

# **Student Government Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 04, 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;pass*

## **Clause 4: Special Reports**

- I. **University Representatives wishing to address the Senate**
  - **Jim Taylor University Architect:** UH's very first architect. Working to bring life to the Student Life Plaza. Looking to garner support from the Student Government on this Plaza area. Plan to reintroduce trees to offer shade, seating, and lighting, and introducing public art. Also looking for feedback here.
    - **Do you think there could be something targeting the eternal flame?**
  - There was a service frat that made the eternal flame and they haven't existed on campus for 10 years so it is undecided if we will keep that as a university.
    - No more concrete tables please.
    - There will not be any concrete tables. New design.
      - Some of the concrete will need to be torn up but seating will be on pavement.
      - Preferably some outlets.
      - There will be outlets outside.
      - Flowers in this area please.
- 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 Abrams:** Thanks to everyone who came out and volunteered for Cultural Taste Of Houston, it went so smooth.
  - **Senator Dias:** I want to work with UHPD about good Samaritan laws and abused loopholes to punish students who want to help inebriated friends.

- **Senator Morgan:** Transfer student cheat sheet in the works with bauer staff.
- **Senator Fuente:** Please volunteer for the food drive.
- **Senator Mathis:** Working with the American Constitution Society to get a day off for voting. Attempting to fix issues people have had with UH Rec dress code and I'd like help trying to broach the subject.
- **Senator Potts:** Medical Amnesty Law same as Dias, Small edit to the bylaws about senators being in multiple branches, and the Letter for a loved one event is looking for volunteers.
- **Senator Epomba:** Financial Aid Office looking for speakers of other languages to answer FAQs about UH.
- **Senator Javed:** Tomorrow 6:30-8:30 District D town hall is happening on campus for city council. UC Theater invite is on facebook.

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

### **I. Report of the President**

- Thanks to all the volunteers for any and all Weeks of Welcome Events.
- Food Drive is on Saturday in partnership with Athletics. SGA is the source of this event so please anyone that can come out.
- SWBOR been monitoring response rates to push higher wage conversations further.
- FSAC Meeting on Friday will determine our next step in Food Recovery Meeting.
- FAFSA Parking Relief is working with Auxillary.
- Green Fund Proposal Research is done we are now garnering support for it.
- Third Party Insurance is also in the work Walker is having meetings with the carriers so we can get involved with it.
- Sports Psychologist for athletes is still in the work they've been busy so next week is the meeting.
- Fall Break Meeting is next week and I'll send an update then.
- Food Relief with Chartwells is still in the works we have a few more meetings until we can discuss implementing this.

### **II. Report of the Vice-President**

- Been working with Jim on the Eternal Flame, and representing a student voice for the architects office.
- I've worked on getting most of the university committees filled.
- Medical School talks is something I am also working on.

### **III. Report of the Speaker**

- Been working on a form to make logging volunteer hours easier.
- IA Chair is open now.
- Empty Senate Seats are slowly being filled.
- Bylaws and EC have been updated.

- Make sure to go to your committee meetings, they count towards absences.
- Ballroom OCT.29th for Haunted House is going well.
- Thanks for all the volunteers, we've been working on the tablings we've got the schedules figured out, just making sure we can use their space.
- Referendum in the works for constitution changes.

#### **IV. Report of the Chief Justice**

- If you need to change the constitution or bylaws, ask for help from the justice department.
- If you need help with Robert's Rules let us know also.
- We are working on getting scooters on campus.

#### **V. Report of the Attorney General**

- Hello new Election Code is up. Thank you for passing my bills.
- As you know I am resigning: attend the interviews so you can pass the next Attorney General: Thank you to Senator Morgan and Senator Duvall for coming out. The last interview will be Friday.

#### **VI. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner**

- Hi Deputy application is open! I want as many applicants as possible.
- Registration form is going online let me know if you want to help.

#### **VII. Report of the Chief of Staff**

- We've done 22 interviews and we will have our members on the 9th and a retreat on the 28th. For Emerging Leaders.
- We've been working on the Conference materials.
- Fox 26 has been interested in more students Senator Bryan and Election Commissioner are going to represent tune in.
- Everyone volunteer on Saturday please if you can.

#### **VIII. Report of the Deputy Chief of Staff**

#### **IX. Report of the Director of External Affairs**

- Voter Registration event is going to be on September 24th free food and giveaways looking for more funding it's looking like we might get \$5000 hopefully.
- I have more meetings with political groups on campus to get more help for September 24th.
- Houston Youth Voter Conference September 20th 3-8pm. Amazing speakers local judges and more. Other SGA's are going to be in attendance so please show up so we don't look bad. Volunteer hours.
- We are working on a disability awareness week! Event has not been finalized on a date but October will most likely be the month in it.
- End The Stigma: might be next week but we have been discussing having a week leading up to it to emphasize the importance.
- Please volunteer for this

#### **X. Report of the Director of Public Relations**

- Sign up for this weekend.

