



DIVISION OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
LAMAR UNIVERSITY
Student Government Association

March 1, 2021 – SGA Senate Session

Neches 120

Start Time: 5:30 PM

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

- I. Call to order**
 - a. 5:35 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: Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Taliah)**
 - 1. Resolution is complete and will be presented soon**
 - 2. Had a meeting scheduled with Dr. Flosi but was unable to meet**
 - 3. Talked with Parking about the idea**
 - ii. Project: LUPD for Student Org Consistent Pricing**
 - 1. Resolution has been completed and will be passing it along to Alexia to oversee (for voting purposes)**
 - iii. Caleb's Greek Plaque Project**

1. **Updates: Plaques will be located on the first floor of the Setzer Center and will look similar to the President's and Dean's List displays**
2. **The next step is to reach out to Elizabeth about creating a design**

iv. Transparency Flyer

1. **Beginning to work on the next one**

v. Availability to meet: Tuesday and Wednesday mornings

b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

i. Project: Inclusive Palettes

1. **Meeting with Mr. Boyd has been rescheduled to next week because of the winter storm**
2. **Resolution will be presented in the next Senate Session**
3. **Students are encouraged to reach out to Jasmine if they would like to see specific food options added or if they have any suggestions**
4. **Projected to be implemented this semester**

ii. Flying Cardinals Mentorship Program

1. **This month's Mentorship Retreat date: March 17th**
2. **Resolution will be presented at the next Senate Session**

c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

i. Project: Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Trevion)

- 1. Emailed Parking to further discuss ideas/solutions and waiting on a response**
- 2. Sent an email to Professor Flosi to reschedule meeting and waiting on a response**
- 3. Open to any suggestions from Senators**

V. Senator reports

a. Senator Tiffany Tran

i. Project: College of Arts and Sciences Student Committee

- 1. Has been approved by the Dean**
- 2. Will be comprised of 12 members (one representative from each college), all of which will be appointed by the Dean of their college; the SGA College of Arts and Sciences Senator will be automatically accepted into the committee**

ii. Project: SGA Suggestion Box Beautification

- 1. Will send interest flyer to execs to proofread before publishing to social media**

iii. Project: Science and Technology Building Hours Extension

- 1. Talked with Mr. Robert Jones and recommended that he create a website to show the services the building offers and possibly allow students to make online reservations for rooms**

iv. Library Hours have been extended to 11:45 PM this month

b. Senator Caleb Love

i. Not Present

c. Senator Mya Lincoln

i. Project: Customizable Meal Plan

- 1. Meeting with Mr. Boyd got pushed back because of the winter storm**
- 2. Currently researching supporting data for the resolution; open to any suggestions that will help**
- 3. Projected to be implemented next semester**

d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc

i. Project: Bike Restoration

- 1. Contacted Mr. David Martin and he will be bringing it up to the Senior Leadership over funding; will give updates as he receives them**

ii. Project: Increase Course Consistency (Partnered with Alexia)

- 1. Will be meeting with the Academic Advising Center to discuss adding symbols next to course names on degree audit that will symbolize which semesters the class is offered**
- 2. Planning to create a set of standards to guide advisors during advising sessions – will help create a more consistent advising experience for students**

iii. Project: Fish Tanks in the Dorms

- 1. Will be following up with a contact recommended by Ms. Elizabeth**

2. Reached out to Sam Houston for advice and they reported never having an issue with fish tanks
3. Currently working on a survey to gauge interest among students

iv. New Project: Makerspace Funding

1. Will be emailing the person over the Science and Technology building and the Dean of the College of Engineering to see if they can provide suggestions on how to secure funding for students to purchase tools to use in the makerspace

v. New Project: Online Dining Hall Menu Accuracy

1. Purpose: To provide a more accurate/updated online Dining Hall menu
2. Emailed dining services and waiting on a response

