

UHSGA

Order of Business

57th Administration Agenda

7:00PM Wednesday, November 4th, 2020

Clause 1: Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

I. Opening call of the roll

- Senator Ahmed
- Senator Arias
- Senator Blakely
- Senator Castro
- Senator Cordero
- Senator Chidester
- Senator Garcia
- Senator Gil
- Senator Gomez
- Senator Hertenberg
- Senator Iroegbu
- Senator Kelly
- Senator Norwood
- Senator Pineda

Clause 2: Reading and approval of the Senate minutes from the previous meeting

Clause 3: Recital of the University of Houston Alma Mater

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 Ahmed: Hi guys, hope everyone is staying safe and doing well. This election is crazy, but I think we're going to be okay.
- Senator Ayonkanbi: Hi guys and good evening! It's great to be in this meeting and I hope I hear wonderful things today.
- Senator Blakely: Hey everyone, hope y'all are having a good week. Hopefully you're not too stressed out over this election. It'll be over soon I hope everybody has a great meeting

- Senator Davis: welcome to another student meeting! I'm just going to get the report here. So, I was able to create a petition in support of UH having in-person commencement ceremonies. The reason behind this petition is because there was uprising concerns as to why there is in-person games but there's no in-person graduation. So, it seems to be a disconnect there and something I was watching on Twitter and then one of my friends reached out to me and that was like the first action that needed to be taken because you know basically this petition is behind numbers to see communication from administration as to see why there's athletic games in person but not in person graduations. Please, make sure that you support that and hopefully there could be something to follow after that. The March for Africa that I was organizing which was scheduled for November 7th this Saturday at 3:00 PM has been postponed to Saturday November 14th at 3:00 PM. Please, attend if you can. Hopefully, I was able to give you all enough time to come out with the Bing next week. So, please make sure that you do come out if you can. remember this March is to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Africa and spread awareness of the Holocaust, the child trafficking, the police brutality, everything happening in the continent. If you all don't know what intersectionality is, please make sure you do research. It means that whatever no matter where you are it affects you no matter what your race ethnicity, it affects you. Next thing is the improved UH online petition. Senator Ahmed and I was able to meet last week regarding that with Ms. Longacre, vice Provost and Dean of undergraduate student success. We were able to discuss concerns about the petition in depth, which was pretty good that she's able to hear as we would hear her and hopefully policies can be put in place to make changes with that. but what I did notice is that we have to be specific on certain things. So, hopefully depending on what the academic affairs committees, which I'm a part of, says and then we could probably get a bill and then that would be the clarity and specifics that Ms. Longacre needs to make those policies.
- Senator Duvall: Hi everyone! Thank you for voting if you did. if you didn't then hopefully, you'll come by on next election. Aside from that I had the opportunity to go to a conference for artificial intelligence with their graphics cards. Also, I got to go to one of their seminars and learning how to create AI, specifically something called deep learning & in the middle of the classes, it was like an hour class, someone one of their spokespersons came up and said if you have a problem with this please let us know because the last one, they made was a machine that could dynamically find Waldo in any of the "where's Waldo books" which may seem pretty cool but that is very close to facial recognition. So, they stopped teaching it. What I'm trying to get at here is I'm trying to implement something similar at UH still. Either to prevent the misuse of a technology that is that is abnormally powerful because if you have anything in your house that

dynamically knows what you're doing without you putting anything in it is, that is AI. It is everywhere, it's not coming it is already here. and so, in order to responsibly use AI, we have to responsibly regulate it because it is definitely going to be misused. technology this powerful is always misused. So, I'm trying to do something similar at UH. I'm currently drawing out the plans for that but if you would like to know more information on this or have some input go right ahead it's always well to have more than one brain

- Senator Fulce: Hello guys, today I ended up having a faculty undergraduate Senate committee meeting and we were able to get through a lot of different proposals. A couple of proposals for instance is potentially instituting a public policy major here on campus so if that's something that interests you that's potentially coming up in the next couple of years. another thing was if you're a computer science major, we're planning on upping the requirements to C- in order to have like the prerequisites count so that's another update. but outside of that, that's pretty much the main things that we've covered today at the faculty undergraduate sitting come in need. next meeting we're planning on having a General Assembly and it's going to be a lot of stuff getting fast and I'll make sure to share that information when it happens. thank you, guys!
- Senator Hilton: Hey all, I hope everyone is doing good. Looking forward to a great meeting
- Senator Iroegbu: Hey guys, hope everyone is doing great. I got the chance to go to campus and meet some of the SGA people. Can't wait for COVID to be over so we can have in person meetings again.
- Senator Morgan: Hey everyone Started our first day of deliberations for SFAC so that was that was pretty long six hours but it was really good productive six hours I think we're going to be able to do a lot of cool things for students all of the things that we ran on as a party as students who are active and engaging campus a lot of great ideas that we're hearing in the left really excited to be able to hopefully in a few weeks share or some of those with y'all but it's looking good I'm really glad to be a part of it so yeah it's been going well and we have the next few days we're going to finish up deliberations and I'm glad that it's so far being very productive and looking good so is it for me!
- Senator Shriem: Hey everyone, I was wondering if you guys had the same experience when voting as I did. I had to go to three locations only to find out where I'm supposed to vote but there was nobody at that location. So, I thought that was weird. Hope you guys have a great meeting.

