

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes as Recorded

By: Joshua Freed

SC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM

Wednesday August 5th, 2015

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer

I. Opening call of the roll

Meeting called to order 7:36 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

Joan Nelson, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources gave a report of how the Affordable Care Act is impacting student workers on campus, specifically the Residential Advisors. The ACA provisions are forcing the University to limit the hours worked by student workers to 20 hours per week. A wide variety of questions from the Senate were answered by Ms. Nelson.

II. Students wishing to address the Senate

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

Senator Shareef: Gave update on the Hilton's San Antonio campus and the partnerships with colleges in Switzerland and Hong Kong. Working on scheduling a meeting with the new Dean of the Hilton College.

Senator Gratvol: Announced that the Metro system will be launching a new bus system from August 16-22. All of the buses and trains during this time period will be free.

Senator Jain: Asked if online students had to pay fees for the Recreation Center. Found out they do pay the fees.

Senator Scott: Announced a Town Hall meeting on September 6th or 7th, but said they would find a new date after learning that was Labor Day weekend.

Senator Bodiford: Initiatives fell flat because not enough students are on campus yet.

Senator Ferguson: Bauer Dean has been out of town.

Senator Galvan: Working on an SGA Board for her college and is currently working on finding another Education Senator. Working on getting a self defense class brought to UH.

Senator Wiltshire: Stop signs on Calhoun have increased his commute to the sorority houses by 10 seconds.

Senator Rawley: Working on improving meal plans

Senator Mascorro: Working on a UH School Supply Drive and is pushing it all across campus.

Senator Kirchhoff: Engineering senators are working on establishing an Engineering Student Governing Council.

Senator O'Brien: Had a meeting with Leroy Mays, the head of IT and discussed turning the former computer lab into a printer lab for Technology Students.

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

I. Report of the President

President Theriot-Smith is finishing up his summer internship on Friday and will begin working fulltime for SGA on Monday. He met with the CEO and Board Members of Metro to discuss how to increase the number of riders. Reached out to school administration about resolving the RA working

- issue. Had developed the SGA Executive Agenda, which is posted on the SGA website, and walked the senate through the agenda.
- II. Report of the Vice President
No Report
 - III. Report of the Chief of Staff
Talked about the 9/11 Memorial Event and needed volunteers for it. Needs volunteers for Weeks of Welcome, Cage Rage, and Cougar Move In.
 - IV. Report of the Director of Finance
No Report
 - V. Report of the Director of Public Relations
Gave the Senate an update on all of the promotional items being given out this year by SGA.
 - VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs
Gave update on the Back to School Fest, Mayoral Forum, Voter Registration, Community Service, and getting local businesses more involved in the University.
 - VII. Report of the Attorney General
No Report
 - VIII. Report of the Speaker
Announced that the first Senate meeting of the Fall Semester will be August 26th, 2015. The rest of the senate meeting dates are posted on the SGA Member's Facebook page. The SGA Retreat is on August 22nd, Senators are asked to RSVP by Midnight tonight. Announced Senator of the Month will return. Committees will resume and senators will be required to attend the meetings.

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

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 9:18 PM