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Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

*November 9th, 2021*

1. **Call to Order 5:30p.m.**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes**

**President Jennings: I would like to entertain a motion to vote to approve last week’s minutes.**

**VP Stavinoha: Carried said motion.**

**Senator Vargas: Motion seconded.**

**Let the record show that the minutes from last week’s meeting were unanimously voted in approval.**

1. **Open Forum**
	1. **James Hescock:** Thank you president Jennings and SGA for letting me be here. It is an honor to come before you, I know you have a lot going on. Now that the athletic fee has failed to pass, I wanted to come before you and give my few thoughts for you to consider now that you are in the next stage. Of course if you have other higher authority tell you otherwise, or you have your own opinion, just consider what I have to say briefly. Listen I wanted to say, now that the athletics fee has failed, there is another stage you have to go through. Some people will think that the athletics fee did not pass and that is it, but I would like you to consider what the athletics program will be now that does not have funding. I think it is important for students who participate in the athletics program that they have protection, your advocacy, as the price for those who participate is very high to the administration. Now if you don’t remember, Dr. Patterson said it was Dr. Tidwell who had the main drive for those athletes and in order to do that, it was clear the cost of Division 2 was very high compared to the revenue they generate, but it was Dr. Tidwell who was the drive behind going division 2. As a result of that, it was promised that as the athletics program jumped out and took on this costs, whatever the difference was in the revenue they had and the cost, the university would give the remaining amount. Now that this cost has exploded, it has costed the university to cover it, hoping the student fee would cover it and relieve the administration of the costs, but that is not happening. Which means, that the challenge for the administration to pay the bill. The reason the athletics program is in this position is because of administration, because of the President’s decision to push into this uncharted territory without the efficient funding. I would like to ask you now to consider, as advocates for the student body and a voice, to step and make sure the administration is good on its promise to fund the bill of the athletics. You have to make sure the university does not back out of their commitment, it was because of this commitment that athletics program is in the position it is in today. I understand a lot of students were not supportive of the funding, with a higher fee, but the administration program has to maintain their promise. As advocates, make sure that on behalf of those students that they stick to their promise. It does not need to be forever, please consider make sure that they are protected. Thank you guys so much. I hope my thoughts have been helpful.
2. **Speaker’s Podium**
	1. Krystian Worsham, Assistant Director of Residence Life
	2. Andy Pettee, Assistant Vice President for Student Success and Dean of Students

**Dean Pettee:** We will certainly do that, I think the last time I was here was August and now it is November.We have, it is our understanding there were some questions about housing. I also do not want to limit it just that, I think what would be helpful is to just start opening it up to questions so that we can help clear up things and assist you.

Secretary Mattern: Why are you taking away pets?

**Dean Pettee:** So, we do have open forum scheduled. On November 16th, we will have an open townhall for students to discuss their reactions and feedback. There was an email that was sent out discussing changes, in that email, we also talk about how we give enough time for us to get feedback, for us to have conversations, and be able to respond, That is what the townhall is for, an opportunity for residents to talk about anything. I just wanted to make sure you are all aware. Now to answer your question, there are several reasons why we are taking away pets. First is the wear and tear on our facilities. How many live in liberty landing, and I am assuming similar ratio on zoom. How many of you have pets on campus, those of you who do not have pets on campus, how many of you can tell an animal live there before? What we have is a challenge amongst balancing animals being on campus and the quality of our facilities. Those of you who raised your hand to knowing an animal lived there beforehand, did you mind? So part of it is wear and tear, I was at liberty and one of the rooms I went into, we walked right in and the first thing I smelled was urine. That was the first impression to the student who walked into that space, I told them I was sorry I cannot have you move into this space. Lets say you wanted to have your animal in housing, we say great, give us your deposit so we can replace the carpet. We then have to find someone who will replace the carpet, but there is significant amount of money we put into our residence halls. One of the things that hurts us is the ability to find those who can put in the carpet, there is a labor shortage that makes it hard to put in new carpet. Our concern is that we cant replace the carpet. The second reason, we also want to make sure, I get more complaints from roommates who have animals. We actually had an animal last year, I think it was an overly friendly dog but it created an issue because he scratched someone. We have to think, what can we do to make sure you’re comfortable. There is that safety piece and sanitary piece, I am a dog lover as well, and we have pet situations where students are not taking care of their animals and leaving it up to their roommates. We get calls about how their roommate has left for a couple of days, their car is meowing all the time, their litter box is not cleaned up, they don’t have any food. We then have to go talk to that student about that. Or their dog have been reliving themselves in the bathroom It hurts out ability to have a clean environment.