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

I. Report of the President

- Hey everyone, Good evening thank you so much for coming to another meeting I know that it's a super anxious time for everyone unfortunately there's elected officials who don't believe in human rights for everyone and in light of the election I've been thinking a lot about what it really means to be an American and thinking a lot about American history you know the United States is a country that was really built on the oppression and exploitation of people from indigenous people to slavery to exploiting immigrants for labor our country's history has not always been beautiful and there's those who are in power who would like us to forget about our history but there's another a really important part of American history that we should take into consideration and that's how we even became a country in the 1st place it was people revolting against an oppressive government and oppressive regime and using their power as people collectively to try to make a difference and try to make a change and that's how we even got this country in the first place so I think that no matter what happens in this election you know make your voice heard you are a citizen and you are somebody who is a value in this country so if you feel like your rights are being exploited in any way if you feel like your rights are being taken away then use your power as an American to go out and protest to go out and make your voice heard I think it's extremely important that we utilized whatever power we have as people and that we utilized that and we put pressure on our elected officials not just during a contentious election but continuously when we see that our politicians aren't there aren't serving us the way that we want them to serve us then we should go out there and make our voices heard so I just wanted to say that in light of everything that's going on in light of the election results. I know everybody is anxiously probably looking at that on Twitter right now or watching it on TV or something but some things that I wanted to talk about that are more SGA related is what's going to happen in the next semester so I know that are semester is coming to an end because of Thanksgiving I want you to know that we are going to move forward and have meetings over the winter break it will be similar to summer Senate and Julian will talk more about that in detail in the coming weeks as we kind of prepare and plan for what's to come for SGA during the winter semester something else that I was able to do is this past Friday I was able to speak at the Democratic rally that was at UH. I just wanted to mention that briefly because it was incredibly amazing experience to see to see Texas become a battleground state that's a truly historic time so it's absolutely amazing that I got to do that I got to be judge Lina Hidalgo I got to meet Sima I got to meet my own congresswoman which was just getting absolutely incredible experience and I did get to see senator Harris as well in person in the flesh and that was just an incredible experience as well and I was just inspired by truly all these very powerful women and what they were what they've been able to accomplish during

a time where there were all socially distancing where we are in a global pandemic and in the most contentious election that I think any of us will probably ever see so it was just really inspiring to see all of these women come out and be united for a righteous cause so some more in SGA related things I had a meeting with a lot of different University administration and we kind of talked about everything that was in the CSD petition and that's in the CSD bill that reflects pretty closely what's in the petition so I just wanted to say that the University administration was extremely willing to work with the students and extremely willing to work with us as an organization they've planned a kind of similar to what the SJ walk in the dark was like except this is geared specifically for students with disabilities so finding like sidewalks or doors that aren't working Accessibility buttons that aren't working seeing where we can add more that's something that we're going to be working on I know that they've released like a working group and a doodle poll for anybody who's interested in that if any of you are interested in coming please reach out to myself sasser or Maddie and I'm sure we'll be able to kind of help you out if you want to participate in something like that and what I loved about the CSD meeting is that it really shows the kind of power that we have as a collective student body as a student government as student government were able to bring things to the university's attention and with all the petitions that we've had this past year were really able to kind of use all this student support and then take this to the table in conversations with administration and they're always really willing to work with us so I thought that was absolutely a great experience in a pretty great when it was something that you know we campaigned for and it's something that we're going to get done and so I'm really proud of everybody who's worked on the petitions the bill and who has been president in those meetings I thought that was extremely great I wanted to give a little bit of an update about next semester in about commencement and graduation I had a meeting with the Provost and doctor long acre recently and in regards to next semester and if it's going to be short and if we're going to spring break it looks like it should be a pretty regular semester that's what I've kind of been told I mean nothing is really finalized until the Provo sends out any valid telling us that everything's been finalized but I will say that it looks like it's going to be a normal semester that we'll have our spring break and will be able to come back from spring break but of course go virtual if anything is to happen when it comes to graduation and commencement I was told that unfortunately because the University is already kind of paid a company to do a virtual commencement for the fall that that's what they're doing that's not to say that we can't stop our advocacy I don't think we should ever stop our advocacy if we really want an in person graduation then we should keep pushing for one but I just wanted to let you all know that that's what they told me when I brought it to their attention however the petition and

