

# Student Government Meeting Minutes

September 26th, 2018

*Main motion; All for*

## Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Lorine, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Caceres, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Berger

## Clause 2: Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Minutes from September 19th, 2018

*Motion to approve the Minutes; All for*

## Clause 3: New Business

### **I. Appointment of Shanelly Becerra to Activities Funding Board**

- Served on several committees outside of the University of Houston
- Part of Vacancy Committee for Senate District 13
- Attended University of Texas Bootcamp on running successful campaigns

*Motion for five minutes of moderated caucus;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Shanelly Becerra to Activities Funding Board Passes*

### **II. Appointment of Israel Andres Trevino to Activities Funding Board**

- Political Science Major
- Member of Student Program Board
- Member of Metropolitan Volunteer Program
- Hopes to ensure all organizations get the funding necessary

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Israel Andres Trevino to Activities Funding Board Passes*

### **III. Appointment of Nader Irsan to Alternate Justice**

- Has been working in a law firm for five years
- Former owner of Al-Noor Home Remodeling
- Used to unbiased decision making

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Nader Irsan to Alternate Justice Passes*

### **IV. Appointment of Paulina Saybe to Alternate Justice**

- Political Science Major
- Hopes to connect with the people she represents
- Will follow precedent when making decisions

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Paulina Saybe to Alternate Justice Passes*

## **V. Appointment of Harsa Mitra to Engineering Senator**

- Master student in Engineering
- Wants to increase research opportunity for Master students in Engineering College
- Hopes to ease process for assigning theses
- Wants workshops held by Master and PhD Students to assist under-graduate students

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

*Motion for five minute Moderated Caucus;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Harsa Mitra to Engineering Senator Passes*

*Motion for seven minute recess;;; Motion Passes*

## **VI. Appointment of Ariz Karim to Attorney General**

- Current Attorney General
- Experienced in Attorney General work
- Knowledgeable on SGA Bylaws and Election Code
- Created Election Code violation form
- Worked with Director of External Affairs to increase voter registration efforts

*Motion to extend speaking time by three minutes;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to introduce vote by Unanimous Consent for Appointment of Ariz Karim to Attorney General;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes*

*Appointment of Ariz Karim to Attorney General Passes by Unanimous Consent*

## **VII. “The Walk in the Dark Act”; UB-55016 (First Read)**

- Extends Walk In The Dark to take place every semester
- One of these yearly events must take place in October
- Will improve Campus safety by checking on Campus Lighting

*Motion to send back to Administration and Finance Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes*

## **VIII. “University-wide Committee Confirmation Efficiency Act”; SGAB-55006 (Vote)**

- Will replace Individual Committee Appointment Hearings with a bi-weekly report that will include resumes and a questionnaire tailored to the appointment’s Committee
- Questionnaire will be developed by Vice-President, Chairs of Committees, and Task Force dedicated to creating said questionnaire
- AFB, University Hearing Board, SFAC, Student Traffic Court, Appellate Board will require Individual Committee Appointment Hearings

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

*Act Passes*

## **IX. “Standing Rules”; SGAB-55007 (Vote)**

- Standing rules work alongside SGA Bylaws and Constitution
- Will only be in effect during Speaker Trinh’s term
- Motion for “Consideration to reconsider previous motion” will be a motion with a majority vote used to undo the Speaker’s decision on prefacing

*Motion to move to previous question::: Motion Passes*

*Bill Passes*

## Clause 4: Closing Remarks

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

*President Barrett*

- Thank you for coming to the Special Session. This should hopefully be the last Special Session

*Chief of Staff Lawrence*

- Working with Senator Terrier to create a Green Fund

*Senator LaCourt*

- Congratulations to Senator Pen and Speaker Trinh on passing their Bills

### **II. Open Forum**

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

- *Present: Senator Lorine, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Terrier, Senator Caceres, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator LaCourt, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Berger, Senator White*

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## *Roll Call Votes*

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### **“University-wide Committee Confirmation Efficiency Act”; SGAB-55006::: VOTING RESULTS**

***For: 26***

***Against: 1***

***Abstain: 1***

***FOR:*** Senator Mehra, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Gomez, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Mitra

***AGAINST:*** Senator Joslin

***ABSTAIN:*** Senator Lorine,

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**“Standing Rules”; SGAB-55007::: VOTING RESULTS**

***For: 27***

***Against: 0***

***Abstain: 0***

***FOR:*** Senator Mehra, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Gomez, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Mitra

***AGAINST:*** None

***ABSTAIN:*** None

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