

Meeting Information - [Zoom Link](#)

- **Council Member List:**
 - Sam Whitaker - *Vice President for Leadership Development*
 - Roman Beames - *Vice President for Programs*
 - Caitlyn Colca - *Secretary/Treasurer*
 - Jess Pearce - *Member at Large*
 - Kadeem Sabari - *Governor*
 - Derek Stoughton - *Governor*
 - **Absences:**
 - Tyler Slough - *President*
 - Garret Gardenhire - *Governor*
 - **Start Time: February 15th, 8:06 PM**
 - **End Time: February 15th, 8:42 PM**
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Officer Reports

1. Member at Large Report

- a. Thanks to pals who sent pictures from DDD #1!
 - i. Would love to get “testimonials” from some (non-council) bros who attended—any recommendations of folks to reach out to?
 1. **Keziah Knight - keziah.grace03@gmail.com**
- b. Would love to do something similar to last year for council info videos; would love to hear Roman + Caitlyn’s thoughts on how they’d like to approach the consolidated Sec-Tres position
 - i. If amenable, I’ll draft up questions + instructions for y’all to review.
 - ii. Would love to have all those back by the end of this week
- c. Otherwise, posting chugging along as per calendar. Would be happy to boost engagement in particular areas as needed; just let me know!

2. Secretary/Treasurer Report

- a. Added Due dates to the website! + Convention registration!
 - i. Add the convention registration to the front page of the website!
- b. One person has filled out the Marketplace form, please keep pushing this!
- c. If you are using your officer budget for registration please remember to send me AND the govs a requisition form.
- d. Started working on all the basic stuff for the ways and means report + made the document for next years budget
- e. When should I start prepping minutes for convention? I want to make sure I don’t get behind cause I know I have chapter stuff I need to work on in march!
 - i. **There’s no “set date” to start prepping. But if you want to get a head start because you know you’ll be busy, that’s totally fine! If you aren’t sure what to do just let us know! - KS**

3. Vice President for Programs Report

- a. New ALTO Fall 2025 went out on the 30th, I hope folks enjoyed it!

- i. Unsure if Spring 2025 will go out before or after officer transitions, but regardless, I will be aiming to collect responses and photos from chapters earlier, especially considering no marching season (maybe could focus on new classes and whatnot? Hooray for growth and longevity)
 - b. The February newsletter went out and rehashed much of the important convention facts; I will continue to push information and deadlines about this. Because we are leading up to convention, is there anything else we think needs to be sent out outside of this/chapter emails/March newsletter?
 - i. People have joined the discord via the link on the newsletter so this is exciting!!
 - c. I am excited for Spirit and Recognition activities! Any clarification on anything I need to be doing for this as of rn? I want to get ahead of things because I will be #basketballbanding very soon (Kadeem I will be returning to South Carolina!)
 - d. Don't worry guys the Lloyd Noble Center is (unfortunately) okay after the Great Popcorn Machine Fire of 2026
- 4. Vice President for Leadership Development Report**
- a. I hope the first DDD went well? I'd love to hear about it from those who attended and how everything went.
 - b. The second DDD is coming up on the 28th and (as far as I know) everything is all set for that.
 - c. If there is anything else I need to do for the DDDs or other office responsibilities, please let me know!
- 5. President Report**
- a. SWD Convention
 - i. Almost all speakers for workshops are chosen!
 - ii. Committees should be made soon since the interest form is due tonight.
 - iii. I'm not sure if I said but all committee heads have accepted the role.
 - iv. I'm finishing up the joint slides this week.
 - b. Jess I have photos from the song at TMEA if you want them. Natalia gave them to me just in case!
 - c. TMEA was great, and I was happy to see some of the council there! I told everyone who went to the sing about the deadlines and encouraged them to run for district office.
 - i. Sam and Caitlyn did a great job conducting in front of everyone!!!

Governor Reports

6. Kadeem Sabari

- a. Committee Interest Form - Currently 16. We will likely need to extend this deadline to Wednesday because we will need more students. Tyler Slough - Once the deadline hits, you will need to go through the list and create a preliminary committee sheet by Friday night at the latest to send to Governors for review.
- b. Gamma Phi was an excellent host for our first workshop! I wish we had more chapters to attend, but overall it was a fun time, and I think the students enjoyed it as well.
- c. Convention planning and prep is going to consume most of my life. The more you all as a council can stay informed on deadlines, knowing what tasks need to be completed and how to get them done, what to promote and push where, etc., the easier it will make the actual convention. If you do have a question, ask before you start drowning because I cannot swim.

7. Garret Gardenhire

- a. Sorry I can't make it tonight, I'm on a plane right now ✈️
- b. Have you all signed up for District Convention and your hotel? As Kadeem's email said, use the pay later option for registration if you plan on using your funds!
- c. We have only had 2 students email us with interest in being a district officer. If you know anyone interested, encourage them to run! (Can we also make sure to push this more on socials, please)

8. Derek Stoughton

- a. Please let me know if you need anything from a director's perspective. I am here to help! My colleagues have covered everything that I can think of. They are much better at their jobs than I am.
- b. I apologize for not being at the DDDs - I was hosting Arkansas All-State auditions on Feb. 7, and I get to do our senior day Basketball game on Feb. 28. Oh, the life...
- c. If you have any concerts or other performances coming up, please let me know! Music is truly the greatest of the arts, and as a result, I'd love to hear you all do what you do.
 - i. OU Campus Bands (Boomer and Sooner Band - I (Roman) am in Boomer Band on euph), first concert is Sunday 2/22 at 3:00 pm, should be livestreamed on ouschoolofmusic twitch(?)
 - ii. The UH WE and Symphonic band have a concert Friday at 6pm, I'm in the Symphonic band with my little flute (Should be live streamed on youtube?? IK sometimes composers get weird about that tho)
 - iii. The UCA Symphonic Band is giving its first concert of the semester on Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 PM!
 1. https://www.youtube.com/live/fWQj_t4ETio?si=RR5YPVOK5cxX77UT
 - iv. HPU's Symphonic Band and the Central Texas Community Band are doing a joint winter concert on March 2nd at 7ish(?) with the theme of "Things That Go!" and I think you can find it on livestream at the HPU School of Music Facebook page!

District Business

Meeting Adjourned: 8:42 PM