everything that Kenneth has been doing we're going to be able to kind of we're going to be able to kind of push to make sure that we have an in person spring graduation and I've been told that that's what they're planning for so that's just to relay that information to y'all some things that we're planning for next semester and this semester should come I know this is kind of long I'm sorry I just want to give us any updates as possible so we are going to we're continuing with the transfer student mentor ship program so that is going to pilot into the spring semester we're also continuing with the international student membership programs to continue for the spring semester as well and hopefully both of those programs will either be taken by taken up by the University we're hoping the Provost office will take over the transfer student mentorship program and that the I triple S office will take over the international student membership program so that's going to continue Julian sent our email to Sergeant this past week about all of the sidewalks and lights that were not that weren't working at night so hopefully facilities were is going to go ahead and take care of that for us something else that I'm really going to push for the spring is that I want to have a kind of weeklong sexual assault awareness event so in that I want to have a panel I've talked to somebody who could be as potential speaker at that panel so hopefully will be able to have a speaker and will have some people be able to maybe share some of their spoken word poetry that sort of thing we're planning a feminine product drive with Chewbacca who is the president of an organization on campus is going to help us out with that as well I also wanted to see look into purchasing there are kind of date raped coasters like there they kind of you can kind of see if your drink has been like spiked with any sort of like date rape drug and it will let you know and so I'm looking into seeing if we were able to purchase some of those so we can give them out at the table links during this event so we can kind of have a PR campaign and have marketing associated with that as well in addition I'm hoping to do a lot more kind of drives to help our community so I've been in touch with a third Ward Community Center to see if we can donate some hygiene products sanitizer mask that sort of thing to the third Ward community so hopefully that's something that we're going to be able to do in the spring semester when things are a little bit more in person because I have been told that they should be a little bit more in person for spring at least that's what administration is hoping for and then in the first week of the spring semester we're going to do a kind of parking food drive so that means that we're going to have parking citation forgiveness up to \$25.00 if you bring a canned food item to the HGA table essentially and so we're going to be highlighting that as well the first week of the spring semester for the first 2 weeks of the spring semester one of those weeks sorry this is the kind of longer poor I just want to update you on everything that's going on if anybody needs any help on any initiatives or writing

a bill if you're a little bit nervous or unsure I'm here for y'all anybody from the executive be more than happy to assist you with any of that just reach out to us give me a call I answer my phone all the time so would that have a great meeting. But that aside student region applications are actually up so I'm going to post that link right now there it is that's the student Regent information and the application so for those of you guys who don't know you get to be part of the Texas state legislature and so the government the governor actually appoints a nonvoting student Regent to represent the UH system so for those guys who may not know Alvaro de la Cruz he is the current student Regent and so it's a very big opportunity I mean you get to be part of the Texas legislature and represent the entire UH system which is very cool one other application that I'll drop right now in the chat as well there it is to be a nonvoting student representative to the Texas higher education coordinating board and so this is a student that represents all undergraduates in Texas essentially so it's a very big position as well so if you're interested in that if you're interested in politics at all I will give my top five recommendations to doctor Walker and they'll go from there and they'll the governor will end up deciding who they appoint so please take a look at those if you guys are interested I will I would love to interview y'all you're all wonderful.

II. Report of the Vice-President

- Chief of staff will be taking over University committee appointments.

III. Report of the Speaker

- Apparel distribution has been going very well I've given out 22 jackets so far lot of senators I had maybe 3 justices come and mainly senators a lot of senators it's been really nice to see everybody in person and finally put faces to names usually it's names to faces I suppose but it's really nice seeing everybody in person being able to give a little bit more insight on who we are and what we do and getting to know people I'm also almost done distributing the mass for any stigma so there's a couple of different RSO's on campus that had requested masks for in the stigma event so I reached out to all of them and process of distributing I think I only have maybe I'd like less than 100 mass to give out so maybe most every RSO has come and pick them up and for every are so I make sure to tell them you know what the master for when the stigmas about what we usually do what how to raise awareness for mental health and that you know try and end the stigma about talking about it and you know that to make sure that when they give it out to their members that that's what they also they share that same message I actually had actually talked to Neha from the internal audit Association here at UH an she actually posted this really great thing on Instagram and she was really paying attention to everything I said and kind of put it in her on the on their on their Instagram and so I shared it to our story really nice sides that tabling has been going really well a lot of very genuine interactions people coming up and asking

