SGA Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2010
5:30PM – 6:30PM; Conference Room, 6th floor of Lions Building

I. Meeting called to order by Ryan Vega

II. Executive Board Reports
   a. Ryan Vega – President
      i. There have been complaints about the parking lot gates remaining open in the mornings, and
         being filled with cars that do not have decals. Medical students working at UH have trouble
         finding parking in those lots.
         1. Issue will be raised with Office of Student Affairs through Dr. Delcarpio
         2. Ryan Vega will pursue the problem with Antonio Casas of Parking Services if this does
            not work
      ii. Lecture Halls are still being locked at 6PM. They are supposed to remain open as student study
          spaces.
          1. Issue will be followed up with Office of Student Affairs. (See below for the response
             from Dr. Delcarpio.)
      iii. Earl K. Long will pay for internet in the apartments for L3 and L4 students. This is currently
           being set up.
   iv. Interest Group Meetings
      1. Per Rachel Pastorek, the previous SGA Executive President – Sometime in the past, all
         interest groups met to implement the rule regarding interest group meetings. According
         to this rule, there are to be no more than 2 meetings scheduled per hour slot on campus.
      2. We are currently having many conflicts with more than 2 interest groups trying to
         schedule meetings on the same day. Reasons range from speaker conflicts to last
         minute/poor planning on the group’s part.
      3. The floor was made open for reevaluation of this 2-meeting limit – no objections to the
         current policy were made by any interest groups. SGA will continue to enforce this rule
         as it stands. No more exceptions will be made in the future.
         a. Arguments for keeping the policy included:
            i. It will eliminate low attendance at smaller group meetings
            ii. It is more fair to the students/members, as well as the groups that
                schedule on time
            iii. It will decrease the over-booking of rooms during lunch, which will
                lessen the burden on Office of Student Affairs
         b. Solutions that will help interest groups avoid future problems with booking:
            i. Plan and book meetings in advance. Do not wait until the last minute to
               book speakers or faculty members.
            ii. Look into having another speaker if one isn’t available on that day, and
                save that speaker for another date.
iii. If there is a particular date you need, contact the groups that are scheduled on that day directly and attempt to negotiate a date switch.

iv. Consider moving the date to a later date or a later time in the afternoon. Students are probably more likely to pay dues after they receive loan checks or are less distracted after their 1st exams.

b. Danny Eads – Executive VP
i. We are searching for staff photographers to document events for the SGA website, the LSUHSC student newsletter, and the upcoming yearbooks.
   1. If you or someone you know is interested, send an email to Danny Eads at deads@lsuhsc.edu. This person would be contacted before events for availability.

c. Christian Hernandez – Community VP
i. Filling in for Christian is Matt Giglia
ii. Campus-wide Habitat for Humanity Build
   1. Tentative date - Saturday, January 15, 2011
   2. This event is to be open to all LSUHSC schools – medicine, dental, nursing, etc.
   3. Annual Camp Tiger Fundraiser Party will likely coincide on the same night
iii. Tiger Run
   1. It will be officially dedicated to Nicole Murphy
   2. Date - April 3, 2011

iv. SLE
   1. First meeting will be held in mid-September
   2. CSE and PDE Proposals are to be sent to SOM-SLE@lsuhsc.edu

D. Matt Giglia – Social VP
i. Back-to-School (BTS) Party
   1. Was held on Friday, August 20 at Southport Hall
   2. About 500-600 people were in attendance – It was the most attended SGA party in the last couple years
ii. SGA Happy Hour
   1. Friday, October 1 at Bricks Bar
   2. More details to be released in the future

E. Warren “Jay” Huber – Student Health VP
i. Once new students are enrolled, we will begin troubleshooting student insurance policies with the administration – reimbursements, policy changes, etc.
ii. We have been getting a lot of good feedback on the student health section on the SGA website

f. Jason Gray – Treasurer
i. The L1 Reception was sponsored by SGA – Subway lunch
ii. Back to School Party
   1. Cost before ticket sales - $6,324.50
   2. Ticket sales - $3185.02. A good amount of sales was raised from PayPal. No problems with purchasing through PayPal were reported. We will likely continue to offer this method of payment in the future.
   3. Cost after ticket sales - $3138.65 (out of SGA budget)
iii. New individual single-serve coffee maker was purchased for the Student Lounge. This will also be able to dispense hot water for tea or hot chocolate.
iv. A request for the Student Lounge to be stocked with utensils was made – Jason will review the budget to see if this is feasible

g. Kevin Gipson – Technology Chair  
i. Live debut of SGA website went well. Please send photos to Kevin at kgips1@lsuhsc.edu so that he can keep the website content fresh.

ii. Student Technology Fee Committee will meet in the coming month to review proposals.  
   1. Laser pointers for lecture halls  
   2. Survey monkey account for interest groups  
   3. Kevin and the committee are accepting proposals from students, so please send any technology requests that will benefit the school and students to Kevin.

iii. LSUHSC School-wide Newsletter  
   1. New layout to be developed by a graphic designer  
   2. Stories and layout will be finalized in a meeting 2 weeks from now.  
   3. If you have a story that would be great for the newsletter, please submit it to either Kevin Gipson or Sophia Mai and it may be featured in the next newsletter.

h. Sophia Mai – Secretary  
i. Student Announcements  
   1. Send announcements to Sophia Mai at smai@lsuhsc.edu before noon on Sunday or it will not be sent out – no exceptions  
   2. Spell out acronyms for interest groups in the individual blurbs, because L1s have been sending complaints about not being able to decipher them

ii. Please keep boxes organized and throw all trash away in the Student Activity Room

iii. Student Lounge will be stocked, beginning next week, with light snacks for L2s studying on campus.

