

Student Government Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2018

Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Harricharran, Senator Chang, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Aguilar, Senator Marin, Senator Bryan, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

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

- Minutes from April 25th, 2018

Motion to approve the Minutes; All for

Clause 4: Special Reports

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

I. Report of the President

- Course reserve for textbooks for students, working towards implementation of donation system so to expand their library
- List of textbooks in the reserve are on BlackBoard
- Grade Replacement has been implemented, policy has been emailed to the senators
- Working towards improving both food options and security on campus
- Looking at a way to help with student finances

II. Report of the Vice-President

- Priority today will be the appointing of individuals to university committees

III. Report of the Chief of Staff

IV. Report of the Speaker

- Working on reforming bylaws, all edits need to be submitted to President Barrett
- Working on CLASS graduate fair, need to get room set up and other utilities reserved
- Starting new initiative regarding calculators in CASA

V. Report of the Director of External Affairs

- Partnership with Dean of Graduate College of Social Work, had first meeting recently
- Attempting to consolidate voter registration effort with other organizations
- Voter Registration will be happening at Coog Carnival
- Implementing Food Pantry on campus, creating first draft of a survey to see how much it is needed

VI. Report of the Director of Public Relations

VII. Report of the Director of Outreach

VIII. Report of the Attorney General

- Two Staff Members up for appointment today
- First meeting happened today, talking regarding what initiatives to pursue this semester
- Figuring out how to properly implement workshops and the content being covered in said workshops
- Workshops will commence once one of the members returns from vacation

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee

- First meeting of the Summer this coming Tuesday, June 12th
- Been discussing bylaw updates and changes

III. Report of the Student Life Committee

IV. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

- First meeting of the Summer this coming Tuesday
- Have been discussing the Food Inclusion Act, Fee Cap Increases, and the Inappropriate Relationship Act

V. Report of the Graduate and Professional Committee

Clause 7: Unfinished Business

Clause 8: New Business

I. Appointment of Crystal Tran to the Student Government Auditor Position and the CAPS Advisory Committee

- Going for the Auditor position because she wants more transparency within the SGA
- Is efficient and budget management due to being an "independent" student
- Has worked in CAPS before and has been working towards improving the system there
- Wants to implement better pay for the psychiatrists that work at CAPS
- Wants to implement better information dispersion regarding services at CAPS
- Hoping to get an online system up and running for scheduling appointments at CAPS
- Managing all these positions shouldn't be a problem, used to running multiple extracurriculars

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes

Appointment of Crystal Tran to Student Government Auditor Position ; Appointment Passes ; 12 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Appointment of Crystal Tran to CAPS Advisory Committee ; Appointment Passes ; 12 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

II. Appointment of Rebeka Harricharran to the University Hearing Board

- Working at the UHIn4 office and moderates at Cub Camp
- Always been attracted to the legal system and feels as if the Hearing Board would fit her well
- Been in communication with others on the committee to get a better feel for it

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Appointment of Rebeka Harricharran to the University Hearing Board ; Appointment Passes ; 12 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

III. Appointment of Alexander McCollum to the Activities Funding Board

- Great understanding of finances through stock market investments
- Aiming for greater efficiency within the Funding Board
- Implementation of funds by proportionate need
- Foundation must be built before funding can be received
- Ultimately the goal is not to make getting funds harder but to make the process more thorough
- Trying to prevent excess
- Will guide organizations so that they can better secure funding

Motion to extend Question Answer Time by 5 minutes ::: Motion Passes

Motion to extend Question Answer Time by 4 minutes ::: Motion Passes

Motion for a 5 minute moderated caucus with 30 second speaking time ::: Motion Passes

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Appointment of Alexander McCollum to the Activities Funding Board ; Appointment Passes ; 12 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

IV. Appointment of Kyle Price to the LGBTQ Resource Center Advisory Committee

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Appointment of Alexander McCollum to the Activities Funding Board ; Appointment Passes ; 11 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

V. Appointment of Irina Alejandro to Deputy Attorney General Position

- Was part of Houston City Council
- Leland Fellowship
- Wants to implement more transparency within the SGA and would like to find a way to disperse more information regarding policy changes to the student body
- Wants to bring more prominence to the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General position
- Will be focusing on the election and student body participation

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Appointment of Irina Alejandro to Deputy Attorney General ; Appointment Passes ; 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

VI. Appointment of Allison Lawrence to the Executive Chief of Staff Position

- Current Deputy Chief of Staff, already has experience in regards to what the Chief of Staff Position would entitle

- Working with Vice-President and UHPD to form safety summit
- Working on the Food Pantry initiative currently
- Has already been contacting other senators and working on initiatives with them
- Mainly wants to be appointed to Chief of Staff position as it will allow more leeway and more legitimacy, thus making it easier to follow through with initiatives
- Has proven to be good at conflict resolution

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Appointment of Allison Lawrence to the Executive Chief of Staff Position ; Appointment Passes ; 9 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

VII. The Inappropriate Consensual Relationship Act (First Read)

- Purpose of Act is to prevent power dynamics on campus, this is meant to stop favoritism and bias based on relationships
- Survey is being drafted and then sent out to see if this act is warranted
- This is already stated in University Policy, the Act is just meant to show that SGA is supportive of it
- Will also add more specificity to the University Policy already in place
- Ultimately final decision will be made by the Director

VIII. The Structural Reform Act

- Introduces a new set of bylaws
- Biggest change being implemented is with the justice department, the new bylaws separate the justice department from the executive branch
- Finance Director will now be under Outreach
- Senate will now have authority over the senate budget
- There is currently no formal process for Bills, working on making one

IX. The Modern Drug Policy

- The Drug Policy will make it so that the outcome of finding a student intoxicated will not be dependent on how the staff/faculty feel that day, will make it so that there is only one consistent response
- Makes the distinction between possession and distribution
- Policy has already been in talks around the Dean

Motion for a moderated caucus for 5 minutes with 30 second speaking time ::: Motion Passes

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Passing of The Modern Drug Policy ; Policy Passes ; 12 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

X. The Food Inclusion Act

- Goal is to offer more halaal and kosher options on campus
- Buildings with two or more diners need to have at least one eatery with alternative options
- When these places are opened, student body will be informed of their new choices in mass

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Passing of The Food Inclusion Act ; Policy Passes ; 12 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and Announcements from the Officers

Vice President Darusman

- Filled 1/3 of the AFB Hearing Board today

Chief of Staff Lawrence

- Director of PR is not here today, if anyone wants their apparel make sure to come by the office

President Barrett

- Following meetings should be faster paced now that we have gotten most of the appointments in

II. Open Forum

President Barrett

- Planning to get the budget bill passed soon
- Election commission needs more money to advertise their election process better

III. Closing Call of the Roll

- *Present: Senator Harricharran, Senator Chang, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Aguilar, Senator Syed, Senator Marin, Senator Bryan, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte*

Senator Voting Results

The Modern Drug Policy:

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