vi. Flying Cardinals Mentorship Program

1. Will be meeting with mentee every Tuesday

e. Senator Katelynn Haynes

- i. Not Present

f. Senator Jasmine Martin

i. Event: Amazon Gift Card Giveaway

1. Sent out a request to Market Basket for sponsorship and will be reaching out to more businesses soon

ii. Event: Let's Talk About Grad School

1. Currently have 18 reps confirmed; form closes this Friday

- a. **Will be meeting with reps within the next couple of weeks to run through event and make sure students are thoroughly informed and prepared for the event**
- 2. **Tentative Date: March 25th and 26th from 10 AM - 3 PM**
 - a. **Will consist of multiple 30 min sessions within this time frame**
 - b. **Still determining if it will be virtual or in-person**
- g. **Senator Cade Pellerin**
 - i. **New Project: Increase Disaster Preparedness**
 - 1. **Purpose: To increase the number of resources Lamar has on hand with the intent to be better prepared in the event of a natural disaster**
 - 2. **Idea: To create an on-campus stockpile of water and possibly other resources, such as porta-potties and MREs**
 - 3. **Will first need to determine which department will oversee this stockpile and then contact them**
- h. **Senator Kaylee Goodspeed**
 - i. **Project: Course Cost Survey**
 - 1. **Met with Dr. Nichols and she recommended some revisions and next steps**
 - 2. **Next steps: need to get an exemption form from Ms. Emily Born and then will need to meet with Dr. Kang to build the survey in Qualtrix**

ii. Project: Sensory Safe Space

1. Met with Dr. Mutz and he plans to bring it up to the Task Force

a. Feedback given: should expand the space to include students with PTSD, anxiety, ADHD, and ADD; remember to be mindful of lighting, colors, pictures, etc.; recommends creating a survey

2. Reached out to Ms. Beth Byers and Dr. Harm from College Connect to get more advice and ideas

3. Currently working on a resolution

iii. Currently working on Transition Report

i. Senator Maurio Stevens

i. Not Present

j. Senator Alexia Morgan

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

1. Will be meeting with Dr. Nichols soon to discuss what she already has in the works

ii. Project: MathLab to be available on weekends

1. Met with Ms. Jacqueline and discussed potentially having it open on weekends during finals as the schedule for this semester is already confirmed

2. Planning to implement hour extensions for Summer and/or Fall semesters

k. Senator Mykayla Johnson

i. Project: Increase Housing Options

- 1. Waiting on responses to emails sent before the winter storm**
- 2. Currently researching potential housing options/prices**

ii. Project: Day Passes in the Rec Center

- 1. Will be reaching out to Mr. Shaver soon to get an update**

l. Senator Tyler Martin

i. Will be helping Caroline and Cade with their projects

ii. Project: Increase Campus Accessibility

- 1. Project is now being overseen by The Accessibility Committee;
will keep in touch and give updates as they come**

iii. Project: TalkSpace

- 1. Looking to meet with Dr. McNeil within the next couple of
weeks to get her approval**
- 2. Currently researching supporting information for project;
would like to get data on student utilization of available
resources at Lamar**
- 3. Number of services/subscriptions offered on a plan can be
adjusted depending on our budget; Lamar administration
could potentially get services for free**

VI. Old business

a. LUPD for Student Org Consistent Pricing Project Voting Record

i. 8 Ayes

VII. New business

- a. Review of candidate to fill vacant Associate Justice position**
 - i. Candidate: Kalan Bonnette**
 - ii. Will only fill vacant position for the duration of the election period, then, if necessary, another candidacy review will take place**
 - iii. Voting will be set for a later date – In the meantime, Trey will get more candidate options from Maissa; a Special Senate Session will possibly be needed to allow Execs/Senators to meet potential candidates and to determine who will fill the position**

VIII. Open forum

- a. None**

IX. Advisor Comments

- a. SGA Candidacy Application has been extended to March 3rd at 5:00 PM – applicants are required to attend the Mandatory Candidacy Meeting on Friday**
- b. Voting Opens at 8:00 AM on March 24th and closes on the 25th at 5:00 PM**
- c. The University Press would like to collaborate with SGA in organizing a live-streamed debate among the Presidential candidates**
 - i. The University Press will be asking the questions and overseeing the debate**
- d. Encourages students to fill out the Student Health Center Survey that was sent to everyone's Lamar email; deadline to complete is March 11th**

- e. **March is Women's History Month – there is a display honoring women in the Setzer Center**
 - i. **Look out for events put on by The Office of Global Diversity and Inclusive Excellence**
- f. **Dr. Mena's position has been posted to the Lamar Jobs website**

X. Announcements

- a. **SGA House Session: March 2nd at 5:30 PM in the Ballroom**
- b. **SGA Mandatory Candidacy Meeting: March 5th at 1:00 PM in COMM 103**
- c. **Please reach out to Trevion if you would like your project plans/accomplishments to be highlighted in the Transparency Template**
- d. **SGA Joint Session: March 8th at 5:30 PM in Maes 106 – Guest Speaker Michael Saar**
- e. **Updated Safety Walk Date: March 25th at 6:00 PM**
- f. **Reminder: Complete the Student Health Center Survey if possible**

XI. Adjournment

- a. **Adjourned at 6:58 PM**