how they can get involved asking more about student government and getting to know more people I actually talked to this this young lady today and I told her that we may be having a class a class Senate seat open soon I think she would be good fit and then she should apply an admin telling them all that they should look at the University committees and that they should try and look at our sea website and see how they all want to access situation I'm just trying to answer their questions about the University in general because there's a lot of them who are very new to you age any other coming up to our table not knowing who we are what we do sometimes talking about it and then offering them a free SG mass so I've already seen a handful of students with them on running around campus and it's always super cool to see your brand out there and it is a really nice Max so if you haven't already you know come by next Wednesday I'll be here on campus distributing as she jackets and as she masks and sit down at a table for a little bit socialize if you want besides that I have a couple senators going out for confirmation Sandra she's going up for undergrad Jose he's going up for tech Brooke she's going up for NSM I interviewed them all yesterday actually very busy day and they were all really great candidates I asked them all great questions and gave me great answers and I made sure that they knew the requirements of SGA the expectations that they make themselves to this organization and I think there all be great additions and I can't wait to see you all to hear them speak we ought to meet them besides that I still do have a couple open seats if Sandra gets undergrad then there will be an open class seat I've already have a handful of applicants apply for it it's already up just in case but so I haven't done interviews for it yet though so if she gets that seat then I'll be looking to fill that that Class C also still have two engineering seeds you know College of optometry College of law college pharmacy there's still a handful of seeds all of it should for the most part be updated on the website and I this next week I may be doing a lot of website updates and making sure that everything looks neat and tidy for the winter break heads besides that like Jasmine said I've recently sent an email to Sergeant about the our walk in the dark participation and I actually believe I got a response today saying that she's going to pass along our observations two facilities and she'll update me when she gets an update besides that I am in the works of creating a virtual event this is really important so if you're not listening to anything else I'm saying this is the most important thing you should be listening to please listen to what I'm going to say I'm creating a virtual event with mindful because they're an organization here on campus that their partnered with I believe you H Wellness and I think it's called like the mindfulness lab but they have a couple of faculty and administrators on there and there's a bunch of student students on there I'm trying to create a virtual event a workshop mindfulness workshop to talk about emotional intelligence and the impact of social media has

on all of us during these times you know there's not a whole lot of social interaction there's a whole lot of crazy things going on in the world I think it's important that we take a second meditate and you know try to be mindful and try to be considerate of the people around us and of ourselves they are in there going to get a speaker to talk at the workshop doctor Smith I believe it's Bradley Smith but it's a Dr. Smith an works here I believe he's a psychologist psychology professor as well not tired hardly sure but they're going to they're going to put it on their social media I'm going to make sure we put it on our social media and I expect everyone in this meeting to go everybody in this meeting I expect every single person to go I'm going to drop the link I'm going to talk about it 100 times I hopefully will have it hopefully this will happen very soon I've been talking to my Instagram about setting it up so I expect all of y'all to go and if I have to look in the bylaws to make you go I will do that because I think this is really important I think we can all benefit from it a little bit it would mean a lot to me all showed up.

IV. Report of the Chief Justice

- Hello everyone my cameras off because I'm looking a little rough an I don't want you to see me like that so I apologize so for my report is that my hometown of Tech City Texas they officially elected the first African American male to the yeah office of mayor and of course they elected the 1st and the African American woman as the mayor protein as well so congratulations to Texas city they have worked really hard to try to secure those seats the other thing about it as well too is that if you were doing events or activities or anything like that please let me know that way I can go ahead and let the court know that way they can participate as well I'm going to try to start being more active so you will see me a little bit more at some events or some activities.

V. Report of the Attorney General

- Hey guys so fun fact this is the first time reported the attorney general will be valid because that is what I am now so hello I am pretty and I'm your attorney general now sure a bit ago Kaitlyn unfortunately had resigned because of personal issues but I'm here now and I'm kind of getting into the swing of things then kind of like rough that kind of get the hang of everything I will be searching for a deputy attorney general really soon so the application is going to be up hopefully within the next week so if that is something anyone is interested in that would be great especially if you have like SJ obviously all of y'all next race concern I see it but if you have like justice related experience that be great because I'm new and I don't want anything else but I totally know what I'm doing but yeah it would be great if any of you think that that might be something you are interested in I would be really awesome and I encourage you to apply once the application is posted I'm getting like getting access to the email soon.