- Student Life Haunted House marketing is in the work.
- Next we are going to talk about the agenda for the System Conference.
- 10:00am - 4:00pm in the Houston Room.
- This is definitely a way to make good connections and form a think tank on UH System advocacy and seeing what every other SGA is like.

#### **XI. Report of the Director of Outreach**

- Green Fund Bill: let us know if you know any RSO officers we need more support.
- We and other UH's will be discussing Outreach if you'd like to offer suggestions, let me know.
- Tabling locations are almost finalized.
- A bill I've been working on will be going up for a vote soon.
- Social media work
- Volunteer Sat.

### **Clause 6: Committee Reports**

#### **I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee**

- We had a call in meeting and we mostly discussed plans for the future of the committee and mostly we decided to do a lot more tabling for Academic Affairs.

#### **II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee**

- Senator Austgen and I have been working on accountability for senators.
- We've been discussing the constitutional changes.
- Meeting the justices mandatory.

#### **III. Report of the Student Life Committee**

- We've got our room booked and Haunted House planning is in the works!
- I met with some admins to start some sustainability initiatives: we are working to spread awareness about how to properly recycle: and marketing that information.
- Plastic free Student Center initiative is still in the works!
- Looking to implement a system to recycle plastic bags in dorms and student centers.

#### **IV. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee**

- We failed a bill but then passed it id like to amend the agenda.  
*Motion to add stop the bleed kit;passes*

#### **V. Graduate and Professional Students Committee**

- Volunteer for the food drive

### **Clause 7: Unfinished Business**

### **Clause 8: New Business**

**I. University Committee Appointment (Scholarships and Financial Aid Committee, Campus Rec Advisory Board, Bookstore Advisory Committee)- Alexandre Do**

*Motion to move to previous question;*  
*Call for division;passes*  
*Motion to move to previous question;fails*  
*Motion for moderated caucus;passes*  
*Motion to elapse;passes*  
*Motion to previous question;passes*  
*Appointment;passes*

**II. University Committee Appointment (IT Advisory Committee) – Sterling White**

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*  
*Appointment;passes*

**III. University Committee Appointment (AD Bruce Religion Policy Board) – Wasiq Javed**

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*  
*Appointment;passes*

**IV. University Committee Appointment (Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee) – Leonard Chambers**

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*  
*Vote;passes*

**V. University Committee Appointment (Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee, Emergency Operations Committee)- Elliot Kauffman**

*Motion for moderated caucus;passes*  
*Motion to start Q&A;passes*

- TPAC raised prices because they've lost service lots and they had to take out loans and debt service is something they need to do. So out of necessity.
- We are an advisory committee: we don't make the ultimate decisions we can only advise and give a student voice.

*Motion to extend Q&A;passes*

- Oversale is the reason that housing students are charged more.

*Motion to extend Q&A;passes*

- We are only a focus group. I can only recommend getting more diverse parkers on the Advisory Committee
- I've been on TPAC for quite a few years. I enjoy it and I've learned a lot from being on parking. My best achievement was promoting zone parking.

*Motion to elapse Q&A and move to previous question;passes*

*Appointment;passes*

**VI. University Committee Appointment (Food Services Advisory Committee)-  
Randolph Campbell**

*Motion to move to pq;passes*

*Appointment;passes*

**VII. University Committee Appointment (Scholarships and Financial Aid  
Committee)- Katherine Doan**

*Motion to switch appointments that were misread;passes*

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*

*Appointment;pass*

**VIII. University Committee Appointment (Student Housing and Residential Life  
Advisory Committee, Activities Funding Board)- Matthew Laines (In Person  
Appointment)**

- I want to make life better for my fellow man. I am interested in learning more and participating in the process of granting funds. The best way for me to learn is to do.
  - I learned a lot about AFB over the summer. Served two years on the PTA board. We went through the budgets and found funding and I spent two years as class president with fundraisers.
  - This is me getting experience.
  - Orgs submit a request come before the board and there is a rubric I'd follow that.
  - The best thing I've done in my career was helping a blind girl find her way to class.
  - I know that students fund this board. But I would use my best judgement it really depends on the case.

