

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 May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

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

Meeting called to order at 19:34

I. Opening call of the roll

Roll attached below

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

No changes to previous minutes

**Clause 3:** Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the senate  
No representatives wishing to speak.
- II. Students wishing to address the Senate  
No students wishing to speak.
- III. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate  
Senator Martinez – NSM college delegation has had productive meetings with college leadership.

**Clause 4: Executive and Speaker Reports**

- I. Report of the President
  - Looking to address advising issues in the next month
  - Foundations of Excellence report will be presented soon. Will be made available in the Fall
- II. Report of the Vice President
  - Encourages students to look at Get Involved portion of SGA so that University Committees and SGA positions can be filled for next FY.
- III. Report of the Chief of Staff
  - SGA will be participating in the New Student Orientations, asking that Senators participate to help with tabling.
  - Emerging Leaders positions are open, direct interested individuals to the SGA website “Get Involved”. Application closes mid-September. There will be a couple for the Senate, mostly in the Executive.
  - PR – Polos arriving soon
- IV. Report of the Director of Finance  
No report given
- V. Report of the Director of External Affairs
  - Recognizing Michael Nguyen as the new Community Outreach Coordinator
  - University of Houston Higher Education Summit will be taking place soon
  - Encouraging Senators to attend Voter Registrar Deputization
    - o 10 June at 2-3PM at Harris County Administration Building
    - o 11 June at 6-8PM at Harbach-Ripley Neighbor Center
    - o 8 July at 2-3PM at Harris County Administration Building
- VI. Report of the Attorney General  
No report given
- VII. Report of the Speaker

- Retreat details will be given soon.

#### **Clause 5: Committee Reports**

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
  - a. Academic Affairs  
Research on benchmark universities being done to determine similar policies. Working on Grade Forgiveness and Plus and Minus grading scale. Some deans are favorable.
  - b. University Administration & Finance  
Researching WRC “Sweatshop” bill which affects the source of the merchandise for purchase at UH book store.
  - c. Internal Affairs  
Recommend that Pledge Act be withdrawn, and School Spirit Act be called to question.
  - d. Student Life  
Focusing on issues at Bayou Oaks/Greek Housing.  
Working with Daily Cougar transition to “Weekly” Cougar
- II. Reports of the Select Committees  
Monica Thompson named Director of University Career Services after candidate interviews last month.

#### **Clause 6: Unfinished Business**

- I. SGAB-51001 *The Pledge Act* (Pending Committee Review)  
Legislation withdrawn, motion passes unanimously.
- II. SGAB-51002 *The University of Houston School Spirit Act* (Pending Committee Review)  
Alma Mater will be spoken at every meeting after Call to Roll in Clause 2  
Called to question, bill is passed unanimously.
- III. SGAB-51003 *Election Reform and Transparency Act* (Pending Committee Review)  
Legislation Postponed pending further Committee review (Internal Affairs)
- IV. UB-51003 *Democracy Wall* (Pending Committee Review)  
Legislation Postponed pending further Committee review (Student Life)

#### **Clause 7: New Business**

- I. Presidential Appointment of **Canyon Sanford** to Senator - The Honors College  
Canyon Sanford confirmed by Senate to the Honors College Senate seat.
- II. Presidential Appointment of **Lauren Tolat** to Senator – College of Pharmacy  
Laruen Tolat confirmed by Senate to the College of Pharmacy Senate seat.
- III. Presidential Appointment of **Aditya Patel** to Associate Justice  
Aditya Patel confirmed by Senate to the Associate Justice seat.
- IV. Presidential Appointment of **Ryan Thompson** to Director of Public Relations  
Ryan Thompson confirmed by Senate as Director of Public Relations

#### **Clause 8: Closing Remarks**

- I. Comments and announcements of the officers  
No comments made
- II. Open Forum  
No comments made
- III. Closing call of the roll  
Roll attached below

#### **Clause 9: Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2055

## Summer Senate Roll

Position	Name	5/21/2014 (BEG)	5/21/2014 (END)
<b>Speaker of the Senate</b>	<b>Shaun Smith</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #1	Sebastian Agudelo	P	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #4	Hugo Salinas	E	E
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Enrique Martinez	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Ahren Esquenazi	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	John Fields	E	E
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Pooja Magadi	A	P
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Clint Kirchhoff	P	P
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Nelson Raymond	E	E
Senator- Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management	Ashley Davis-Nelson	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Sarah Aimad	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Stephanie Bailey	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Will Fischer	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Matthew Ramirez	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	James Lee	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Jessie Smith	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Clement Agho-Otoghile	A	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Louis Adam	E	E
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Enrique Martinez	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Ahren Esquenazi	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Max Ballands	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Nestor Garcia	P	P
Senator- College of Education	Geordie Daniel	P	P
Senator- The Honors College	Canyon Sanford	N/A	P
Senator- College of Pharmacy	Lauren Nicole Tolat	N/A	P