

# Student Government Meeting Minutes

March 7th, 2018

## Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Perez, Senator Spruiell, Senator Bush, Senator Fernando, Senator Daniels, Senator Nassar, Senator Kazia, Senator Shofoluwe, Senator Khan, Senator Nguyen, Senator McCulloch, Senator Lawrence, Senator Rehman, Senator Stell, Senator Campos, Senator Iniguez, Senator Contreras, Senator Mehra, Senator Le

## Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

## Clause 3: Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Minutes from February 21st, 2018

*Motion to approve the Minutes; All for*

## Clause 4: Special Reports

### **I. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate**

#### *FSAC Committee- Caldwell*

- Looking to appoint 2 at large members for the committee, term for current ending in the summer
- Applications for aforementioned position are now open and will close after spring break
- New Food Plans in place
- Planning to add more service days for dining halls
- 24/5 plan and Choice 150 being kept for following 1-2 years, CC1650 retired

### **III. Two-minute speeches by the members of the Senate**

#### *Senator Shofoluwe*

- First class of Cougar Combat-do was a success, hoping for turnout to be even greater with the next one

#### *Senator Stell*

- Need more volunteers at Frontier Fiesta so if you have an interest, sign up soon
- Trying to get more influential Faculty and more students to come and get involved with the event

#### *Senator Nassar*

- Carrying the Mentorship Program into next semester

#### *Senator Loraine*

- NSM Leadership Board is recruiting individuals for next year's administration, applications open currently and will be closed at the end of March

#### *Senator Rehman*

- Planning out events for April for Sexual Assault Awareness, schedule for such will be coming up soon
- Senator Spruiell is planning to do a Senator Reformation Bill next meeting

#### *Senator Le*

- Looking to see what can be done for the next administration to be more successful
- Looking into the issue with Transfer Students being placed into colleges they don't intend to be in

*Senator Spruiell*

- Graduate Mental Health Seminar is being organized with Leadership Council and Senator Rehman
- Sexual Assault Awareness month is upcoming

### **Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports**

#### **V. Report of the Speaker**

- Typically at Frontier Fiesta SGA has done scholarship events, if anyone has a new idea bring it up and we can discuss it
- Year in Review video for the Senators is still happening, just waiting on one senator to come back
- Working with Dean of Students Leadership Council to get Food Pantry through, currently gathering data and going to the Council's meeting next Friday to see how things pan out
- NSM Leadership Council is recruiting currently until the end of March
- Chevron's Girls Day is coming up to get more girls involved in STEM
- Student Government Association Banquet on March 30th

### **Clause 6: Committee Reports**

#### **I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee**

- Bill being presented tonight by Senator Rehman
- Used Data from previous semesters and classes in order to formulate aforementioned Bill
- Email syllabi to Senator Rehman so we can collect further data to support the Bill

#### **II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee**

- Two bills have passed through committee today, one in reference to the responsibilities of the Speaker and the other in regards to the bill being presented tonight
- One more meeting upcoming this administration
- Copies of the Bill are available for reference

#### **III. Report of the Student Life Committee**

- Shirt Swap was successful
- Currently working to extend Carrell Space hours to 24/7

#### **IV. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee**

- Not able to meet this week, making up for it in the follow up meeting

### **Clause 8: New Business**

#### **I. University of Houston Student Academic Bill of Rights (UB-54004)**

- Amended Bill to add new content
- Bill would make it required for instructors to provide syllabi to students
- Edits will be made to the bill to finalize such before completely passing

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes*

*Bill Passes; 19 for, 0 against*

## **II. Appointment of Isaiah Silva to the University Hearing Board, Appellate Board, Traffic Court, Bookstore Committee, Library Committee**

- Isaiah Silva not able to make it to the meeting today, however was present during the November 29th, 2017 meeting with the same appointment being presented (refer back to aforementioned minutes for further context)

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes*

*Appointment of Isaiah Silva to Hearing Board ; Appointment Passes ; 17 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining*

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes*

*Appointment of Isaiah Silva to Appellate Board ; Appointment Passes ; 12 for, 3 against, 2 abstaining*

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes*

*Appointment of Isaiah Silva to Traffic Court ; Appointment Fails ; 10 for, 2 against, 7 abstaining*

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes*

*Appointment of Isaiah Silva to Bookstore Committee ; Appointment Passes ; 15 for, 1 against, 3 abstaining*

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes*

*Appointment of Isaiah Silva to Library Committee ; Appointment Passes ; 17 for, 0 against, 3 abstaining*

## **Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

### **I. Comments and Announcements from Officers**

#### *Senator Stell*

- If the Transparency Bill does not get a response or reviewed by the President by this coming Saturday, it will become a law
- Contact the new senators and help them out with their new position

#### *Senator Rehman*

- Send in Syllabi to further support the Bill discussed today

#### *Speaker Cheung*

- Will be out helping with repairs on houses affected by Harvey during Spring Break

#### *Senator Loraine*

- Had an International Mother Language Day debrief with sponsors of the event
- Sponsors were satisfied with results and will hopefully help next year as well

#### *Senator Shofoluwe*

- Cougar Combat-do is every wednesday at 4:00PM
- Support the event via Social Media so it can receive further publicity

### **III. Closing Call of the Roll**

- *Present: Senator Perez, Senator Loraine, Senator Spruiell, Senator Bush, Senator Fernando, Senator Nassar, Senator Kazia, Senator Shofoluwe, Senator Khan, Senator Nguyen, Senator McCulloch, Senator Lawrence, Senator Rehman, Senator Yu, Senator Stell, Senator Campos, Senator Iniguez, Senator Contreras, Senator Mehra*

