

Student Government Association Meeting Notes  
Tuesday September 5, 2023

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Meeting was called to Order at 6:04 on Tuesday September 5, 2023.
- II. Roll Call
  - A.
  - B. Not Present
    - 1. - Jacob smith (Greek Council)
    - 2. - Margo Eugenio (COEGD, excused)
  - C. Present but not on the roll
    - 1. Angulie Bautista
    - 2. Emily Smith
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Officer Reports
  - A. Executive cabinet has been working to fill the vacant positions in Student Government
  - B. Senator Washington
    - 1. Proposal to do something with the area between Campbell and Monroe parking lot to get it “better suited” for the students.
  - C. Senator Callero-Estrella
    - 1. Bring a program to Lamar that can help students not fall behind when it comes to course curriculum (i.e. books, access codes)
    - 2. Addition to the library: a specific set of resources for students taking tests such as the MCAT, LSAT.
  - D. Senator Rumsey
    - 1. Making posters to let students in her school know her role and SGA’s role.
    - 2. Inquiring of what students need to be better students on campus
  - E. Senator Honors College
    - 1. Study rooms in the Honor colleges for Honors students
  - F. Senator Pugh
    - 1. Freshman have been interactive with the housing department this semester
  - G. Senator Eze
    - 1. Scholarship help for students who need access to scholarships.
    - 2. Mitigate the confusion from the advising office. Make it easier for them to understand how to get themselves advised.
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. N/A
- VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Group pictures
- VII. New Business
- A. President Smith motioned for Emily Smith to be appointed as the sophomore class senator.
    - 1. Senator Estrello seconded
    - 2. Vote to appoint Emily was a unanimous yes
  - B. President Smith motioned for Angeliue Bautista to be appointed as Associate Justice
    - 1. Seconded by Senator Esterllo
    - 2. Vote to appoint Angulie was a unanimous yes
  - C. Senator Esterello motioned to discuss the idea of Senator Washington's notion on the parking lot
    - 1. Does the parking need to be expanded or refurbished?
      - a) Senator Washington was thinking of an expansion, still to be discussed.
      - b) Senator Pugh mentioned that residents get ticketed by parking in spots reserved for staff.
      - c) Senator Estrello asked if we can get the tickets appealed for those students who were ticketed for parking in the said spots.
      - d) Senator Pugh spoke on how students who are ticketed in the lot are in violation of where they are supposed to park.
      - e) President Smith motioned that we involve the parking and advisory committee.
      - f) Secretary Nwaobi and Senator Do are on the committee that will oversee that notion.
    - 2. Mason's motion to fix the parking lot has been carried and he will report back with his findings.
    - 3. Senator Estrello motioned to discuss Senator Eze's motion of advising and scholarship aid
      - a) Discussion of how to help with the aid scenario?
      - b) Eze's concerns are to bring awareness to the situation of students struggling to get aid and their confusion on advising.
      - c) President Smith motioned that the assistance from the Scholarship Office be carried out by Senator Eze.
        - (1) Senator Estrello is concerned that this manner can be taken in a more proactive manner than just talking to the Financial Aid Office
        - (2) Senator Smith has contact that we can be put in connection with who is a student liaison to the Financial Aid Office
        - (3) Senator Eze will oversee this motion.

4. Senator Rumsey discussed a parking lot near the psychology building.
  - a) This lot is only filled to  $\frac{1}{4}$  and it is suggested that this be brought to the parking and advisory committee and upgraded to a senior parking lot.
5. Senator Rumsey discussed a motion to add a water fountain in the music building.
  - a) Senator Estrello seconded.
  - b) The water fountains now can get the people of the music building sick.
  - c) Getting a new filtered water fountain would help the health of the students of the department.
  - d) Senator Pugh is also petitioning for the Residence Hall to have the similar change with their Residence Halls on campus.
  - e) President Smith moves that the executive cabinet find the proper contact to resolve the water issues within both motions.
    - (1) Senator Pugh seconded the motion.
    - (2) Motion has been approved by a unanimous yes.
  - f) Senator Pugh can speak to the housing director for the cost and total of the resolve to the water fountain issue.
  - g) It is moved that Senator Pugh will find pricing and cost for the initiative behind the water fountain resolve
6. Senator Bautista discussed her former SGA position on the Dining Hall committee
  - a) If anyone is interested in the committee let Angulie know

VIII. Open Forum

A. N/A

IX. Advisor's Comments

- A. Dr. McNeil said it is a possibility to refurbish the water issues on campus.
- B. McNeil motioned that SGA inquire Dr. Flores about the parking scenarios as he is on the parking and advisory committee.
- C. The lawn that is closer to the dorms is being moved forward into an intramural field, Dr. Mcneil is meeting with an Architect to go over the plans.
- D. Lamar is working to put lighting in the back patio of the REC.
  1. Hopefully to sell beer and wine on a Thursday or Friday
  2. Hopefully ready to run by next semester
- E. Money has been restructured to CAB, what kind of activities would we want to see CAB get done for students.
  1. About 75,000 dollars for weekend activities.

X. Announcements

- A. President Smith is making known of our joint session meeting next week

- B. We will be posting about the vacant positions that we still have.
- XI. Adjournment
- A. Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.