

Student Government Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16,2019

Main motion;passes

Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- I. Open call of the roll

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

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

Motion to approve;passes

Clause 4: Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
 - Director of CAPS:
- II. Students wishing to address the Senate
- III. Guest Speakers wishing to address the Senate
- IV. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate

Senator Gonzales: I was looking to fix up security for parking.

Senator Pham: Still working on my environment and sustainability initiatives, if anyone wants to help let me know.

Senator Dias: The rec actually sells menstrual products for reasonable prices, I had a meeting about informing the employees.

Senator Mistry: Director of Communications in Honors College, met to spread word of SGA and looking for ideas and help.

Senator Khademakbari: Senator Pham and I will have a vote for plastic number 6 resolution.

Senator Chukwu: My bill is up.

Senator Javed: There is a workshop this Friday for studying abroad to learn a language. Application due Nov. 19th

Senator Morgan: Had a Bauer tabling event I got a lot of great ideas. MH windows have not been washed in 6 years. Women's bathrooms have a lot of problems on the second floor. Water bottle filling station in Melcher.

Senator Rodriguez: Pre-law resolution and bill work, we plan to have a meeting soon. Any suggestions are welcome. Advocating for a dead week before finals.

Senator Campbell: Fee waiver referendum on the agenda tonight.

Senator Vo: Hope to work on my initiative

Senator Duvall: Please come out to Student Life Halloween Event.

Senator Bryan: 1 Credit Hour PE course used to be offered, 3 years these courses have not been offered. I asked today why that was, and the response was that student support would refill it.

Senator Potts: Did some tabling today. Will be dropping some messages in the group chat. Housing meeting happening soon.

Clause 5: Executive, Speaker, Court and Justice Department Reports

I. Report of the President

- SFAC Presentation and documents are getting in.
- Food Drive numbers we saved 325\$ and over 400lbs of food and 203\$ to Peeps Pantry.
- Still looking at survey for information on Student Worker Bill of Rights.
- Green Fund proposal is done and going up for a vote.
- Meeting with Dr.Walker we are waiting for the Student Health Center to meet with someone before we can get third party insurance.
- Meeting on Monday to discuss fall break with academic calendar committee. To get a fall break.
- Working on a few bills, that you will most likely be seeing in November dealing with food recovery and a food pantry.

II. Report of the Vice-President

- Committee applications and Cougar Pack interviews.
- Working with CoS and the Emerging Leaders workshops.]
- Communicating Dress Code between employees of the rec.

III. Report of the Speaker

- Working on the Haunted House, we need volunteers please. Cough
- Working on bios and updating the website.
- Rearranging the bylaws.
- Please get people to apply for seats in the Senate. Cough
- Senator Potts will be helping with tabling schedules.
- Regathering schedules from senators.

IV. Report of the Attorney General

- Hey, First I'd like to congratulate Senator Bryan for being chair of SFAC.

- Appointing a Deputy AG, it's Senator Austgen looking forward to working with her.
- Ranked choice constitution up on the agenda.
- Working on Election Lectures to help campaigns, campaign.
- Looking to address ambiguities in the Election Code.
- Looking for more people

V. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

- Registration open till Jan. 31
- Deputy Election Commissioner is going up for appointment on the 30th.
- Merchandise ideas needed.
- Constitutional amendment going up tonight.

VI. Report of the Chief of Staff

- Thanks to everyone who came out for End the Stigma.
- HPV Tabling event went well! Help out our Deputy CoS if you can please.
- Public Speaking Workshop went well and our EL's will speak today.

VII. Report of the Deputy Chief of Staff

- HPV Awareness events are happening next Monday and Tuesday. Come out if you can spread the word please.
- We are addressing barriers keeping people from getting vaccines.
- Share the event on Facebook, please.
- Our Emerging Leaders will be speaking in front of you all now.

VIII. Report of the Director of Public Relations

- Halloween Event coming up.
- RT,share, like anything you see on social media please.
- Conference canceled sadly.
- Position opening, anyone please come up, let me know.
- Anyone that can come out on Monday or Tuesday.

IX. Report of the Director of Outreach

- End the Stigma, happened it went amazing thanks to EA. Thanks to Senator Potts.
- Please volunteer for everything and help out DCoS.
- We look forward to green fund reports.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

- College specific tabling is our main focus.

II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee

- Went over ranked choice and all of the AG's bills.
- Sexual Assault bill went off.

III. Report of the Student Life Committee

- Scare off at the Student Center is coming along nicely, merchandise is coming along.
- We want our bios to be printed out and easily given to the students.
- Transition cheat sheets for transferring students.
- Please volunteer for our Halloween event.

IV. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

- Creation of a Green Fund passed committee.

V. Graduate and Professional Students Committee

- Our committee did not meet I was sick. Please feel free to come out anyway.

Clause 7: Unfinished Business

Clause 8: New Business

Amend agenda;passes

I. Department of Justice Appointment (Deputy Attorney General)- Kaitlyn Austgen (In-Person Appointment)

- I hope to bring a high level of respect to any work that I do. I hope to bring the attitude of bringing my all and trying my best. I also hope to bring my deductive and reasoning skills into play to decide objectively what is fair for all.
 - My experience in the Senate gives me enough background in the SGA and after speaking with the previous and current AG I feel that I fit the skills needed.
 - I will be available during the spring semester.
 - Me not running is a big plus, because I have no party ties or friendship ties to any of the people who have run and might run again. The runnings of the election are pretty well outlined.
 - At the refugee resettlement I was to make an instructional video and help fill out forms and work with the ESL curriculum.