VI. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

- I have Jason Hankins wanting to talk about something he posted in a group chat that I'm in about the stock to be kids so many of you may not know last year there was a stop to bleed initiative which is basically like stop the bleed kids in case someone might get shot or stop if something bad happens like they're meant to quickly stop the bleeding as the name states but I'm not like fully knowledgeable about this so I'm going to go with my time for him to talk.
- Hey guys yeah so I'm pretty much she actually summed it up pretty well a little over a year ago we had gotten SGA approval pretty much for I'm just going to read the document it says being further result away though therefore be it resolved by the Senate of the student government Association University Houston University will install a bleeding control kit outside of every automated external defibrillator and stayed on campus I'm going to say we will keep her body like be it further resolved executive order solidly will provide training through including how to properly use the contents of these bleeding control kits and will increase awareness of these classes through marketing across campus and just so that management scope so pretty much we have been teaching these classes but we don't have these kids and the issue is I believe it is issue with the UH Police Department they're not trying to review our proposal that we have typed out we have a proposal with like some case studies and I'm just prices and things like that and it is just kind of stag becomes stagnant it's not moving anywhere so I kind of got put in charge of by trying to get it no brought back to the surface and so I need a little petition today and I was reached out to it given the opportunity to talk to you also I was just hoping that maybe somebody could you know maybe help me get in contact with EU-HPB or just maybe do something to get this done because it's been over a year since we got FDA approval and be home to keep teaching these classes but it's kind of hard to teach the classes and then there's nothing for like instantly where they have been there's nothing for anybody to use like their skills they learn so it's kind of like 1 sided we have like a proposal with all the prices and just case studies and stuff and I really don't know how to talk to a sea comedian before I've never really done anything like this so I don't know but that's really all I had to say I really just would really appreciate if I could not get something done about this because it's been over a year we've been waiting yeah and I guess I just add on so that I believe it was last meeting the Chief Police came and talked about how he would love to help students and I feel like he's really not matching his actions with his words because how can you say that you would love to help students and then you have students come to you with a great proposal that could potentially save lives and you're not really doing anything for them so I just thought that was interesting but I will be posting their petition inside our chat and feel free to sign if you deal with it yeah about the elections I don't really have a lot of updates regarding that I'm really just waiting for things to

happen but OK let's see I think I was going to give like advice I was like oh so I was going to give advice about like if your name is first on the ballot don't let that convince you that you're going to win because there have been several people whose names have been first on their parties ballot and I think they got a little LAX and then they ended up losing so don't let that like make you think Oh my name is first I don't have anything to worry about because others will work harder than you and they will win but yeah that's all I have today thank you all

VII. Report of the Chief of Staff

- Hello everybody that's me myasthenia updates as stated previously the meeting are now over University committee appointments just for a little bit so I think later on this week you should be seeing something going up on the sea social media and I'll be talking about in Group me about open positions in University committees so please apply as well as that I'd like to mention my emerging leaders program is going nicely it will be opening back up for a couple more Africans so that way we can have a couple more people who want to draft legislation and be more engaged in the org with that being said I'd like to give a shout out to one of my emerging leaders a couple of my emerging leaders right now Mario Andrea they've been working hard Williams actually drafting a piece of legislation as we speak that will be going up eventually reasserted to help Kenneth with a couple of his pieces of legislation and I'm just loving the amount of engagement defecating in that we're getting from them marriage he's legislation is something like what Kenneth is doing where we're talking about social injustice or people being discriminated against across the world you know we should bring attention to this stuff and we should all fight against it with that being said I think that's all in my SGA updates.

VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs

IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations

- hey guys so today some of the exact and I just finished filming a video regarding all the things we did in summer Senate and I'll be making a YouTube video for us soon and we have a few other videos and pre-production though should be out before winter break hits and apart from that I've been keeping up with the social media and if you want any Flyers done or any posts you have just hit me up we do have a few committee openings available there are 2 for TPAC, 1 for cougar card and one for undergraduate committee so if you guys know anyone that's interested please let them know to apply thank you

X. Report of the Director of Outreach

- Alright hello everyone I hope you have been doing well there's not much updates but I finished my workshop for the emerging leaders last week we talked about personal branding and how you can translate what you do with your student leadership positions on your resume and your LinkedIn um but other than that I

will work closely with Kennett within the following weeks to blast out emails from March and then I will also be working with Jasmine or outreach organizations other than that I hope you all have a good day and let's have a good meeting

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Reports of the Academic Affairs Committee

