

UNIVERSITY of  
**HOUSTON**  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**Minutes as Recorded**

By: Bruno Ugaz – Clerk of the Senate

**51<sup>st</sup> Administration Agenda**

**UC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM**

**Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Clause 1:** Call to Order by the presiding officer

Meeting called 19:32

- I. Opening call of the roll  
See Attached Roll Sheet

**Clause 2:** Reading and approval of the senate journal from the previous meeting

No Corrections to Minutes

**Clause 3:** Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the senate  
None

- II. Students wishing to address the Senate

TexPIRG - Crystal Sowemimo

- New voters project.
- Reduce student debt, helping new students engage into democracy.
- Help student voter registration,
- Wants the SGA president to endorse the new voter registration.

Josephine Tittsworth Act – Jackie

- For the bill, her daughter is transgender.
- Her safety is of concern. she wants her child to be safe when she comes to UH
- She wants her child to avoid bullying when she comes to UH.

Josephine Tittsworth Act – Becca

- Doctoral student in social work. For the bill.
- Proud to be a Coog because of its diversity.
- She has been harassed because of her identity.
- She want to plead for a decision tonight on the safety of those who are transgender.

Josephine Tittsworth Act – Lou

- Senior in favor of the bill. 44 years old.
- Transgender student, terrified when he came on campus.
- He likes being on campus, he is proud to be a Coog.

Josephine Tittsworth Act – Jared

- Former senator in sga for the bill.
- Worked hard to make the UC senate room as well as the new stadium.
- Do the right thing take the right step to make the SGA better.
- UH has always been diverse and tolerant.

Josephine Tittsworth Act – Tanzeem

- For the bill. He comes from a very conservative country. UH he can see is going forward and this bill is a example of this. The senators need to make sure that UH goes in right path.

Josephine Tittsworth Act – Gregorio

- For the Bill. Desires for privacy and respect are necessary for UH in order for it to go forward.
- It's our duty as students of UH to move forward. It's a moral obligation as people to respect others. There is no need for animosity to people who just want to be respected.

### III. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate

Sebastian Agudelo

- Thank everyone who came out for the meeting.
- We are not here for personal agendas represent your constituency.

Tatiana Lutomski

- Elected president of college democrats.
- Pizza party next Tuesday.

James Lee

- Thanks all the people who came out tonight.
- Looks forward of the bill to pass.
- If any questions ask them tonight.
- Last minute to ask the question. Ask them today please.

Clement Agho-Otoghile

- When he first became a senator, Laura bee told him always look at the problem to find the right solution. We must do better as people.

Marcus Pourreau

- Vote for your constituency. Not on your personal feelings.

Enrique Martinez

- We make decisions based on the people who appointed you. We had multiple stories and enough information for people to learn what the bio is about.

### **Clause 4: Executive and Speaker Reports**

#### I. Report of the President

- Cabinet has been established. Breanna Larsen as marketing director. Marcus Smith nominated as director of external affairs. Submitted a request to the chancellor for other events for SGA.
- On the bill: It has been two months working on this issue. He doesn't have a background helping transgender but he promotes tolerance which he learned by being here at UH. He says that just because this school is the second most diverse school in the nation doesn't mean that you should just stop there. We should gladly accept other students which are transgender feel comfortable with us. It is the SGA responsibility to provide for the students to represent the students. This is the civil rights movement for our generation. We look forward to making sure student thrive in this school.

#### II. Report of the Vice President

Not Present

#### III. Report of the Chief of Staff

- Office running. Deputy chief of staff: Joshua Fried
- TPAC there are vacancies John Fields and Randall Williams
- UH PAC; Thursday April 24 \$15 -- Involved in Texas politics. Helps represents our university.

#### IV. Report of the Director of Finance

#### V. Report of the Attorney General

- Election reform. James working it. Also working with Kendrick Aldridge and Chief Justice to make it work.

#### VI. Report of the Speaker

- New Center of Faculty Engagement and Development, in planning stages.

- Need to know who will be in the Summer Senate
- UH earth Day info for energy and sustainability issues. SGA will have a tabling.

