



January 25, 2021 – SGA Senate Session

Cypress 125&127

Start Time: 5:30 PM

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

- I. Call to order**
 - a. 5:34 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: Increase Funding for Student Orgs**
 - 1. Problem: Orgs have no choice in which police rank they are assigned; The critical risk factors aren't transparent to students**
 - 2. Idea: The Office of Student Organization Services will help with funding for student events; there will be a base price for police officers across all orgs**
 - ii. Project: Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Taliah)**

1. **Purpose: To increase campus sustainability by decreasing the use of single-use plastics, reestablishing recycling, and transferring to clean energy (i.e. increase use of solar panels)**
2. **Idea: Students would pay off parking tickets by doing community service (separating trash from recycling)**
3. **Met with Professor Flosi and discussed possible solutions**
4. **Need more research and supporting documentation before a resolution is started**

iii. Event: Safety-Walk

1. **Date: February 11th at 6:00 PM – meet in the Ballroom**
2. **Purpose: To collectively (admin + students) identify safety hazards/problem areas around campus**
3. **Attire: Business casual**

iv. Project: Mirabeau B. Lamar Head Statue

1. **Project oversight will be given to Dr. Bello-Ogunu and the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force**
2. **Will be meeting with President Evans soon to present remaining ideas**

v. Currently working on Transition Report

b. Vice President Jasmine Patin

- i. **Updated Mentorship Retreat Date: February 4th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM**
- ii. **If you need assistance – Office Hours will be: Mondays 1:30 - 3:00 PM**

iii. Project: Flying Cardinals Mentorship Program

- 1. Working to make the program more sustainable through legislation**
- 2. Estimated Completion Date: February 25th**

iv. Project: Inclusive Palettes (Partnered with Mya)

- 1. Currently working on legislation**
 - a. Want to give students the option to opt-out of a meal plan**
- 2. Contacted William Boyd to set up a follow-up meeting**
- 3. Estimated Completion Date: February 22nd**

v. Idea: Add a List of Projects page to our website

- 1. Will show the status of the project – Similar to Iowa State site**

c. Sec.-Treasurer Taliah Belcher

- i. If you need assistance – Office Hours: Mondays 4:00 - 5:00 PM; by appt. on Fridays 11:00 - 12:30 PM**

ii. Project: Campus Sustainability (Partnered with Trevion)

- 1. Goals: reestablish recycling, brainstorm ideas for Earth Day, and work to implement other sustainable changes**
- 2. Meeting with Dr. Flosi scheduled for January 28th at 5:00 PM**
- 3. If you are interested in helping out please let me know**

V. Senator reports

a. Senator Tiffany Tran

- i. Project: College of Arts and Sciences Student Committee**

2. Estimated Completion Date: March 15th (subject to change)

d. Senator Caroline LeBlanc

i. Project: Bike Rack Restoration

- 1. Went around campus and took pics of each bike rack, emailed pics out and waiting on a response**
- 2. Estimated Completion Date: February 8th**

ii. Project: Fish Tanks in Dorms

- 1. Contacted the Sam Houston SGA president and asked for advice; Contacted Elizabeth to begin the process of creating a survey; Looking to meet with Chris (over Campbell Hall)**
- 2. Estimated Completion Date: February 22nd**

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

- 1. Purpose: To get courses offered on a more consistent schedule**
- 2. Goal: To increase 4-year Graduate Rate**
- 3. Will be contacting college advisors to discuss ways they can help students make better-informed decisions affecting their graduation date**
- 4. Estimated Completion Date: March 1st**

iv. Will be meeting with Mentee on Thursday

e. Senator Katelynn Haynes

i. Not Present

f. Senator Jasmine Martin

i. Event: Graduate Studies Cookies and Chat (includes a virtual option)

- 1. Purpose: to give undergrads more info about graduate programs and to form a relationship with them**
- 2. Idea: To have a grad rep from each program answering questions from students**
- 3. Will be emailing the head of each graduate program soon**
- 4. Estimated Completion Date: February 22nd**

ii. Event: Amazon Gift Card Giveaway

- 1. Purpose: to give students more resources to afford textbooks**
- 2. Idea: students would buy tickets to enter the drawing**
- 3. Will be discussing this further with Todd**

iii. Event: Life after Graduate School (virtual event)

- 1. Idea: To allow students to hear from Deans/Professors about how they can use their degree after graduate school**
- 2. Will be reaching out to Deans/Professors soon**

g. Senator Kaylee Goodspeed

i. Project: Course Cost Survey

- 1. Completed resolution and will be scheduling a meeting with Dr. Nichols soon**
- 2. Estimated Completion Date: February 22nd**

ii. Project: Sensory Safe Space

- 1. Purpose: To spread the word about the DRC and to designate a quiet place for students**
- 2. Contacted Beth Bayers**