**Senator McNamara:** If I had an animal on campus now, will I be grandfathered in?

**Dean Pettee:** So that decision, I believe Krystian, has not been decided yet?

**Krystian Worsham:** We are still deciding on that and what we will be doing.

**Dean Pettee:** What is important with that is, we realize how important animals are to students. I have 2 dogs I love them. We are currently discussing that, that is something we want to hear more in townhalls.

**Senator McNamara:** With that being said, my roommate has a dog, and we have wood floors so we do not have to deal with carpet, but we constantly clean around the apartment but we still have to wear shoes because no matter how much we clean, it is not ever like fully clean. How do you make sure it is clean for those who will live there in the upcoming years? I just know this would make me feel better.

**Krystian Worsham:** After move out, whenever a room is fully vacant, that is when we bring in the cleaning team and clean the apartment. Every time a room is fully vacant, liberty landing has students year around so it is more complicated. Or in situations where every roommate is moving out except one, we would clean it as soon as that room is vacant. It is always deep-cleaned. There are different floorplans and spaces. If there is carpet we clean it how carpet would be cleaned, or with hard word we would clean it however it needs to be.

**VP Stavinoha:** What about emotional support animals? Would there be designated apartments for them?

**Dean Pettee:** The answer is no, the reasoning is the amount of emotional animals varies but the number is growing. My guess is, it will be very hard for us to do that. We also have to make sure we are not isolating student who have an emotional support animal because we want to make sure those students are getting those same treatments. We could not say this is the wing or students how require certain accommodations. Yes we would work with any student who had specific needs. That is why, if you live at liberty landing, you are starting to see the carpet slowly go away. I believe we shouldn’t have carpet. If you still have carpet, I am sure you se why we do not need carpet.

**Senator Luna:** So after we take out all of the carpet, would the rule still be in effect?

**Dean Pettee:** Even after we transition to hardwood floors, we are going to likely have the townhall and listen to you all, we would still continue to not have animals.

**Senator Luna:**

**Dean Pettee:** How many non-emotional support animals are on campus? Earlier this semester, there were 37 non ESA animals. This is going to impact potentially 37-40 students. SO, it will impact less students than what we think, but it does not their experience any less. You don’t want to have to get rid of the dog. These are things we wants to take into consideration at the townhall. If you are a resident or if it impacts you anyways. We want to support yall.

**Senator Harrison:** Will this impact all animals?

**Kyrstian Worsham:** The only animals we allow on campus are cats, dogs, and fish. As mentioned prior, we would not remove the SAR animals. Also, even though and animal is registered through SAR, it must be approved by housing. That is a process but if the animal we must always allow SAR animals.

**Dean Pettee:** I will tell you, why housing has this, if you wanted to bring a chicken, but I am using this as an example. We would have to think about how to keep a chicken safe and healthy. Part of the reason is we must make sure no one or the chicken was endanger, and that we can do that with vet records. There is always that right check in balance to make sure it has the appropriate vaccinations.

**Senator Chin:**

**Dean Pettee:** Scott Hendershot and Krystian are going to meet and talk about the basketball courts. That basketball court has given us a lot of feedback.

**Advisor Neaves:** SGA actually put in those courts.

**Dean Pettee:** That actually happened right before I started UT Tyler, so I didn’t know the background. Thank you Mr. Neaves. Housing and the PD are going to work on that.