*Motion for moderated caucus;passes*

*Motion to elapse Q&A;passes*

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*

*Appointment;passes*

**IX. University Committee Appointment (Hearing Board, Bookstore Advisory  
Committee, Student Housing and Residential Life, Transportation and  
Parking Advisory Committee)- Christopher Caldwell (In Person  
Appointment)**

- I am a graduate student here. I've been involved in a lot of Co-Curricular Activities. I got to experience many different professional student organizations. I've been on this board before. I make sure I have the time for all things I take on.

- A big issue with housing on campus is the lack of communication. Housing prices goes up every year. Applications are due in October.

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*

*Appointment;passes*

**X. Senate Appointment (CLASS)- Randolph Campbell (In Person Appointment)**

- I served as a senator in the last administration. Over the summer I've been working with Senator Khademakbari on the Legislative Accountability Act. I want to work on an identity for CLASS students. Working on branding CLASS.
  - I think a few t-shirts and a logo for all of CLASS would go a long way.
  - I thought pierced ears would be cool.
  - I meant expanding branding by expanding the merchandise of the college.
  - I worked on the Navigate change and academic advising appointment software changing. I had so many conversations before the bill could even reach a vote and they fixed the bugginess. I also worked on the increasing transparency act this administration.
  - I have not had feasibility stats yet.

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*

*Appointment ;passes*

**XI. Senate Appointment (CLASS)- Aylin Rodriguez (In Person Appointment)**

- Through my years at the university I've learned so much on how important it is to get involved and spread information about what is going on in the university. I'm also working with an Alumni Mentorship Program. I want to increase graduate workshops I think that's very important for CLASS. I want to revamp pre-law advising for CLASS.

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*

*Appointment;passes*

**XII. SGAB-56007- Legislative Accountability Act (Second Read)**

- This bill will establish a senatorial caucus for every college. This will form caucuses for the colleges so constituents may show up. This will work as a think tank for colleges. This bill was inspired by Senator Chukwu's meeting with NSM senators and the deans of their college. This bill will encourage collaboration between senators.
  - This bill specifically says when the meetings will take place and changing that will be a bylaw change.

- This bill will form as a think tank so it wouldn't matter too much about being a graduate student. However UGAL will not be having mandatory meetings with graduate students.

*Motion to send to IA;passes*

### **XIII. SGAB-56006- Appointment Transparency Act (Vote)**

- This bill is here to inform senators on compensated positions. This bill will include the exec's decision making process and we're committed to increasing transparency.
  - These are just wording changes.
  - Bylaws are staying the same this is just a clarification.

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*

### **XIV. UB-56003- Stop the Bleed Kits (Vote)**

- Stop the bleed kits went through committees failed and then repassed after the wording was fixed. This is a bill that shows university students are in favor of bleed kits on campus in case of emergencies where one might be needed to save a life.
  - This letter of support will go to UHPD and they will decide how to afford these kits from there.

*Motion to move to previous question;passes*

*Vote;passes*

## **Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

### **I. Comments and announcements from the officers**

- **President Lawrence:** Conference RSVP coming out in the chat. Be Aware.
- **Attorney General Sakethram:** Come out to the interviews.
- **Director of Outreach Medrano:** Volunteer Saturday! See you there, and the Green Fund is still coming!
- **Senator Barrett:** S/O Grad students volunteering. We discussed the Food Drive and we have a lot of support. We discussed recognizing indigenous day. Also organizing a menstrual product drive to go with the parking drive. We talked about creating a holiday for elections to help students to vote. It was great to see you all at Weeks of Welcome volunteering.
- **Senator Campbell:** Thanks for the appointment. Congrats to Aylin if anyone has any questions about my bill let me know. Add me to the groupme please.
- **Senator Rodriguez:** if you guys are interested in my initiatives let me know.
- **Senator Epomba:** UH Global is happening tomorrow come back.

### **II. Open forum**

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### **III. 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	P	P		
Speaker	Alexandre Do	P	P		
Chief Justice	Kate Dentler	A	A		
Attorney General	Sakethram Desabhotla	P	P		
Chief Election Commissioner	Bo Harricharran	P	P		
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		
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Senators					
Undergraduate at Large	Kaden Lewis	A	P	Y	Y
	Leonard Chambers	A	A		
	Ed Gonzales	P	P	Y	Y
	Elizabeth Pham	A	P	Y	Y
	Tomas Bryan	P	P		
	Eduardo Abrams	P	P	Y	Y
Graduate at Large	Cameron Barrett	A	P	Y	Y
Bauer	Daniella Ramos	P	P	Y	Y
	Katherine Doan	P	P	Y	Y
	Jack Morgan	P	P	Y	Y
College of Education	Queen Epomba	P	P	Y	Y
College of Engineering	Quang Vo	A	A	Y	Y
College of Law	Alexys Mathis	P	P	Y	Y

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