

Student Government Meeting Minutes

August 7, 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; approved

Clause 4: Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
- 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: Setting up a meeting with Monica Thompson to discuss cougar pathway.

Senator Barrett: Setting up dates for committee meeting.

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

I. Report of the President

- We have a Higher Wages Bill going up and the university has officially moved up to \$8 minimum wage. We are working on a bill of rights for student workers. Mandatory volunteering will be put in place for the Executive Branch and Senate, and bylaw changes are coming up for a vote today. Our Green Fund research is almost complete. SFAC applications have closed we hope to have appointees before fall senate meeting. The meeting with the academic calendar committee has been scheduled we hope to discuss fall break more. Almost done planning food drive for parking ticket relief. Pushing for updates for food bank/pantry funding.

II. Report of the Vice-President

- Committee appointments are going up, FSAC and TPAC positions are open. Cougar Pack is under new management we are looking for a new manager. Cougar Pathway is also under changes we're working to make it a better program.

III. Report of the Speaker

- Bylaw changes and standing rules are coming up for a vote. Student Life is planning the Haunted Forest event indoors. A few Senate openings encourage anyone who might be interested to apply, Weeks of Welcome mandatory volunteering is coming up, 3-4 hours most likely, and senators please send in bios.

IV. Report of the Attorney General

- I've finished interviewing Deputy Attorney General candidates and reviewing their write-ups. I've chosen my candidate who will be up for confirmation in an upcoming meeting. I'd like to thank the Senate for passing my bill before I selected my new Deputy AG. This will make it easier for us to hit the ground running and begin preparations on the new Election Code. I've also recommended some bylaw changes regarding the DOJ to the speaker, and I'm glad they were added to make my vision of a more accountable and accessible DOJ a reality.

V. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

- Deputy Election Commissioner is going to go up right after the first fall senate meetings. Mostly looking for marketing techniques. We will be sending out a survey on how to improve the elections.

VI. Report of the Deputy Chief of Staff

- Emerging Leaders Application opened August 1st. It closes on the 26th, we're working on finalizing the professionalism workshops. We plan to have them ready to present on the 18th.

VII. Report of the Director of External Affairs

- 243 people registered to vote. First week of voter registration will be the first week of school. September 24th for National Voter Registration Day. Working with Rice September 20th to go to a conference for voters. UH Democrats and I are working to have non partisan voter registration. 1060 shirts for end the stigma. And we're working with Rice External Affairs to secure student discounts. Mayor Sylvester Turner will be at the first senate meeting of the fall.

VIII. Report of the Director of Public Relations

- UH Systems Student Leader Conference is still in the works, it will happen September 14th 10-4pm. A great opportunity for collaboration and insight into other SGA's. Marketing for Minimum Wage increase is going up as well as tabling for the fall.

IX. Report of the Director of Outreach

- Got a bill going up for first read, please ask questions. Had a meeting about tabling, looking for the best locations to table. Advertising for EL program waiting for responses. Got in touch with UT about Green Funds doing a little research. Looking into making it easier for international students into classes easier.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee

- Standing Rules and bylaw updates are going up for a vote.

II. Report of the Student Life Committee

- Planned Haunted Forest Halloween event.

Clause 8: New Business

I. University Committee Appointment (Sustainability Committee)- Chiamaka Chukwu

- Tabled, *motion to postpone appointment;;passes*

II. University Committee Appointment (Hearing Board)- Tristain Matthews (In-person appointment)

- Served as parliamentarian and eventually became student body Vice President at Glenn College and as a Vice Chair.
 - As Vice President, I assisted the President in providing structure for the Student Government.

Motion for moderated caucus;;passes

- Tristain didn't really answer a few direct questions we asked.
- Well I can see he might be nervous and from his resume, he is definitely over qualified, I think we should let him have it.

Motion to elapse moderate caucus;passes

Motion to previous question;passes

Appointment vote;;passes

III. SGAB – 56008- Ask SGA (First Read)

- Editing contact information on the SGA website. One click will take you to Get Involved fill out the form, and it just streamlines the process of complaints.
 - Wording will be changed to make the bill clearer

Motion to send to IA;passes

IV. UB-56002- Raising the Student Minimum Wage Act (First Read)

- We've increased the minimum wage on campus it will take affect fully in Fall 2019.

Motion to send this to A&F;passes

V. SGAR – 56003- Standing Rules (Vote)

- Nothing has changed since the last meeting.

Motion to move to previous question;;passes

Vote;; **For:** Senator Chukwu, Senator Barrett, Senator Abrams, Senator Gonzales, Senator Austgen; unanimous;; passes

VI. SGAB – 56004- Bylaw Updates (Vote)

- Not much has changed since the last Senate meeting.

Motion to move to previous question;;passes

Vote;; **For:** Senator Chukwu, Senator Barrett, Senator Abrams, Senator Gonzales, Senator Austgen; unanimous;; passes

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

Clause 10: Adjournment

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Beg.</u>	<u>End</u>
President	Allison Lawrence	P	P
Vice President	Maysarah Kazia	P	P
Speaker	Alexandre Do	P	P
Chief Justice	Kate Dentler	A	A
Attorney General	Sakethram Desabhotla	A	A
Chief Election Commissioner	Bo Harricharran	P	P
Chief of Staff	Vi Pham	A	A
Deputy Chief of Staff	Tania Hameed	P	P
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	A	P
Undergraduate At Large	Ed Gonzales	P	P
Undergraduate At Large	Leonard Chambers	A	A
College of Technology	Christopher Lamonte	A	A
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	Chiamaka Chukwu	P	P
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	Jasmine Khademakbari	A	A
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	Kaitlyn Austgen	A	A