**Senator Chin:**

**Dean Pettee:** That is a really good question. I am curious as to how much you guys think we spend on residence halls every summer? Would anyone like to guess? It is about 2 million dollars every summer. 2-3 millions dollars is what we put into the resident halls every summer to get where we are. This amount doesn’t get us as far as it sounds. I will tell you housing is taking every dollar and putting it back into the facilities. The carpet being replaced and every project is used from the money. We wouldn’t have nay carpet at Liberty if I had contractor to do it. As long as everyone else is comfortable with talking, I am.

**Secretary Mattern:** I just have like a concern for you guys. I have heard it is much cheaper to register your animal as an emotional support than it is to pay the deposit. What if each of the student who have animals go and get their animal registered, then the rule is basically ineffective. Are there any restrictions you can place so that this doesn’t happen or will we just have this rule as very ineffective?

**Dean Pettee:** We have to follow the law. We cannot limit service animals nor emotional support animals. It may be cheaper because the law protects animals, but you also have to get documentation, appropriate documentation, and that cant always happen. And I will tell you, if you were somebody who would like an ESA at liberty and wanted to bring your dog, I would encourage you to go get you animal registered. We are limiting it to pets, not ESA.

**Krystian Worsham:** Something else I would like to add is as I mentioned, SAR animals are also required to be approved by housing. So in the application, there is a explanation, that if certain things are done, it can result in removal. Inappropriate maintence, go to the bathroom in the room, it shows a reflection. Biting, scratching, jumping, we have these in their application for those to see. It can be removed.

**Dean Pettee:** That is also never the goal, the goal is to resolve the problem.

**Krystain Worsham:** If they went around that way, we do have ways to ensure the safety measures and cleaning measures are met.

**Senator Luna:** Why did we change the gallon size for fish?

**Krystian Worsham:** The reason being is due to, if there was an emergency, you cannot remove a large tank. If a roommates cat knocks over a 20 gallon tank, will make a lot of damage in the room. Our intention was to prevent any room damage. It is easy to move and ultimately we felt it was helping students.

**Dean Pettee:** Also, a 20 gallon tank weighs a lot.

**VP Stavinoha:**

**Dean Pettee:** I agree, these are important things to be brought up at the townhall.

**Senator Luna:** Can we talk about when Victory Village receive the new RC?

**Krystian Worsham:** I can attest, I am working on that now. I am diligently working to get a new RC as quickly as possible and to the best of my ability.

**Secretary Mattern:** When will the pothole be filled?
**Krystian Worsham:** There is a pothole at the entrance gate at Vicory Village. We are in the process of having our contractors fill the hole. It will be filled in about a month.

**Senator McNamara:**

**Krystian Worsham:** There is a shelter in Victory. We can definitely bring that concern to attention.

**Dean Pettee:** I think that is a challenge at any apartment complex. Be aware of the weather. It is similar to the snow store last year. We need to be aware so we can prepare. These are the things I would recommend and watch for. There is not a lot an apartment complex can do.

**Krystian Worsham:** Your safety is very important to us. Find a place and stay there where you feel safe. Do not go outside in bad weather. That is last thing we want is you guys putting yourself in danger. Get to where you feel comfortable and do not go outside. It is safer to stay where you are than go outside.

**Dean Pettee:** I will add to that, when I was moving to Texas you guys do not have basements here. I was searching everywhere for a house with a basement and there are like none. I am getting used to that. I have an interior bathroom. I want a basement and agree. We need to watch the weather and be prepared. Have plan is a strong recommendation.

**Senator:**

**Dean Pettee:** Campus occupancy has been a challenge since I have gotten here. You all like living on campus, that is wonderful., The fact that we have juniors and seniors here is awesome. The problem is that we have grown so much. One of the things we are looking into is building a new residence hall. And so, from a perspective, we are actively looking at the housing problems. We are establishing the initial phase. That is a scary phase to drop a lot of money on a residence hall. We probably had 200-300 students who we could not give a housing space. I grew up in residence life and it is a wonderful experience. We are going to hopefully build another residence hall in the future, but that takes about 24 months.

**Krystian Worsham:** To talk about how we are going to deal with overflowing. We have a new process in place in which we will discuss it at the townhall. The new application, where you can live. Come to the townhall to see how that process will work, we are adding new changes t help the overflow. We will go very in detail. It is Tuesday, the 16th. I believe it as 4:30pm, but I can double check to make sure.