- we had a meeting with the head of the office of the undergraduate academic affairs basically she's like the head of like all the things that goes on with undergrad academically. so basically we just talked about the position we showed her kind of our demands and the kind of the policy that we kind of want to change in place and hopefully very soon. The thing is though that she said that whenever she presents this to other people on the board that there needs to be specific examples so that so we can actually implement it into some sort of policy so if you guys have any examples please let us know. I'm going to emphasize on this on my next meeting as well so that you know we can definitely get this thing running I don't think we'll get it in by the end of the semester but definitely for next semester these things could change because it definitely seems like we're going to be online next semester as well. so please give us any specific examples you know you've had with you know some sort of difficult with online learning let us know so that we can actually know or if you need to write a bill on it but we will have to write a bill on it all let you guys know that as well because when I help other than that that's pretty much all I have that's you know I guess things outside of you know on SGA there are a lot of human rights issues going on in the world. I know everyone kind of pressed on this there's the police brutality in Nigeria, the Uyghur Muslims are still being locked up in China, there is this still a refugee crisis. This is a lot of things happening there is there is that case in France where the, I believe, was the Prime Minister wouldn't condemn the fact that they tried to show the Prophet's face. this is a big deal as we don't really show faces in our religion and he completely disregarded that. we talked about as well this homophobia in the West and that's continuously come in America as well so keep these things in mind I know this election has kind of been our mind as well you know there's still help you know it's been a long very long two days but just I know that this is in the center of our head right now but we also need to remember that were very privileged and lucky so just keep in mind of other human rights issues that are happening around the world so that's pretty much it thank you guys

II. Reports of the Internal Affairs Committee

- No updates

III. Reports of the Student life Committee

- To life committee hey guys um social life past the LGBTQ+ bill in our last meeting which was very well written kudos to Chief Justice Munoz. we also spoke about the CSD bill which was also passed a lot of ideas were brainstormed during the meeting. it was actually one of our longest student life meetings yet so it was great we had a good conversation and as a reminder our student life meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM if you'd like to attend in the future you can always reach out to me or vice chair sasser thanks
- IV. Reports of the Administration and Finance Committee
- V. Reports of the Graduate and Professional Students Committee

Clause 7: Unfinished Business

Clause 8: New Business

- I. Senate Appointment (Undergraduate at Large) – Sandra Ortiz
- I hope you guys are doing great. We have a few new faces on the call so I'm going to re-introduce myself my name is Sandra Ortiz. I'm currently a CLASS senator under this admin in my appointment today for the undergraduate a large seat. in short the reason I would like to be an undergraduate at large senator is because I feel that initiatives that I have brought up while seeking to be a CLASS senator are not necessarily geared specifically towards CLASS students or the college person so they are more widely representative of a larger scope of students and not to mention that I consider the position to be more important and therefore I think that someone who has already illustrated their capability to lead within SGA should fill that vacancy my qualifications do not change from those presented whenever you know I was elected to be class senator and student life chair but I can certainly talk about them more in depth if anyone has anything in particular to ask based off my resume now you'll dress nice answer questions
 - *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
 - *Senate Appointment of Sandra Ortiz for Undergraduate At Large - passes*
- II. Senate Appointment (College of Technology) – Jose Cordero
- My name is Jose cordero. I'm currently a junior I just actually recently just switched over from the College of engineering to the College of technology so when I saw that there was an opportunity to represent the College of technology as a senator I decided why not try to represent something while I'm here and make a name of myself while I'm a student at the University Houston. growing up I was really underprivileged to growing up with divorced parents. I really never had a lot of joy, I really missed out on a lot of things. so that's really my main goal in college is to make up for lost time. how can I make these four years as a student in the University Houston. how can I make this the best four years of my life and that's really the main platform are not getting policies or anything of what I want

to do what I want to do for in theory all students were not majority students I want them to experience the best four years that they will experience at the University of Houston and make them not regret going to like another college like I should have gone in and we started on Utah all that so a couple of things to improve on I have I really noticed that you know for obvious reasons enrollment is down we have less on campus people and I'm just really curious as to why are shuttles running and if not like 2 three people are going to use them today so I just think that's a really curious thing that I really want to see if I can approach if appointed how why are we spending money on shuttles for only going to be benefiting you know the 10 people that are basically on campus and stuff like that but as a University as a whole I'm really big into school spirit in high school in a small school not a lot of people have school spirit they were just there like just to gradually get their degree and just move on or get their diploma move on I don't want that to be the same thing for University you know we're a big college where sports school more basketball and football I just you know people see it as a commuter school and I'm like OK So what if we are you know we're still the University of Houston re represent one of the most if not the most diverse cities in the nation right and that's why I also along with having the best four years that's why also I firmly believe in representation matters whether it be African American Hispanic LGBT LGBTQ plus gender orientation all that I definitely believe that representation matters which is why I want to step up and represented people who are low income who weren't born to the best situation like me and so that people can have someone be like oh someone who knows what situation I was in financially and family they're doing what's best for me so that's really the big thing

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Senate Appointment of Jose Cordero for College of Technology Large - passes*