Motion to move to previous question;passes

Vote;passes

II.SBAB - 560013

- Before you run in an election or before appointed sexual misconduct will be.

Motion to send to IA;passes

II. SGAR – 56005- Fee Waiver Referendum (First Read)

- This is a referendum to allow students to opt out of paying their Student Fees, if they are in financial need. This resolution creates a referendum to allow students to vote on this bill in the election.
 - I decided to go ahead and get the Student Bodies vote first. I have talked with administrators though.

- The university would determine how undue student fees and deserving members would be affected.
- This would apply to summer, fall and spring semesters.
- If 10 percent of the student body was to waive this 1.2million would go away from SFAC. However, this referendum is a vote for the student body and I believe 10 percent would be too much.
- The university would choose what benefits you do not get if you opt out of the Student Fee.
- The point of this is to have a referendum to gauge student interest.
- I'd rather do the referendum to get this out to more students, IF this were to be heavily interested in then I would work to talk with administrators.

Motion for Moderated Caucus;passes

Motion to send this to AF;passes

III. SGAR-56007- Cougar Equipment Sharing Services (First Read)

- This bill creates a Sharing Service of lab equipment. It's to alleviate the struggle for commuter NSM students.
 - This does not include glassware currently.
 - It's up in the air how we will charge students but the cougar card does seem to be the best way so far.
 - Sanitation would not really cause a problem, but we could add something to have the gear regularly cleaned.
 - This is already worked out, we're just putting this on paper.

Motion to send to SL;passes

IV. SGAR-56008- Resolution in Support of the Texas High Speed Train (First Read)

- This is just a resolution to support the bullet train. It will be alleviating traffic and making commuter life easier across the state. Wildlife will be unaffected and the train is mostly electric.
 - The office of sustainability supports this because this is a green way to decongest traffic in Houston and across the state.

Motion to send to SL;passes

V. SGAB-55010- Various Election Code Adjustments (Second Read)

- Most recent change has been to make sure that threats are specifically against the code of ethics.

Motion to send this to IA;passes

VI. SGAB-55012- Ranked Choice and Single Transferable Vote Act (Second Read)

- I came back with some data.

*Motion to send this to *cough* IA;passes*

VII. SGAR – 56004- Plastic #6 Removal Resolution (Vote)

- This bill hasn't changed. It's in place to support a styrofoam free campus, because of how bad it is for the environment.
- We will use this resolution to present to all the other spots on campus that do not styrofoam.

Motion to move to previous question;passes

Vote;passes

VIII. SGAB-55011- Public Defender Adjustment (Vote)

- This bill gets rid of punishment for not having a public defender.

Motion to move to previous questiion;passes

Vote;passes

IX. UB-56006- Creation of a Green Initiative Fund (Vote)

- A pool of funding for sustainable initiatives and green ideas. This bill basically establishes a committee that can receive funds. All voting members are students, we want students to basically run this.

Motion to previous question;passes

Vote;passes

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and announcements from the officers

- **AG Barrett:** Each SFAC meeting has an option for public comment.
- **Senator Bryan:** If you're passionate please come out to an SFAC meeting.
- **Senator Rodriguez:** I'm on TPAC if you have any comments or concerns let me know.
- **Senator Khadeemakbari:** Please sign up for Scare at the Student Center.
- **Senator Pham:** If you have any questions about my resolution come out to me.
- **Senator Gonzales:** If you guys have thoughts on my upcoming meeting please let me know.

II. Open forum

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III. Closing call of the roll

Clause 10: Adjournment

Position	Name	Beg.	End			
President	Allison Lawrence	P	P			
Vice President	Maysarah Kazia	P	P			
Speaker	Alexandre Do	P	P			
Chief Justice	Kate Dentler	A	A			
Attorney General	Cameron Barrett	P	P			
Chief Election Commissioner	Bo Harricharran	P	P			
Chief of Staff	Vi Pham	P	P			
Deputy Chief of Staff	Tania Hameed	P	P			
Director of External Affairs	Jessica Hulett	A	A			
Director of Public Relations	Erica O'Brien	P	P			
Director of Outreach	Bryan Medrano	P	P			
Senators				Plastic	Public Def	Green Fund
Undergraduate at Large	Kaden Lewis	A	A	Y	Y	Y
	Leonard Chambers	A	A			
	Elizabeth Pham	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Ed Gonzales	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Tomas Bryan	A	P	Y	Y	
	Eduardo Abrams	P	A			
Graduate at Large						
Bauer	Daniella Ramos	A	A	Y		Y
	Katherine Doan	A	P	Y	Y	Y
	Jack Morgan	P	P	Y	Y	Y
College of Education	Queen Epomba	A	A	Y	Y	Y
College of Engineering	Quang Vo	P	A			

College of Law	Alexys Mathis	A	A			
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	Aidan Potts	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Wasiq Javed	A	P	Y	Y	Y
	Paulina Saybe	A	A	Y	Y	Y
	Francisco Fuentes	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Randy Campy	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Aylin Rodriguez	P	P	Y	Y	Y
College of Natural Science & Mathematics	Christina Dias	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Chiamaka Chukwu	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Aneesha Krothapalli	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Jasmine Khademakbari	A	P		Y	Y
Graduate College of Social Work	Emily Joslin	P	A			
College of Technology	Bethany Jackson-Price	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Alexander Duvall	P	P	Y	Y	Y
	Calvin Williams	A	A	Y		Y
Honors College	Chirag Mistry	P	A			