

## **SMUSA President's Report**

Shiray Tan, President & CEO

### **Final Exam Weightage Cap**

After lengthy efforts, SMUSA successfully advocated for a Final Exam Weightage Cap to be put in place at SMU. In summary, the policy states that unless approval from the Dean is granted for special circumstances, all Final Exams for undergraduate courses should not weigh above 40%. To the best of SMUSA's knowledge, this represents a groundbreaking achievement as it is the first cap of this magnitude in the country, with the nearest cap being fifty-percent.

### **SMUSA Elections**

SMUSA's election for the term 2024-2025 has recently concluded. A special shoutout to the elections team—Francesca Southwell, Matthew Bourque, Prajwal Prasad Shetty, Anusha Andy, and SMUSA's VP of Marketing and Communications Amaan Ahmed—for making this election a success. Congratulations to the newly elected SMUSA President and board members who will be serving the 2024-2025 term. Additionally, thank you to all candidates for running. Regardless of the results, you have shown us what it means to be a true leader, stepping up and taking chances for what you believe in. We are very excited for your journey ahead.

### **Hiring**

The application period for positions related to Gorsebrook Lounge, Door Staff, Liquor Services, Husky Patrol, Information Desk, and Society Officer has officially concluded. Interviews will be conducted imminently, if not already initiated. We are so excited to welcome our new SMUSA team members. We would also like to extend our appreciation to all applicants for their time and effort.

### **Calendar Board in Loyola**

We are currently in the concluding phases of constructing our SMUSA calendar at Loyola, which will comprehensively showcase all SMUSA events. Societies are required to submit their event details, including posters, through our website's dedicated "Events" page for potential inclusion. Given the limited spots available on the calendar, events will be featured on a first-come, first-served basis. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the timely submission of event information for optimal scheduling.

### **Societies' Special Event Grants**

Recently, we have been compiling a document that comprehensively outlines all pertinent information regarding special event grants for societies. This document aims to enhance transparency with our members by providing detailed insights into the distribution process

and relevant guidelines. We are committed to ensuring clarity and accessibility in our procedures, fostering a more informed and engaged community.

### **Nacho Average Staff Appreciation Day**

On the 1st of February, SMUSA hosted our annual staff appreciation day: Nacho Average Staff Appreciation Day. We extend our sincere gratitude to the entire SMUSA team for their dedication and efforts in upholding our mission of providing the best student experience at SMU. Thank you for your valuable contributions.