### Clause 5: Committee Reports

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
  - a. Academic Affairs
    - o Ton of issues in the agenda for next meeting on 18 April. Need Vice Chair.
  - b. University Administration & Finance
    - o Bill that needs to go through already, should be ready by next Wednesday.
  - c. Internal Affairs
    - o 3 new bill: Pledge act, School Spirit Act, Election Reform and Transparency Act
  - d. Student Life
    - o Successful meeting. 10 members met. Recommended UB-51001 back to floor, some in agreement over postponing until next meeting.
- II. Reports of the Select Committees
  - FSAC – Will Fischer
    - o Meal Plans
  - TPAC – PJ Safavi
    - o 600,000 dollars short for buses. Need new transportation fee for all students. Should students be charged a new 25\$ fee? Over budget due to demands of buses.
    - o IDEAS:
      - New charges to fees. Increase ticket prices. Cut down services, they tried this in 2012, didn't work.

### Clause 6: Old Business

- Josephine Tittsworth Act – Senator James Lee
  - o Moderated Caucus 15 mins; 10 min extension
  - o 5min Q&A with authors, 8 minute extension.
  - o Previous Question called. UB-51001 Passes with majority raising of hands.
- Constitutional Amendment Review – Senator Will Fischer
  - o More documents found to establish accuracy, will pass to Justices for decision.

### Clause 7: New Business

- I. UB-51002 *Greenhouse Gas Accountability Act*  
Speaker Shaun Smith, Michael Nguyen, Shannon Terry
  - Keeps UH accountable for its Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Will be a collaborative effort with the University, Sustainability Committee, ESI Minor students, and Office of Sustainability
- II. Presidential Appointment of Breanna Larsen to Director of Public Relations  
Breanna Larsen confirmed to Director of Public Relations
- III. Presidential appointment of Marcus Smith to Director of External Affairs  
Marcus Smith confirmed to Director of External Affairs

SGAB-51001, SGAB-51002, SGAB-51003 deferred first reading, sent directly to IA Committee.

### Clause 8: Closing Remarks

- I. Comments and announcements of the officers  
Andrea:  
Sign up for the Tabling Earth Day next Tuesday. Let people know who you are.  
Sebastian: Student Life. Need vice chair. Let's move forward.
- II. Open Forum  
Senator Matthew Ramirez: NAACP election results. LULAC elections. Job fair for student veterans

Senator Brianna Mills: Behavior this senate meeting was unacceptable. A female Senator being called a “bitch” in a Senate meeting by an individual who represents the entire student body is inappropriate. Josephine Tittsworth: Vietnam veteran, Student on campus, Served SGA for 5 years. Proud of the SGA

- III. Closing call of the roll  
See Attached Roll Sheet

**Clause 9:** Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned 22:20

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Position	Name	Opening Call	Closing Call
Student Body President	Charles Haston	P	P
Student Body Vice President	Erica Tat	A	P
Chief of Staff	Leo Mata	P	P
Director of External Affairs	Marcus Smith	N/A	P
Director of Public Relations	Breanna Larsen	P	P
Director of Finance	Randall Williams	A	P
Attorney General	David Ghably	P	P
Speaker of the Senate	Shaun Smith	P	P
Speaker Pro-Tempore	Sebastian Agudelo	N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms	Sterling Dodd	P	P
Clerk of the Senate	Bruno Ugaz	P	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #1	Sebastian Agudelo	P	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #2	Chelsea Moses	A	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #3	Alan Garza	P	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #4	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Senator- Graduate At-Large, Seat #1	Varun Sreenivas	E	P
Senator- Graduate At-Large, Seat #2	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Senator- Hines College of Architecture	Issam Kadiwala	A	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Sunil Motwani	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	John Fields	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Marcus Poureau	P	E
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Pooja Magadi	A	P
Senator- College of Education	Geordie Daniel	A	P
Senator- College of Education	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Vacant	N/A	N/A
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Clint Kirchhoff	A	P
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Nelson Raymond	P	P
Senator- The Honors College	Charlotte Christian	P	E
Senator- Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management	Ashley Davis-Nelson	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Sarah Aimad	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Stephanie Bailey	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Will Fischer	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Matthew Ramirez	A	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	James Lee	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Tatiana Lutomski	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Jessie Smith	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Clement Agho-Otoghile	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Louis Adam	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Enrique Martinez	A	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Ahren Esquenazi	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Trent Fuller	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Max Ballands	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Nestor Garcia	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Brianna Mills	P	P
Senator- UH Law Center	VACANT	N/A	N/A
Senator- College of Optometry	VACANT	N/A	N/A
Senator- College of Pharmacy	Lydia Velasquez	A	A
Senator- Graduate College of Social Work	VACANT	N/A	N/A
Chief Justice	Fatima Syed	A	A
Associate Justice	Krystal DeLatte	A	A
Associate Justice	Mariah Berry	A	A
Associate Justice	Isaac Idicula	A	A
Associate Justice	Randall Towns	A	A