**President Jennings:** What do you do with those students who were not able to stay on campus?

**Dean Pettee:** a lot of the times, we notify students that they are on a waiting list and may or may not have housing for you. We recommend you find something off campus. The communication goes out the latest July 1st. The problem is we have between a 5-7% no show. We have to balance all of those chance. We are estimating those who cancel before the summer. Plans change, et. We do try to communicate it early. If you came to me today and said you had no where to stay, I will find you a place. It may not be glorious, but we will never turn our back. If students need it, we will find a way.

**Secretary Mattern:** What about those students who are required to live on campus for their scholarships? Do they get to keep them if they cannot live on campus because they couldn’t get a spot?

**Dean Pettee:** They do not get the keep them. What we do, early on is check with enrollment to make sure those students are required to live on campus have a contract. If we reach out to them and they don’t get back with us, and keep reaching out and they finally get back to us and say they signed a lease off campus, we have to let them know they will not be getting their scholarships.

**Senator Harrison:** What do you do with the students who do not receive a place on campus?

**Krystian Worsham:** What we have don e in this past term, any student who was on a waitlist and we notified, we have to put a top on the waitlist because we know we will definitely not be able to accommodate you, we encourage them to start looking off campus. The other students who were on the waitlist, we found the place at local hotels until we could find them a spot on campus. We cover the complete cost and this includes transportation.

**Dean Pettee:** We would do our best and identify places. We have a lot of foster care students who literally need to stay on campus. We work our hardest to find solutions.

**Krystian Worhsam:** Scott is the budget guy. The director is on a cruise. He is our budget authority and knows the exact breakdown. However, we have a fairly large budget for maintenance. To insure that everything that we can get done, gets done.

**Dean Pettee:** We do a lot of work orders ranging from everything. We perform over 1500 work orders. We do tons of work orders from light bulbs, to O Hall floods.

**Senator Barria:** I just had a general question for satellite locations, with Houston being specific. Is there any future plans for any housing locations?

**Dean Pettee:** that is a great question. Something that we are in conversations with. We are looking to expand our footprint in Houston, president Jennings knows much about that if not more in terms of what we are doing in Houston. That has been something we have surveyed in the other locations and that has not been an identified need at this time. So Justin, if I’m hearing from you, or you decide if you would like to talk more about that, we certainly can have a conversation and see what the needs are on each of our campuses.

**Senator Barria:** It is not a need I need particularly or that any student has reached out to me about, I just wanted to know just in case if that opportunity arises, I would promote it.

**Dean Pettee:** We would not shy away from a discussion to evaluate if that would need to on any of our campuses. That is a decision and discussion way abpve my pay grade. That would be a future dicsussion, I do not know a lot about that. I went down there in May and met with Dr. Garcia and they have a really nice set up there. If you have not been down there, I am sure Dr. Garcia would love to show you.

**Senator Luna:** Becoming a resident assistant?

**Krystian Worsham:** So the application process happens every single prior to the term. We just finished hiring for the spring term. We’ll talk about the Spring since that is the time we just went through. Typically the application opens in September and early October. We post on social media and put up flyers. The application is in mercury, as far as an RA, you are required to live on campus for a year or have relatable experience. Even though you don’t live on campus now, but are currently an RA at TJC, that is relatable and you could put that down. You have to submit a resume and cover letter and all of that stuff. We hire prior to the Spring semester and for the Fall as well. We do a lot of email campaigns, im sure if you live on campus you have seen them. We post on social media and the requirements change within positions. We offer housing assistants and those do not require any on-campus housing experience. So those are typically after the first semester. For freshman now you had the opportunity to apply. It is great opportunity and getting your foot in the door. So if you wanted to get in there and didn’t have a full year of experience yet of living on campus, you could definitely apply ot be a housing assistant. When the next term rolls around, you can apply to be an RA and so on. We also offer senior resident assistants for our current RA staff to hopefully get a higher position in our department and become a bigger leader. We offer lots of opportunity for our staff and I would love to talk to any of you if you are interested. We love our student staff and would take anybody we can, my door is always open.

