**SGA General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**November 30, 2023**

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33pm.

II. **Opening Roll Call**

• RSO Representatives – make sure you are present for the opening/closing roll call at the beginning and end of the meeting to be counted as present.

* SGA Vice President of Records and Finances, Hope Monaghan, conducted the Opening Roll Call.

III. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

•  Minutes from previous meetings were posted on the SGA web page on November 21. Copies were also available when checking in to today’s meeting.

* Link to last meeting’s minutes: <https://www.lonestar.edu/student-government.htm>
* Robotics moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Tabletop. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes are approved.

IV. **Officer Reports**

 President – Yaray Fernandez Borroto - yarafernandez@my.lonestar.edu

* Textbook Affordability Forum progress
	+ Spoke with Victoria Braum, hand outs were available for her forum.
* President’s Cabinet meeting
	+ The cabinet had been considering OER and could be a part of your payment of courses. QR with feedback on this was given out.
	+ Discussed the naming of the new study wing of the library.
* Michelle Tran talent show call for photoshoot/future ads
	+ If interested in being a model for the school leave contact information with SGA.
* Collaboration with Heidi Green from the Government Department
	+ Next week we meet in her class and promote GAM meetings.

Executive Vice President - Cici Silva - cecilsilva@my.lonestar.edu

• Robert’s Rules of Order is used at SGA Meetings. Tips:

* Before speaking, wait to be recognized by the Chair (President)
* To be recognized, raise your hand and wait to be called on by the President
* When making a motion, say, “I move to/that…” Never say, “I motion…”

• LSC Board Meeting Information: <https://www.lonestar.edu/trustees.htm>

• Discord QR code at the back of minutes report.

* Join our Discord!

Vice President of Records & Finances – Hope Monaghan – hmonaghan@my.lonestar.edu

• Budget Report

 

* Vice President of Outreach and Centers vacancy – has been filled. Confirmation in New Business.
* Reminder about club announcement sheets

Vice President of Student Life – vacant - (report from Dallas Brown, Coordinator of Student Life)

* Upcoming Events
* Thursday, November 30 – Family Holiday Movie: The Grinch – 7:00pm – The Nest (NOTE: This was scheduled to be outside, but had to be moved indoors due to anticipated weather conditions.)
* Thursday, December 7 – Holiday Karaoke Party & Hot Cocoa (SAB/Singers Club/Let’s Relax) – 3:00-5:00pm – The Nest
* Thursday, December 7 – Gift Basket Raffle (SAB) -3:00-5:00pm – The Nest (NOTE: Must bring 5 non-perishable food items for the Cypress Helping Hands donation box to receive a raffle ticket.)
* Monday, December 11 – Finals Waffle Bar – 9:30-11:30am – The Nest
* Tuesday, January 16 – Falcon Frenzy: Treat Yo’Self (SAB) – 11:00am-12:30pm – The Nest
* Wednesday, January 17 – Falcon Frenzy: Rec Mania – 11:00am-1:00pm – Quad (The Nest if weather is bad)
* Friday, January 19 – Men’s Basketball Tryouts – 6:00-8:00pm – location TBA
* Tuesday, January 23 & Wednesday, January 24 – Falcon Frenzy: Involvement Fair – 11:30am-1:00pm – The Nest
* Tuesday, January 23 – Women’s Volleyball Tryouts – 5:00-6:00pm – location TBA
* Tuesday, January 23 – Dance Team Tryouts – 6:30-8:30pm – CENT 118
* Wednesday, January 24 – Women’s Soccer Tryouts – 4:00-6:00pm – Cullen Park
* Thursday, January 25 – Men’s Soccer Tryouts – 4:00-6:00pm – Cullen Park
* Friday, January 26 – Women’s Basketball Tryouts – 6:00-8:00pm – location TBA
* Monday, January 29 – Funday Monday: Hot Cocoa Bar – 5:30-6:30pm – location TBA
* Tuesday, January 30 – Terrific Tuesday: Hot Cocoa Bar – location TBA
* Tuesday, January 30 – Tennis Team Tryouts – 7:00-9:00pm – Tennis Courts
* Wednesday, February 7 – 4v4 Soccer Tournament – 3:00pm – Pavilion
* Wednesday, February 14 – Stuff-A-Plush (SAB) – 11:00am-1:00pm – The Nest

Vice President of Outreach & Centers – Jason Molina – jasomolina@my.lonestar.edu

• Events at Centers:

* Monday, December 4-Thursday, December 7 – Finals Study Bags – All Day – Cypress Center & Westway Park Technology Center
* Monday, January 22 – Lunar New Year Celebration – 11:30am-1:00pm – Cypress Center
* Monday, January 22 – Lunar New Year Celebration – 5:30-6:30pm – Westway Park Technology Center
* Wednesday, February 14 – Heart Art Valentine Cookie Decorating – 11:00am-1:00pm – Cypress Center
* Wednesday, February 14 – Heart Art Valentine Cookie Decorating – 5:30-6:30pm – Westway Park Technology Center

Historian – Hawau Quadri - hquadri@my.lonestar.edu

• Shoutout Socials

* + Follow us on Instagram at lsccyfair\_sga
	+ Facebook @LSCCyfairSGA
	+ If any RSO has posts that would want SGA to share on our social media please send it to Lsccyfair.student.government@gmail.com. Please have the caption ready too!

