

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes as Recorded
By: Claudia Rodriguez
SC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM
Wednesday August 26th, 2015

Special Address:

- I. President Renu Khator

Gave a special address to the SGA Senate and students in the chamber. She then answered questions from senators

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer

- I. Opening call of the roll

Meeting called to order 8:05 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

S.M.A.R.T Cougars: Gave a report on their services to those with substance abuse and HIV/AIDS assessments and testing. They are located in the Wellness Center. Their primary focus is on Latino and African Americans from the ages of 19 to 24. They will be tabling throughout the year.

- II. Students wishing to address the Senate

Students gave a presentation on why the University of Houston should have a Men's Soccer program.

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

Senator Bodiford: Gave an update on the bike racks near the Architecture college

Senator Shareef: Working on an outreach program for veterans called "Learning Skills for Life"

Senator Gratvol: There is an engineering Career Fair and Boss Party. Most engineering student organizations are having trouble fundraising because of the drop in oil prices.

Senator Zakeri: New stop signs and fewer parking spots in the Welcome Center garage because of optometry parking. Also noted that lasik surgery is half off for students.

Senator Hernandez: The Administration & Finance committee welcomes all ideas.

Senator Dixit: Bauer Rush Week is coming up!

Senator Wilke: The College of Education is designating advisories for other colleges for those who want to teach in high school and is also moving their orientation to after school starts.

Senator Martinez: The vending machines are charging \$.50 more than they are supposed to for a soda.

Senator Penmetsa: Bonner is hosting a national conference during the first week of October and UH students are receiving scholarship money for their volunteer status for the first time ever.

Senator Mascorro: Communicate with each individual NSM organization

Senator Sanderson: The UH North Campus needs more direction and signage to get to it.

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

- I. Report of the President

The budget will be sent out in an email to all of the senators. Everyone should sign up to volunteer at the Weeks of Welcome Day of Service. Cage Rage and the first football game are coming up. Encouraged everyone to attend these.

- II. Report of the Vice President
Still needs applications for the University Advisory Committees. He is trying to fill as many of these positions as possible. Gave the Senators advice on how to support the soccer program.
- III. Report of the Chief of Staff
They still need volunteers for the 9/11 Event from 8 am to noon. He is sending an email to interested freshmen about the Emerging Leaders program. Dr. Ortiz will be speaking at the next meeting about the Learning Abroad program.
- IV. Report of the Director of Finance
No Report
- V. Report of the Director of Public Relations
Senators should get spirit gear for the games! He needs volunteers for both Cat's Back and the Weeks of Welcome Day of Service.
- VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs
Senators should sign up to volunteer at the WoW Day of Service
- VII. Report of the Attorney General
No Report
- VIII. Report of the Speaker
Complimented the senate on their dress for the meeting. Noted that professional attire is a good representation of SGA and encouraged all senators to continue dressing professionally. Reminded everyone that committee meetings start next week. Announced that the Senator of the Summer is Meghan Galvan.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - b. University Administration & Finance
 - c. Internal Affairs
 - d. Student Life
- II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 7: Old Business

- I. UB-52001 *Tier One Learning Abroad* (First Reading)
Remaining in Academic Affairs

Clause 8: New Business

- I. Presidential appointment of Matthew Parrish to Senator for the College of Social Work
Moved to next meeting
- II. Vice-Presidential appointment of Josh Ferguson to Student Housing & Residential Life Advisory Committee and Scholarship & Financial Aid
Confirmed
- III. Vice-Presidential appointment of Shane Smith to Food Service Advisory Committee
Confirmed
- IV. Vice-Presidential appointment of Brianna Cox to Recreation Advisory Committee
Confirmed
- V. Vice-Presidential appointment of Elliot Kauffman to Transportation & Parking Advisory Committee
Confirmed
- VI. Vice-Presidential appointment of Erika Lord to Recreation Advisory Committee
Confirmed

- VII. Vice-Presidential appointment of Christopher Sanderson to University Hearing Board, Safety & Security Advisory Committee, and Information Advisory Committee
[Confirmed](#)
- VIII. Vice-Presidential appointment of David Gratvol to Bookstore Advisory Committee
[Confirmed](#)
- IX. Presidential appointment of Jackson Crawford to Student Fee Advisory Committee
[Confirmed](#)
- X. Vice-Presidential appointment Maria Hernandez to Safety & Security Advisory Committee
[Confirmed](#)

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 10:10 PM](#)