**Dean Pettee:** My biggest suggestion if you want to be an RA is exactly where Krystian said. Get to know the whole staff, so when selection time comes around, you have a really good idea. That was my first job in student affairs back in 2005.

**Krystian Worsham:** And my first position was as a housing assistant here at UT Tyler and I have gone up from there. It gets you a great starting place if you are interested.

**Senator Bennett:**

**Dean Pettee:** so I think what I would recommend is we wait for that question at the townhall when we figure out the final details have been ironed out on how we’re going to do housing selections for next year. That is my strongest recommendation because we will have the team there, with Scott. I would wait and hold off until then and you can ask those questions and we’ll on be on the same page. I have got to tell you, this is most questions I have gotten at SGA and I love it. This was really helpful.

**President Jennings:** Can you discuss what happened last week with the email?

**Dean Pettee:** Yes, so that happened. And, housing sent out a clarification. So, what is very common on a college campus, there is a charge for break. Our campus has never done that historically. Are we going to do that? Probably not in the near future. Our goal is to keep cost low for you guys and $30 a day over a holiday break would be like $300-$400. That is not the goal. One of the reasons we sent the clarification is that if we are going to make changes, such as the pet policy, we are going to communicate it and give us time to get feedback so that we have everything into account and that we’re not missing something about how it may impact you. So what that was a notification, we all agree that the communication could have been different. We take ownership in that, and I apologize if that created more stress. We are sorry, it was definitely not the way we would ever want to notify you of changes. I assure you that if we make any major changes in housing or anywhere, we are going to talk to you about and you will know about it. You wont know about that just over an email. You should know that if anything ever catches your gut really weird, come see us. My door is always open to students. You may come see me anytime you want. I will happily talk to you and clarify any concerns. My mantra for the last few years, specifically with covid, lets give grace. So if there is something you're really mad about, as long as you have all the information. Lets make sure you have al the information. Please come talk to us. I am a student advocate at the core. That is why I am in this position. Krystian loves this place so much that she’s been here as an undergrad, as a grad and as a professional staff member. We have all been in your shoes and we care. If there is something that hits your gut, we want to know about it so we can talk about it. Just come talk to me, I am happy to help. This has been great, I appreciate talking to you. Sometimes my kids may have to come.

1. **Officer Reports**
	1. **President Jennings**

This past week, I met with the president. We had a great conversation, always enjoy meeting with him. We talked about a variety of things, including advising. He is very interested in that and he wants to find a solution that works best for our students. I met with Dr. Sas, the faculty senate president today, I have meeting with the staff senate president on Thursday, and tomorrow, Ashlyn and I are making a visit to the Health Science Center campus, which is going to be very exciting. Lots going on, just busy all the time.

* 1. **Vice-President Stavinoha**

This has been a super busy week. This past week and this week, I have been busy with personal stuff. As yall know, I am graduating this semester. So I am getting the final preparations for what I am doing after I graduate, so that is what I have been stuck on. I do have the items for the finals week bags. I got them all picked out, I need to send them to Josh, I have not ordered them yet. We are going to get them ordered, and then I will let you guys know dates and times to come and pack bags and also pass them out.

* 1. **Secretary Mattern**

We posted the results on the website and on social media. There has been a lot of confusion on those. I hope you guys know that the athletics did not pass and the Rec Sports did pass. I typed up the minutes. It has been really crazy, I have a lot of exams coming up. If anyone wants to take my organic exam, I would love that.

* 1. **Treasurer Limbrick**

SGAC only have about $400 left to spend. Also, I think for events, I need to recheck, yall had about $1300 spent in total, I have to take a look at that. I think that is low as well. I put that under events.

* 1. **Chief of Staff Smith**

This week , I am going to be working on making a presentation to help discuss ideas in next week’s meeting for things to add to the constitution or fix. That is mostly my week.

President Jennings: If you have suggestions, and think this could be worded better, email Landry so that we can look at it. It is more of a round-table discussion.