Permanent Advisor - Dan Mitsven

• P.T. Specialist III, Student Life – Position is still vacant. Student Life will begin reviewing candidates and working to fill the position, likely to start working in January.

• RSO Updates:

* Green Club changed name to Environmental and Sustainability Club.
* Lone Star Right to Life changed name to Life First CyFair.
* New Club Recognized: Business Professionals of America.
* 4 Emerging Clubs in the process.
* Spring RSO Advisor/Officer Meetings (choose 1)
* Wednesday, January 10 – 11:30am-1:00pm – Falcon Room (CASE 200.A)
* Thursday, January 25 – 11:30am-1:00pm – Falcon Room (CASE 200.A)
* Questions or Feedback?
	+ - Robotics asked about making a more accessible calendar of events. Dan mentions a Week-at-a-Glance email list, but once the P.T. Specialist role is filled, we might be able to do something on the monitors around campus.

• LEAD Series – Spring (All sessions 10:00am-2:30pm, tentatively in CASE 114-116, lunch provided)

* Friday, February 2 – Introduction & Model the Way
* Friday, February 16 – Inspire a Shared Vision & Challenge the Process
* Friday, March 1 – Enable Others to Act & Encourage the Heart
* If you complete these three Fridays, you get a certificate.
* If you did the winter series and then the spring series and then 8 hours of service with reflection paper you can get an advanced leadership certificate.

• Thank you for a great semester. Study hard and nail those finals, and have an EXCELLENT holiday break!

Advisor – Dallas Brown – dallas.brown@lonestar.edu

• The Nest – updates

* + Nest Hours M-TH 8:30am-5:00pm, F 8:30am-3:00pm
	+ No equipment will be checked out during Finals Week (December 11-15). Study Rooms will still be available.

•  SAB/SGA Officer Update – Carolina De La Cruz will move from SAB Vice President to SAB President, starting January 2024. Per the SGA Constitution, this means that Carolina will also become the SGA VP of Student Life.

V. **Unfinished Business**

 • No unfinished business

VI. **New Business**

• Confirmation of the VP of Outreach & Centers

* + Jason Molina addressed the Assembly to introduce himself and discuss why he should be confirmed. Molina left the room for discussion. No discussion. Robotics moved to confirm Jason Molina as the VP of Outreach & Centers. ASME seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• SGA Advisor, Dan Mitsven, presented a resolution to support an increase in student activities funding (see attached). This proposal is being discussed and considered at each of the LSC campuses.

* + Student Activities Fee was first implemented at $2 a credit hour. The proposal wants to raise it to $3 to support club funding. Clubs used to get up to a cap of $2,500 in the budgeting process. This year we are at $1,000. There also used to be a lot more surplus funds for special programs such as the Faculty-Student Engagement Initiatives, supplemental funding for RSO travel, and special student events (e.g. the crawfish boil will not likely happen next spring due to budget limitations.)
	+ Why $3? – There has been discussion throughout the system to raise it to $3/credit hour or perhaps $4/credit hour. Mitsven shared that he supports $3/credit hour because it’s not fiscally wise to double a fee. Also, if it were raised to $4/credit hour, he wouldn’t necessarily know how to spend it.
	+ Why did it take so long to get this change proposed? - It has been proposed in the past, but the previous administration was not on board with an increase, as several campuses left balances in their accounts at the end of the fiscal year.
	+ Is this getting determined at the system level or the campus level? - System level. It would never happen where one campus had a different fee.
	+ When will they again consider raising the fee? - A new proposal is already in the works, which proposes evaluating the fee every 5 years.
	+ Persistence data for student leaders is higher. Reminder for clubs to spend their money! Do not wait until April.
	+ Is the resolution posted anywhere? - No it is not yet, but we will put it in the minutes from this meeting.
	+ Tabletop moved to approve the resolution. ASME seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **Club Announcements**

• In the interest of time, please only announce special events or initiatives that would need to be known by the full group. Announcements must be concise, and you should think about the details you want to share before we get to that point in the meeting. After making your announcement, bring your sheet to the front table.

• ASME - Study session next Monday TECH 116, mainly for STEM related classes.

• PTK - Induction ceremony Dec 5.

• SAB - Karaoke night Dec 7 3pm - 5 pm in The Nest. This is a collaboration with Singers Club and Let’s Relax., if you bring 5 nonperishable food items you enter a raffle.

• Future American Sign Language Interpreters - Santa event Dec 16 at 10am.

VIII. **Campus Issues & Shout-Outs**

At all General Assembly meetings, you will have an opportunity to share pervasive issues and shout-outs. Remember when sharing campus issues that SGA is not the “complaint department.” If you have a singular issue, you must work through appropriate channels to work through it. SGA can try to facilitate communication when there are pervasive student issues and concerns on campus or if there are unmet needs. Members are also encouraged to share shout-outs to individuals, clubs, or departments!

• Dallas Brown - SAB shoutout to the new SGA VP Student Life, Carolina de la Cruz.

• Tabletop – Shoutout to Dan for getting the proposal in motion.

• Yaray - Shoutout to everyone here at the meeting. Shoutout to Dallas for being with LSC for a full semester.

IX. **Closing Roll Call**

• VP of Records & Finances, Hope Monaghan, conducted closing roll call.

X. **Adjournment**

• Tabletop moved to adjourn. Robotics seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

•Meeting adjourned at 4:34pm.