III. Senate Appointment (Natural Science and Mathematics) – Brooke Hertenberg

- Hey guys so I'm broke like you said I'm currently a bio major and I'm pre optometry I'm a freshman and I'm living on campus which has been kind of crazy with COVID so right now I am a freshman so I haven't been able to get involved in way too much but right now I am involved in best buddies and preempt the proprietary professional society and then also the NSM pyramid tour program which has been really awesome so as far as like student government experience I was a part of my high school student government and then so joining SK here was pretty kind of like a no brainer for me I just like to be involved plugged in and things like that and then I was also in what was called principle student laureate an my high school where it was a group of about 10 of us that my principle selected and every other week we would meet with him and talk about different

initiatives that they were doing on campus as faculty and staff and deciding if it was working is like deciding as students if we believed it was working or not so that was really awesome and then I was also secretary for National Honor Society so I was big in communication between the members of NHS and the officers and the sponsor so yeah I just I like being involved because I like to be kind of behind the scenes with events and decisions and things like that I like to be able to be a part of the group of people that it's advocating for students and what we believe can be improved on so yeah so my possible initiatives I talked about in my application was that I really think it be glued to something I really love R&S empire mentor program it's been awesome so I was thinking about something that that would be like an organization through NSM that could be something like an alumni mentor program so you know matching a mentor with mentee and talking about what they did with their with their degree how they're doing you know in the real world or if someone is pre Med or pre professional school you know kind of talking about that helping prepare some went for whatever professional school they decide to go into and then another one is just like a solid survey or feedback system for NSM students advisors professors in even SGA just to see what could be changed throughout NSM what students like what students don't like and how that would work so yeah I think I'm pretty well rounded student aimed at high GPA but I'm also pretty invested in like commitments to clubs and things like that and then I know I'm a freshman so it's kind of you know iffy but I think that could be a really cool perspective actually because I'm kind of part of the group of people that could potentially be most affected by things passed by SGA so I think it be kind of cool to have a freshman's perspective on it and then also with Covid and online classes in the way that it's all developing I think that would be really cool to have a different perspective on.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Senate appointment of Brooke Hertenberg for Natural Science and Mathematics- passes*

IV. UB – 57005 – Equity for Student with Disabilities and CSD Support Act (Vote)

- OK so the CSD bill essentially just represents everything that was written out in the petition so a few of those things are to change the name of this Center for students with disabilities for example make the website more inclusive more accessible have an auction to change the font size and color making changes to the process of how kind of orientation is done in the CSD lengthening those appointment times making sure that we have working buttons on all of the doors and making sure that essentially that we as a University are hearing the needs of students with disabilities and making sure that their accommodations are going through on time having a faculty training to make sure that faculty are not only

treating our students with disabilities with respect but also accommodating them appropriately during a virtual setting something that we saw is that there was very little communication with the CS teaches students whenever one of their counselors was on vacation or was not there was taking a leave of absence there wasn't clear communication between the CSD and the students that the CSD is supposed to be serving so this bill kind of serves as like a paper trail the way that a lot of the bills in the SGA work whenever we have meetings with administration and we advocate to make changes and all of the things that I just mentioned were something that we discussed in the meeting on Monday with the CSD and with several University administrators about the changes that we wanted to be done so all the things that I just mentioned or things that the University has made a commitment that they're going to change for the CSD so that includes the working the making or the creation I should say of a working group that includes students with disabilities on it as well as faculty and staff to continue to advocate for these issues even once this bill is passed and once the initial changes are all met and to continue to collaborate on working on these changes as well so that's pretty much everything I'm there's a lot more in the bill and in the petition but I'm happy to say that that meeting went incredibly well and we should be able to be seeing a lot of these changes happen in the next coming months this semester in the next year so it's kind of a big win for us so I'm pretty happy about that

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *UB 57005 – Equity for Student with Disabilities and CSD Support Act passes*

V. SGAB – 57013 – LGBTQ+ Student Support Act (Vote)

- Hi everyone, again it's similar to what Jasmine wrote for the Latinx and Hispanic students support act of letting you know about the resources that for Hispanic students who do come to you but for the LGBT. This allows students who identify as LGBT to know about the resources that are on that are on campus and it also allows them to know about the LGBTQ Resource Center where they do a mentorship program also that won't technically really won't start until the fall of 2021 I spoke to the director personally the other thing about it as well it also lets you know it also lets them know about clubs and organizations that are get involved app as well basically it's going to be highlighting all those type of things I know I would like to give recognition first before anything is I want to shout Jasmine Ann John the director of outreach who helped us with the help me with this we put together a list of organizations Anna clubs to show students there is a lot of students but I'm at 4 so that students can know about all these clubs and organizations but we also did a little bit more research we also found that there is emergency funding for students if they cannot pay for classes their scholarship opportunities as well to anything like that that helps the students LGBTQ students to know about the resources that you have aged provides to them when speaking

to the director there is really not a huge number that qualifies for UH for students that identifies those beach she says roughly there's probably a 7 to 8% of students that identify as LGBTQ but the other thing about it as well is that mainly the bill shows the support for LGBTQ students but also highlights that University of Houston is a part of the campus pride.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *SGAB 57013 – LGBTQ+ Student Support Act passes*