1. **Committee Reports**
	1. **Events**

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Our Next major event will be finals week bags. And also, I would like to hang out with you guys before the end of my time here in SGA. An end of semester hangout, formal or informal. SGA would love to host it. But if we cant make it work, we can just hangout. Send a message in the Houston chat if anyone would be willing to host. We would be glad to get yall pizza to hangout. Think on it and shoot me a text.

* 1. **Communications**

**Secretary Mattern:** I forgot that we had a meeting this week. Valerie showed up and surprised me. We talked about the post that we made getting the results on the website so that everybody can access it.

**President Jennings:** Yeah, so now that we are done with that, I sent you an email from Taylor Clark in the counseling center and she sent me a bunch of graphics to posts about my SSP. Something to post like that would be good.

* 1. **SGAC**

**Treasurer Limbrick:** I do not have anything to add to SGAC. We didn’t meet last week because no one submitted a form, but we got a submission so we will be meeting this week. Next week for sure, I will be sharing the forms that groups have submitted to thank SGAC and to share how the event went.

* 1. **Rules**

**Chief of Staff Smith:** So, yesterday we discussed what we think the best idea to put forward in the next discussion next week. We basically had a discussion about what the best discussion would be and we just want to expand it out to the senate as a whole and try and try and get everyone's opinion on it. So, yeah/

* 1. **ESC**

**Senator Harrison:** Okay so we have not been very busy which is partially my fault. We are going ot be busy soon. By soon, I mean later this week. We need to have a second meeting this week so that we can layout a structure for the clothing drive because I want to reach out to orgs in both here and Houston to see if they would accept the clothes that we collect. I need to meet with Palestine and Longview and see if we are going to have them there or what. Next week, our regular meeting is going to be focused on that. Also, I want to try to do something before the semester is done. If you have any small ideas, come to our meeting Monday, it is on zoom, I can send you the link. It can be anything, if you have a concern, maybe such as “I have this one professor that prints out so much crap I don’t know what she’s doing with that stuff, but she needs to be recycling.

* 1. **GSA**

**President Jennings**: Part of the reason I am going the HSC is to chat with Ashton Smith, she is the student success coordinator over there. We are planning on facilitating some graduate student interactions on that campus. Also, super exciting, we had a couple of students reach out about the possibility of starting GSA back up. So, that’s awesome for us. I got them the contact information for the people I have been talking to this semester, but you know, as we said when we voted to create the GSA committee, as soon as that organization is back up and running, that committee will seize to exist. It has been fun getting that back up and running.

1. **Student Voice Reports**
	1. **College of Engineering**

**Senator Barria:** As far as the past week, there hasn’t been much. I know Mike Stark’s is coming next week so we’re excited for that. I sent out messages to everyone to make sure to contact Stark about in person mock interviews and in person resume reviews. To take up his time and utilize it. Everyone is just getting ready for finals.

**Senator Rosario:** I do have one student voice out. A couple of the engineering student son the mechanical end are veterans and they say the current wait for senior design class is two and that really does affect their veteran benefits. I have already sent out an email to Dr. Barika to see if we can sit down and talk about the logistic about that for tomorrow. I don’t know if there is anything SGA can help with that.

**President Jennings:** Like I said in my email back, I will support you I just don’t know anything about it. If you want me to sit in I can, I just don’t know much about it.

**Senator Barria:** To add onto that, the career success conference was really good and successful, it was a good opportunity to meet potential employers and getting internships.

* 1. **College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

**Senator McNamara:** So, Justina and I met with the dean last month and she requested that we comeback this month to follow-up with some things. We are going to schedule a meeting for that. It is just the applying process, there are a lot of problems with that and we want to get an FAQ that is more specific. If anyone has anything to add to that, I would love to let the dean know about that. That was what we discussed.

**Senator Henry:** I cant really remember if we talked about this last week, but they have been talking about the shortage of advisors and not knowing who their advisor is. I have been emailing the office and trying ot figure out what is going on. That is a big problem in the College of Nursing.

* 1. **Liberty Landing**

**Senator Chin:** Mainly as senator, I have been asking people what they felt about housing and other potential issues we could address. I also put up a QR code with a google form that has pretty much been the basketball stuff. I have had the RC post it with every event, so in the clubhouse.

