Establish a ScienceLab**

1. **Waiting on a response back from an email**

**iv. Looking into getting the Org Sync button on LU Connect changed to a LU Hub button**

**j. Senator Mykayla Johnson**

- i. **None**

**k. Senator Tyler Martin**

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

**1. Mental Health Panel Event idea is being fulfilled with the REDTalks**

**a. Some of the topics could potentially be altered if needed**

**2. Talkspace**

**a. Discussed further with Ms. Murray**

**b. Action items: Determine cost, meet and discuss idea with Psychology/Counseling department, meet with Mr. Altop about expenses**

**ii. Project: Increase Campus Accessibility**

**1. The Accessibility Committee is considering conducting an internal survey or hiring someone to come assess the campus**

**VI. Old business**

**a. None**

**VII. New business**

**a. None**

**VIII. Open forum**

**a. Scheduling Concern:**

**i. Session times will be kept at 5:30 PM**

**ii. For those who cannot attend please send reports to Alexia; meeting minutes are always posted to the SGA website and utilization of Slack will be very important in remaining present with the group**

**b. House Projects**

**i. Dining Swipe Conversion — Speaker of the House Destiny John**

**1. Purpose: To allow students to use leftover dining swipes as dining dollars**

**2. Senator Mya will be partnering with Destiny on this project**

**c. Athletic Council Updates**

**i. Athletics will be switching from the Southland Conference to the WAC**

**ii. Q: Are athletics still trying to attract students/student orgs to events with halftime games and prizes?**

**1. Senator Tyler will ask during the next meeting**

**d. SGA is looking to partner with the DRC for the upcoming Joint Session**

**IX. Advisor Comments**

**a. None**

**X. Announcements**

**a. Senate Sessions will remain at 5:30 PM on Mondays**

**b. Black History Month Tabling Event: Feb. 8th at 12 PM - 1 PM in the Set**

**c. Safety-Walk: Feb. 11th at 6 PM in the Ballroom**

**d. House Session: Feb. 2nd at 5:30 PM**

**e. If anyone needs help or would like to partner on a project feel free to ask**

**XI. Adjournment**

**a. Adjourned at 6:49 PM**