3. Will look into having the room in the Comm building or the Set

4. Estimated Completion Date: March 15th

h. Senator Maurio Stevens

i. Project: Reducing Student Orgs Fees

1. Problem: Orgs are forced to pay higher fees for rooms now that the ballroom is regularly occupied and overall capacity levels have been decreased

2. Estimated Completion Date: March 1st

ii. Project: Co-sponsorship Funds

1. Purpose: To inform orgs on what they can use these funds for

2. Estimated Completion Date: March 1st

iii. Student Engagement Committee

1. Goal: To show support for other orgs by attending their events

iv. Project: Rec Center Guest Pass (Partnered with Mykayla)

1. Idea: Implement new guest pass options (i.e. daily and overnight guest passes)

i. Senator Alexia Morgan

i. Project: MathLab to be available on weekends

1. Will be scheduling a meeting with Jacklyn soon

2. Estimated Completed Date: By end of February

ii. Project: Establish a ScienceLab

1. First, need to determine one concentration to focus on

j. Senator Mykayla Johnson

i. Project: Rec Center Guest Pass (Partnered with Maurio)

- 1. Will schedule a meeting with Todd soon**
- 2. Idea: Have day and weekend passes**

ii. Project: Apartment Complexes (Partnered with Maurio)

- 1. Idea: To allow students to use the funds they pay on their Housing contract towards their rent**
 - a. Texas Tech has a similar program**
- 2. Looking to schedule a meeting with Financial Aid**
- 3. Will begin researching apartments near Lamar**

k. Senator Tyler Martin

i. Project: Mental Health Resources

- 1. Event Idea: Mental Health Panel**
 - a. Will schedule a meeting with the Student Health Center**
 - b. Estimated Completion Date: March**
- 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**

ii. Project: Increase Campus Accessibility

- 1. Will work with the Accessibility Committee and their budget**
- 2. Idea: To perform a campus assessment to identify areas of concern for disabled persons**

3. Idea: To create a survey for the students in the DRC

a. Purpose: To gather a consensus and to recognize any issues/concerns students have

4. Estimated Completion Date: Late February/Early March

iii. New Blackboard Update

1. IT department will work on an informational video

iv. SGA Election Rules Issues

1. There are off-campus political orgs (ex: Campus Leadership Projects) that select specific students and fund their campaign to give them a major advantage in the election

a. Funding includes up to \$1500 and they offer extra resources, such as iPads, to motivate students to sign-up/vote

b. Want to edit bylaws to protect from this scenario

VI. Old business

a. None

VII. New business

a. None

VIII. Open forum

a. Jasmine Comments

i. She advises Senators to...

1. Partner up and assist each other with projects; Look to other schools in the Texas State University System when building

**support for documents; Be thoroughly prepared for meetings;
Try to make it a personal goal to finish projects by their
estimated completion date; Please limit phone use during
meetings**

ii. Wants to put more focus on COVID aid

- 1. Possibly increase legislation to help prepare for future outbreaks – Like an Outbreak Relief Plan**
- 2. Mykayla: Possibly have a COVID task force that would help students who have had COVID or who have lost someone to COVID**

b. Trevion

i. 24 Hour Study Space

- 1. Would love help with this project**
- 2. Tyler: Will be difficult to accomplish as the University does not want to pay for another shift of staff – possibly have a survey to show that a big amount of students would be interested in having one**

ii. Would like Senate to critique Police Proposal – Will drop it in the Slack

iii. Helpful Tip: “Just Do it Now”

- 1. Tasks are harder to complete the longer you put them off, just finish them now so you do not have to worry about them later**

c. STEM closes at 7 PM

- i. Tiffany will see how strict the enforcement of this time is

IX. Advisor Comments

- a. Loves the energy/ideas and is always here to help/give support when needed
- b. Tip: Never stop the “good fight,” your efforts could help someone in the future as things are ever-changing
- c. President Evans is retiring – the search will start immediately
 - i. New administration brings many opportunities
 - 1. SGA members are oftentimes apart of Search Committees
- d. Critical Risk Factors are displayed on LU Hub in the Event Request Form
- e. Pool Hours: Mon/Wed 4 PM - 7 PM; Tues/Thurs 11 AM - 2 PM

X. Announcements

- a. Please refer to the email sent by Taliah for the Calendar and the Retreat Summary
- b. We encourage all members to attend SGA events to show support
- c. Please inform Execs if you receive a sketchy email

XI. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 7:03 PM