* 1. **University Pines**

**Senator Dohadwala:** I know a lot of people are moving out and having maintenance problems. I know someone who’s roof caved in. There are a lot of maintenance problems. I know people are still upset about having to pay for laundry, the app is messed up. I texted them and they are working on fixing it, the app.

1. **Old Business**
	1. Diversity Training Discussion

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to open a brief discussion on the diversity training.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Scott:** Motion seconded.

**President Jennings:** I took the course, show of hands, who took the course. Alright. About half. Thanks Holly. Considering only half of us have taken it, we may consider tabling it because I want this to be a fruitful conversation. This is very important so, I guess based on that response. I would like to entertain a motion to table this discussion until next week after we’ve all reviewed the course.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Bennett:** Motion seconded.

1. **New Business**
	1. Appointment of New Senator

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to open discussion on the appointment of a new senator.

**Senator Chin:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Gouvea**: Motion seconded.

**Macie Kirkby:** Thank you for your time. I am Macie, I am a pharmacy student here. I graduated from Texas Tech about a year ago and I majored in kinesiology and minored in biology, if you need help let me know. I really like it here in Tyler. Some things I would like to bring the SGA, it is really funny, we had the career success day, the pharmacy students, when it comes to outside activities don’t really know about much so like half of us didn’t know where the business building and stuff is. I would really like to change that and make us more involved and let them speak their peace and bring that to yall and. Be more engaged. Any questions? I am from Dallas originally. So, I went to TTU, 5 hours away to get away from home and then I just liked being close to Dallas, the drive to Lubbock was a little too far. I know when I toured UT Tyler, I liked the campus, its really pretty and stuff and the pharmacy school is great. Very interactive.

**Secretary Mattern:** Are there any problems within the pharmacy school that you could bring to our attention?

**Macie Kirkby:** Like I said, I think the biggest issue is engagement. I feel like our events only stay within our college and the outside stay there. We are not really informed about the outside events. Other than that, I don’t think so, just engagement.

**President Jennings**: Let me ask you this. So I know the pharmacy school has sort of their version of this organization, do you at least know people in that org to communicate with them?

**Macie Kirkby:** Yeah, so our class size for the P1, so like the freshman version, we only have like 30 students. I think it got dropped down to 23. So I know everyone is like best friends to the president and stuff like that so yeah any suggestions I could channel.

**President Jennings:** Pharmacy school is taxing and a lot but having that connection already would ensure we could help in any way.

**Senator Gouvea:** I think she would be great since we do not have any representation for that part of our school. I think it’d be good to have somebody here.

**President Jennings:** for awhile there, we didn’t have representation in a few colleges and some colleges were full. I have been working to fill those seats.

**Senator Chawner:** Has there ever been a pharmacy school senator?

**President Jennings:** Yes, in previous semesters we have had representation there. But people graduate and move to other schools. It went well. With the addition of Macie, we would be at 28 senators. I would like to entertain a motion to vote.

**Secretary Mattern:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Bennett:** Motion seconded.

**Let the record show that the senator voted in Macie Kirkby as a College of Pharmacy Senator.**

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to close this discussion.

**Senator Harrison:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Bennett:** Motion seconded.

1. **Advisor Comments**
	1. **Advisor Neaves:** I don’t have any major comments. This was one of your better meetings, what time is it? This is a good meeting, yall asked a lot of good questions, once you got warmed up, yall rocked and rolled. I do want to say that yall are doing a good job of representing all students. You’re doing a good job of representing your areas and all the student body and im hearing a lot less personal but more about what the students are saying. That helps because when you bring those concerns here, we can get ahead. Leadership, I have spoken with Ona, and I know she has spoken to Dr. Callhoun and everyone is proud. The referendum, to have the largest voter turnout in SGA history, that's pretty awesome.
2. **Announcements**
	1. Thanksgiving Break, November 22nd – 26th
3. **Next Week**
	1. Student Body at Large
	2. Houston Engineering Center
	3. Victory Village
	4. Ornelas Hall
4. **Adjournm****ent 7:11pm**

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Everyone:** Carried said motion.

**Everyone:** Motion seconded.