

Student Government Meeting Minutes

July 17, 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. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate
 - *Senator Gonzales:* Working on reaching out to Cougar pathway director, and addressing concerns about efficiency.
 - *Senator Austgen:* I took suggestions and got in touch with Mia Blaire, looking to setup a meeting with her department.
 - *Senator Khadeem:* I have some bills coming up looking forward to sharing them with you all.

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

- I. Report of the President
 - Higher wages work group meetings have gone well. We are still working on student worker bill of rights and we will get our progress out to the senate this week. Administration & Finance (A&F) Ambassadors have had their orientation and are doing well. Weeks of Welcome will have mandatory volunteering, and we will discuss this as it comes up. Bylaw changes are also on the floor for discussion and we've been doing research for our Green Fund ideas (surveys from students to decide what they'd like the green fund to be put towards). The meetings with private insurers are going well we get constant updates and will relay them when negotiations are complete. We are meeting with the academic calendar committee to discuss fall breaks and rescheduling exams to fit for fall breaks. We want to market our food drive, and volunteer at the first home sports game. Chartwells food recovery things are also on the agenda. Looking for more ways to bring about food recovery and increasing transparency with UH's Dining Services and their food recovery attempts.

II. Report of the Speaker

- We are still working on a bill discussing Internal Affairs changes. There is still work on tabling for senators and we are working to update the website and place a help button to get students in touch with senators easier. Bylaw changes coming up for second read today.

III. Report of the Chief of Staff

- Emerging Leader applications are still in the works! We are working on a marketing video, our first workshop will be on about the history of our university and SGA. We would love to have senators come out to weeks of welcome and represent SGA. We've met with Parking services to alleviate the costs of students who cannot afford parking services. Jane is leaving us, if you wish to say goodbye, do so before she leaves today.

IV. Report of the Director of External Affairs

- Hey guys we've been doing NSO voter registration. We've gotten 145 students registered to vote. We've been in conversations with civic engaging groups to collaborate on our voter registration efforts. We've started planning National Voter Registration Day. We've gotten 900 shirt donations thanks so much to the Director of Outreach. We've been in talks with local restaurants about student discounts. We will be sending out a survey to see which restaurants students want the most. We will be setting up a calendar of volunteering opportunities.

V. Report of the Director of Public Relations

- Still working on UH system conference, involves all UH SGA's coming together. Tabling events are being planned, contact me asap if you have any questions or have not sent out your schedule.

VI. Report of the Director of Outreach

- Green Fund research is going well and tabling events are also in the works. Please if you have shirts to donate let me know, we're almost at the End the Stigma goal. We've been in contact with police to increase their presence on campus during the fall. We are working to increase diversity on the Senate or looking for feedback. SGA concern button is in the works on the website.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

- We had a meeting on Monday to discuss the Speakers initiative to bring A+ on the grading scale. We also want to work to expand grade replacement policy.

II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee

- We discussed the Electoral Bill up for vote today and discussed standing rules.

III. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

- We talked about Chartwells Food Recovery Policy going up for vote today.

Clause 8: New Business

I. SGAB-55006- Legislative Accountability Act (First Read)

- This bill implements a new way for senators to collaborate with each other and have open meetings with members of their college. Four mandatory meetings for every college with 3 or more representing senators throughout an administration. This is to promote ideas working on benefitting a senators representing college. We've had a few meetings and seen them work and increase representation for the college.
 - This is only mandatory for bigger colleges because meetings would be too small with 1.
 - For the smaller colleges the responsibility will fall upon the single or two senator(s) to put legislation for their specific college.
 - We can discuss having the smaller colleges work with UGAL.

Motion to send to IA;passes

II. SGAR – 56003- Standing Rules (First Read)

- There have been no standing rule changes, it is now only a resolution.

Motion to send to IA;passes

III. SGAB – 56004- Bylaw Updates (Second Read)

- There haven't been many changes since the last time. We've changed the wording to make some interpretations more deliberate, and grammatical errors. We've changed the volunteer requirement for senators to 10 hours. We've defined speaking times during speaker elections. We've now enforced the GPA requirement on appointments. We discussed what would happen in the case of a tie during speaker elections. We've changed the Emerging Leaders Committee in the bylaws so that the program is less restrictive. We've defined ambiguous language in the bylaws and made standards consistent across the board. Removed mandatory \$1000 IMLD fund.
 - We're placing things in the bylaws just to keep things on paper and dial back on the chaos at the beginning of a new administration.

Motion to send to IA;passes

IV. SGAB-55007- Appointment Transparency Act (Second Read)

- There have been wording changes since the last time. We're just writing this bill to keep appointments transparent, and create a formal application process. To get rid of any forms of nepotism. We've made sure that the president must inform newer members of SGA about the duties of each exec. Position. The exec will provide answers to application questions so there is not too many questions as to why a certain candidate was chosen.
 - Under certain circumstances we can make sure the application is open.

- This bill isn't removing senator Q&A for appointments, it's just a way for the exec to provide their reasoning without taking up too much speaking time or having time yielded to them during senate meetings.

Motion to send to IA;passes

V. UB-55001- Chartwells Food Recovery Policy (Vote)

- This bill is asking for dining services to record their food recovery attempts to provide an idea of how much food recovery is needed and provide transparency between food services and students. This is just research.

Motion to move to previous question;passes

Roll call vote;unanimous

VI. SGAB-56005- The Second Electoral Justice and Fairness Bill (Vote)

- Providing a statement of defense late at night is not necessary, time will be extended to make sure fair chance to provide statements. I've defined the punishments on violating a ban, because in the current election code there is no upgrade of violations when violating a ban. I've put in writing something I did in the previous election, where the penalties for repeat offenses increase. I've added a new class for violating suspensions, so as not to send ban violators to the dean of students. Currently there is no reason to take a ban seriously, this bill is a check against that.
 - The order of violations is C, B, B, A there is no reason to add a B+ tier because of the wording of the bill.
 - I don't believe there is any ambiguity in the wording of the election code.
 - The severity clause is in the election code, and it isn't too ambiguous no change to the wording is needed.
 - Disqualification for repeat individuals is only on the individual that violates the ban continuously.

Motion to move the previous question;passes

Roll call vote;unanimous

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Open forum

- Speaker: Bylaw changes are basically finalized. We will put out a poll to see if senators mind passing bills during the summer.

II. Closing call of the roll

Clause 10: Adjournment

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Beg.</u>	<u>End</u>
President	Allison Lawrence	P	P
Vice President	Maysarah Kazia	A	A
Speaker	Alexandre Do	P	P
Chief Justice	Kate Dentler	P	P
Attorney General	Sakethram Desabhotla	A	P
Chief Election Commissioner	Bo Harricharran	A	A
Chief of Staff	Vi Pham	P	P
Deputy Chief of Staff	Tania Hameed	A	A
Director of External Affairs	Jessica Hulett	P	P
Director of Public Relations	Erica O'Brien	P	P
Director of Outreach	Bryan Medrano	P	P
Summer Senators			
Graduate At Large	Cameron Barrett	P	P
Undergraduate At Large	Eduardo Abrams	P	P
Undergraduate At Large	Ed Gonzales	P	P
Undergraduate At Large	Leonard Chambers	A	P
College of Technology	Christopher Lamonte	A	P
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	Chiamaka Chukwu	P	P
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	Jasmine Khademakbari	P	P
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	Kaitlyn Austgen	P	P
College of Engineering	Quang Vo	A	A
College of Engineering	Mikaylee Strohm	A	A