

UNIVERSITY of  
**HOUSTON**  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**Minutes as Recorded**

By: Claudia Rodriguez

**UC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM**  
**Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

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

I. Opening call of the roll

Meeting called to order 7:33 PM

**Clause 2:** Recital of the Alma Mater

**Clause 3:** Reading and approval of previous meeting's minutes

Approved

**Clause 4:** Special Reports

I. University Representatives wishing to address the senate

Lydia Westbrook

- Speaking on behalf of Dr. Ortiz about the proposed increase in Learning Abroad funding

Patrick Peters

- Update on the UH Master Plan for 2015-2020

Update from university about the Capital Improvement Plan going into 2015 and 2016

Dan Maxwell

- Update on the Foundations of Excellence and calling for student leaders to get involved

II. Students wishing to address the Senate

Jesse Smith talked about the hiring a of a new athletic director

Caroline from "Change Happens" talked about the "Positive Pathways" and wants a student organization sponsored on campus

Will Fischer spoke about updates from FSAC

Lydia Ibarra spoke about consideration for the open CLASS seat

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

Senator Dixit: Indian student organization didn't receive funding for an event they had previously received funding for

Senator Wiltshire: Asked about an update about the combat room and pointed out an issue with the Daily Cougar

Senator Galvan: Need money to powerwash education building. Working on getting a self defense class at the rec and is working with Ms. Clark about keeping the combat room.

Senator Esquenazi: NSM is not hiring new advisors and are looking at different ways to handle the problem.

Senator Mascorro: Polled constituents and will support an increase in the fee for Learning Abroad

Senator Gratvol: Will pay for senators to attend ERP tour

Justice DeLatte: Retiring from court of appeals due to graduation.

### Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

- I. Report of the President  
Talked about the different appointments he was making and discussed the process if any appointments fail. Applications for any other positions are available through gateway.
- II. Report of the Vice President  
No Report
- III. Report of the Chief of Staff  
Asked all senators to give their shirt sizes so they can order it
- IV. Report of the Director of Finance  
Reviewing the budget, so far we are under budget
- V. Report of the Director of Public Relations  
Asked senators to sign up for Cougar Carnival
- VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs  
No Report
- VII. Report of the Attorney General  
No Report
- VIII. Report of the Speaker  
Nominated chairs for the 4 committees. Announced summer senate meetings

### Clause 6: Committee Reports

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
  - a. Academic Affairs  
No report
  - b. University Administration & Finance  
No report
  - c. Internal Affairs  
No report
  - d. Student Life  
No report
- II. Reports of the Select Committees

### Clause 7: Old Business

- I. UB-52001 *Tier One Learning Abroad* (First Reading)  
Sent to Academic Affairs
- II. UB-52002 *Grade Replacement Policy* (First Reading)  
Unanimously passed, with one abstention

### Clause 8: New Business

- I. Presidential Appointment of Joshua Freed to Director of External Affairs  
Confirmed by the senate.
- II. Presidential Appointment of Javid Sultan to Undergraduate at Large Senate Seat  
Not confirmed by the senate.
- III. Presidential Appointment of Jasmine Poyatos to College of Education Senate Seat  
Confirmed by the senate.
- IV. Presidential Appointment of Eric Mendez to College of NSM Senate Seat  
Confirmed by the senate.
- V. Presidential Appointment of Laurel Rawley to CLASS Senate Seat  
Confirmed by the senate.
- VI. Presidential Appointment of Kourosh Zakeri to College of Optometry Senate Seat  
Confirmed by the senate.

- VII. Speaker Appointment of Clint Kirchoff to chair of Academic Affairs  
[Confirmed by the senate.](#)
- VIII. Speaker Appointment of Maria Hernandez to chair of Administration and Finance  
[Confirmed by the senate.](#)
- IX. Speaker Appointment of Brandon Wilke to chair of Internal Affairs  
[Confirmed by the senate.](#)
- X. Speaker Appointment of Hugo Salinas to chair of Student Life  
[Confirmed by the senate.](#)

**Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

- I. Comments and announcements of the officers  
[None](#)
- II. Open Forum
- III. Closing call of the roll  
[See attached](#)

**Clause 10: Adjournment**

[Meeting adjourned at 11:40 PM](#)