i. Tim Torres – Intramurals Chair  
i. Flag football begins on Sunday, September 19, 2010

ii. We will look into starting a charity volleyball tournament at Coconut Beach in the spring

j. Jimmy White – L4 President  
i. Students need to be working on MSPE and sending it to Dr. Delcarpio, start asking letter writers for recs, writing personal statements

ii. Senior AOA status  
   1. AOA is waiting on grades from one department, but this should be in before September 1  
   2. Per Dr. Lopez – Keep in mind that grades are only one feature of the criteria that AOA uses to select students

iii. Notify Student Affairs if you are having housing problems at Our Lady of the Lake

iv. New information on budgeting, malpractice insurance, away rotations will be added to the L4 page of the SGA website

v. Class roster is currently being updated

k. Kyle McMullen – L3 President  
i. Step 2 CS is the practical portion of Step 2. It is only offered at select locations and dates. Scheduling has opened for it, but there is no need to select a date now, especially if you don’t know when you want to take it. Per Office of Student Affairs - October is usually when students start scheduling. December 31, 2011 is the deadline to schedule. Be wary of the open date for international students – available dates become hard to get after scheduling opens to these students.

l. Renford Cindass – L2 President
i. L2s are gearing up for the 1st block exams in MIP, Path, and SPM.
ii. Step 1 review courses have been making presentations – Doctors in Training, Falcon Review
iii. L1 orientation and Service Project at City Park went well

III. Office of Student Affairs – Drs. Delcarpio and Lopez
a. Ryan Vega will compose an email regarding the parking lot situation. Dr. Delcarpio will forward the email to the appropriate chain of command.
b. Dr. Delcarpio was directed by Senior Administration to discuss the early locking of the lecture halls at 6PM with Ronnie Smith. Dr. Delcarpio will meet with him on August 26, 2010.
c. New officers of interest groups need to forward a list of names to Dr. Delcarpio – Sophia Mai, SGA Secretary, has this information and will send this to Office of Student Affairs
d. Two inventory forms were recently handed out to new interest groups applying for recognition
e. Drs. Delcarpio, Lopez, DiCarlo, and other faculty have compiled a list of students who they believe to be good candidates to serve on school standing committees. Emails will be sent to these requested students tomorrow. Selected students have the right to refuse if he/she feels that it will interfere with their academics or if there is a conflict.
f. Seniors
   i. About 26 MSPE letters for seniors have been written. These do not go up until November 1 by legal agreement
   ii. ERAS becomes active on September 1. Have materials ready to go up for a September 1st launch. Rec letters are uploaded at anytime up to the month of February. Ms. Lindy scans these as she gets them. The best way to check your status is to check the site instead of calling Ms. Lindy.
   iii. About 75 students have taken Step 2 CK. No failures have been reported as of the meeting.
g. Thank you to the L2s for doing a great job with L1 orientation.

IV. General Student Announcements/Concerns
a. Proteges – Catherine Gretchen
   i. Proteges was started 2 years ago to reincarnate a program that was in place before Hurricane Katrina to pair medical students with both clinical and science advisors. A database has been set up online. This will enable students to search this database on their own. We are currently in the process of getting contact info from recent graduates, residents, faculty, and alumni, and getting people who are willing to be advisors. These contacts will serve as an invaluable source for scheduling away rotations, finding out where faculty or alumni went for residency, searching for career opportunities, or just networking, both in Louisiana and in other parts of the country.
   ii. Elliot Hardy sent out an email to the L2s soliciting volunteers, but interest has been low. Please email Elliot Hardy if you are interested in helping to repopulate the database.
b. New Interest Group Proposals
   i. The application and recognition process includes completing all forms, and being approved by the Office of Student Affairs and the Chancellor’s Office. Once this is done, SGA will collectively vote on approving the interest group before it is officially recognized.
   ii. An ENT interest group is currently applying for recognition, and going through the steps necessary for approval. This is the first meeting that the proposed group has presented its intent of establishment to the board – no objections were voiced.

In Attendance:
SGA President – Ryan Vega
Executive VP – Danny Eads
Community VP –
Social VP – Matt Giglia
Student Health VP – Warren Huber
Technology Chair – Kevin Gipson
Treasurer – Jason Gray
Secretary – Sophia Mai
Intramural Chair – Tim Torres
L4 Class President – Jimmy White
L3 Class President – Kyle McMullen
L2 Class President – Renford Cindass
L1 Class President –
AAMC – Luke Machen
Aesculapian Society – Clark Alsfield
AMA –
AMSA – Jenna Jordan
AIG –
AOA –
APAMSA – Jenny Zhang
CMDA –
CORE – Neema Patel
CSA – Clark Alsfield
DIG – Tracie LeBleu
Edgar Hull – Rachel Coleman
EMIG – Corey Bilbo
FMIG – Zachary Pray
GMIG –
HOIG – Clark Alsfield
Homeless Clinic – Laura Shoemaker
IMIG –
MPIG –
OBIG – Laura Shoemaker
OIG –
OSIG– Ryan Rhodes
PARSIG – Stephen Moran
PIG – Neema Patel
PSIG –
RIG – Luke Machen
Rural Medicine –
SIG – Greg Lee
SIGNNS – Preston Eiswirth
SIHO – Stratton Beatrous
SMILE – Melanie McIntosh
SNMA –
WIM – Maegen Schaff

Catherine Gretchen
Jessica Zack
Randy Sorge
Jonathan Hall
Curtis Bashkiharatee