

# Student Government Meeting Minutes

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*Main motion; All for*

## Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Terrier, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Lacourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Esponda, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Economon, Senator Potts, Senator Campbell, Senator Austgen

## Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

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

- Minutes from November 14th, 2018

*Motion to approve the Minutes; All for*

## Clause 4: Special Reports

### **II. Students wishing to address the Senate**

*President of Houston Hillel*

- Supports Religious Resolution

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

Senator Lorine: Student Life has two bills coming up before Senate

### **IV. Emerging Leader Speeches**

Adriana Durand: Mental Health is an issue at UH. SGA is important because while many students don't feel connected, they can be involved with SGA.

Maggust Bui: Loves UH, involved in different student organizations and has enjoyed working with them on campus.

Paulina Saybe: Learned a great deal from SGA and how caring and supportive SGA members are for each other, this holiday go and give (make a donation) to spread the joy.

Zoey Miller: Was very nervous coming to TX but easy to find a home in Houston due to its diversity and welcoming feeling. UH reflects this community and is a great place to grow and feel welcome, and SGA represents that.

## Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

### **I. Report of the President**

New Tablecloths have been ordered. Student Regent Applications are mostly done. Need Senate volunteers for Finals Mania.

*Motion to add SGAR-55008 "Religious Student Harassment Resolution" to the agenda at the beginning of Clause 8;;;  
Motion passes*

### **II. Report of the Vice-President**

Working on bringing a "pride wall" to campus. UHPD calls have been cut in half thanks to Cougar Pack and Cougar ride. Working on SGA alumni Association.

### **III. Report of the Speaker**

Developing "UH Next" initiative. Working on senator e-mail accounts and mentorship bill.

### **IV. Report of the Chief Justice**

Two vacancies for associate justice being interviewed today.

### **V. Report of the Attorney General**

Good luck on finals.

### **VI. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner**

Marketing materials being finished up. Registration from coming up. Registration opens up by NOV. 30.

### **VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs**

Looking for one more delegate for TSGC.

### **IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations**

Shirts have come in. Working on election marketing, IMLD promo video and food drive marketing.

## **Clause 6: Committee Reports**

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

- Final exam policy bill up for read tonight

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

- Committee Transparency Act
- Judicial Review Act
- Graduation Recognition
- Greek Life Committee

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

- Three Bills being read
- Working on replacing plastic straws

## **Clause 8: New Business**

**I. “Religious Student Harassment Resolution”; SGAR-55008 (Vote)**

- Supports creating a welcoming religious environment on campus.

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Resolution Passes*

**II. Appointment of Benigno Solis to Associate Justice**

- Alternate Justice
- Interested in working on elections

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Appointment Passes*

**III. Appointment of Aidan Potts to Class Senator**

- Emerging leader

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Appointment Passes*

**IV. Appointment of Randolph Campbell to Class Senator**

- Emerging Leader

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Appointment Passes*

**V. Appointment of Kaitlyn Austgen to Class Senator**

- University Committee Member

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Appointment Passes*

**VI. “SGA Graduation Recognition”; SGAB-55017 (First Read)**

- Will offer stoles for graduates that served in SGA
- Stoles will cost \$16-\$20
- Requires 6 months/ half a term of service

*Motion to move send to Student Life for further review;;; Motion Passes*

**VII. “Creation of a Mentorship Committee”; SGAB-55014 (First Read)**

- Creates a committee focused on mentorships
- Committee will continue past this administration
- Senators may serve on this committee

*Motion to extend Q&A by two minutes;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to send to Internal Affairs for further review;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to make SGAB-55015 “Committee Transparency Act” a vote;;; Motion denied by Speaker*

*Motion to overrule decision of the Speaker;;; Motion Passes*

**VIII. “Committee Transparency Act”; SGAB-55015 (Vote)**

- Publicizes Committee Appointees
- Aimed at increasing transparencies within committees
- Committees may opt out

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

**IX. “Judicial Review Act”; SGAB-55016 (Vote)**

- Changes number of justices required to hear a case

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

**X. “Final Examination Policy”; UB-55019 (Second Read)**

- Aims to make final examination period less stressful

*Motion to send to Academic Affairs for further review;;; Motion Passes*

**XI. “Creation of the Greek Life SGA Standing Committee”; SGAB-55013 (Vote)**

- Now a select committee instead of a standing committee
- Establishes Committee to represent Greek Life and their interests

*Motion for 3 min Moderated Caucus;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion for 5 min Moderated Caucus;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

**Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

**I. Comments and Announcements from Officers**

*President Barrett*

- Fertitta Center opens December 1<sup>st</sup>

*Senator Esponda*

- Is resigning due to graduation

*Senator Lorine*

- IMLD funding request

*Director of Public Relations*

- Come get your shirts

**III. Closing Call of the Roll**

- Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Terrier, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Lacourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Esponda, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Economon, Senator Potts, Senator Campbell, Senator Austgen

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## Roll Call Votes

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### **“Religious Student Harassment Resolution”; SGAR-55008::: VOTING RESULTS**

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**FOR:** Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Terrier, Senator Ajrami, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Lacourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Esponda, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Economon, Senator Potts, Senator Campbell, Senator Austgen

**AGAINST:** None

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### **“Creation of the Greek Life SGA Standing Committee”; SGAB-55013::: VOTING RESULTS**

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**FOR:** Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Terrier, Senator Ajrami, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Lacourt, Senator Syed, Senator Esponda, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Potts, Senator Campbell, Senator Austgen

**AGAINST:** Senator Akhtar, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Chang, Senator Economon

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### **“Committee Transparency Act”; SGAB-55015::: VOTING RESULTS**

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**AGAINST:** None

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**AGAINST:** None