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and announcements of the Officers

- President: They all go watch the election results and please apply to become the student Regent to be part of the Board of Regents I apologize for that I'm a little distracted elections you know anyway please apply to become the student region please apply to be part of the legislature as well to be that nonvoting non-voting member on that board so yeah please you know keep in touch with the elections come visit us on Wednesdays when me and Julian stood at his table for like 8 hours so yeah I hope you guys have a great rest of your night let's hang in there y'all I know we could do this
- Speaker: I want to thank you all for coming to this meeting we only have 1 Senate meeting before winter as Jasmine stated before I will be looking into the logistics of holding a winter session for us because the work never stops and we've got I know next meeting that emerging leader Maryam she I was talking to her and she wants to present her bill and I was telling her logistics plan that and I think it's been really great bill and I was thinking about even writing my own resolution maybe like this virtual event pulls through besides that it's pretty much going to be like summer Senate it's going to be a lot of meetings I'm going to wait until finals is like officially over and then it will be every two weeks and it will lead straight into our spring semester I'm going to look into that lookout for that you do not have to attend it is voluntary like summer center Somerset it was voluntary if you sign up for it but once you sign up for it I'm going to expect you to be there but at any point you can because once again it is voluntary so if you sign up for it and end up can't finishing it that's fine you know I would prefer you try and come to maybe the first couple of meetings because it's always important to have representation and have your voice on these bills and these resolutions and appointments and these things that are happening because you don't want anything happening without you there right so you might come back in spring semester and a whole bunch of stuff passes and didn't get a chance say anything to it and maybe you don't like how it was handled or something so if you want your voice heard then I recommend joining our winter session.

- Chief Justice: Hi everyone thank you again for passing the bill of course I couldn't do it I couldn't do it without Jasmine and John and of course sand drama student committee for y'all's help and yes ideas again if you are having events and activities just go ahead and let me know I'll go ahead and let the Supreme Court justices no and then we can go ahead and attend as well the other thing is I'm going to keep my word of being ensure that I come to most of your events and activities last week was really fun
- Attorney General: Alright this is a fantastic meeting thank you so much for all your time again keep an eye out for deputy attorney general application and please apply. if you're a senator emerging leader if you know anyone who'd be interested in the position if you used to work in the Justice Department anymore, I would love to have you applied talking to Julian later and Jasmine about setting up interviews but thank you so much for you. so, keep an eye out, stay positive even if the world ends, we still have each other and that's why we're here, right? we're here to make sure that no matter what externalities that we face to make sure that our student body is safe and represent it and as long as we keep doing that that's the most important so this is a delightful meeting, and I will see you all soon
- Chief Election Commissioner: Good meeting, don't forget to fill out the forms if you're interested in running or going to run. Also, check out the SGA elections tab there's already some useful information already posted there but I'm probably going to try to get like the official dates where everything is do posted there as well but I did great meeting
- Chief of Staff: So, we have things coming up for it I'm very excited about it I hope everyone had a good night. I really enjoyed this meeting so thank you
- Public relations: Great meeting guys. Thank you!
- Senator Morgan: I just wanted to give A quick shout out to our director of outreach for being one of 30 applicants to be accepted into the Wolf Center for entrepreneurship the number one program in the nation it's a huge accomplishment I am so proud of him and I just wanted everyone to know that his hard work paid off and so yeah that's it for me congratulations John your hard work paid off and we're really proud of you.
- Senator Sasser: thank you all so much for passing the Bill. it's been nothing but hell y'all are literally helping out so many fellow CSD students that have been going through so much stress including myself and I'm dealing with more stress even more. So, hopefully this bill will kick in. Again, thank you all so much for getting this bill passed. we've put in so much time into this bill and we dealt with so many meetings with the CSD. But anyways on the positive note, every single person here is an amazing human being. we are doing so much. it is finally

November we are getting closer to the end of the semester. Have a good day everybody.

II. Open Forum

III. Closing Call of the Roll

- Senator Ahmed
- Senator Arias
- Senator Blakely
- Senator Castro
- Senator Chidester
- Senator Garcia
- Senator Gil
- Senator Gomez
- Senator Hilton
- Senator Iroegbu
- Senator Kelly
- Senator Norwood
- Senator Miles
- Senator Pineda

Clause 10: Adjournment