

Student Government Meeting Minutes

April 1st, 2020

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

-none

II. Students wishing to address the Senate

-none

III. Guest speakers wishing to address the Senate

-none

IV. Two-minute speeches by the members of the Senate

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

I. Report of the President

II. Report of the Vice-President

III. Report of the Speaker

-Vacant

IV. Report of the Chief Justice

-Vacant

V. Report of the Attorney General

-Go to events, be humble, take direction, work hard to impress fellow student leaders, we are just another Fee funded organization, try to help them out as much as you can

-When you vote for nominations for Speaker, ask yourself will they give it their all, will they respond to me and be active within the organization

-I'm a resource to help, my number is on the SGA website, feel free to reach out.

-I review election complaints, serve as prosecution on impeachment trials, make sure bills are constitutional, and make sure people are following rules. I support SGA in any way I can

-I'm going to make the Chief Election Commissioner application soon. I'll select applicants for a month or two and get them in front of the senate over the summer. I'm going to do the same thing with the Attorney General. The deputy AG will be the AG after I leave office, but hopefully will find a new AG and Election Commissioner during the summer.

-Take my experiences as AG and propose changes in the election code

VI. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

-Vacant

VII. Report of the Chief of Staff

-Vacant

VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs

-Vacant

IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations

-Vacant

X. Report of the Director of Outreach

-Vacant

Clause 6: New Business

I. Speaker of the Senate election

-Julian Cheng: Support every senator, hear out their ideas, connect senators, maintain open communication, and organize senator ideas. SGA experience, Teacher experience. Committed to SGA and senators. Committed to put in effort to work through problems and find creative solutions. Good position to lead senators and have experience getting different people to work together. Want to focus efforts on what is feasible.

Motion to extend Q&A;passes

Motion to extend Q&A by 1 minute;passes

Motion to extend Q&A by 30 seconds;passes

Motion to extend Q&A by 2 minutes;passes

-Chiamaka Chukwu: Work at Social Security law firm, passionate about helping others, involved in many campus organizations and putting on campus events, learned to manage time. Want to ensure senators are upholding their duties, schedule meetings with senators to check up on them, establish working relationships with the executive board, work with the Student Life Committee to create Socials. Want to have open communication and address problems, run effective meetings. Experience as Internal Affairs Chair. Want to bring more awareness of SGA by working with other organizations, pass impactful legislation, research and listen to students' concerns, and improve the Third Ward area.

Motion to extend Q&A by 2 minutes;passes

Motion to extend Q&A by 4 minutes;passes

Motion for a 10 minute moderated caucus with 2 minute speaking time;passes
Motion to extend moderated caucus by 2 minutes with 30 second speaking times;passes
Motion to move to previous question;passes
Julian Cheng appointed as Speaker of the Senate

II. Executive appointment Chief of Staff - Sterling White

- 3 years of SGA experience, Internal Affairs Committee, active in SGA,former Legislative Chief of Staff, former Associate Director of External Affairs.
- Want to improve the Emerging Leaders Program. Lend time to Emerging Leaders during Senate meetings, require mandatory volunteer hours, require to join an active University Committee.
- Looking to continue work on the Student Worker Bill of Rights and Graduate Student Bill of Rights.
- Looking to facilitate a productive working environment and create an organizational vision and culture to foster growth of SGA and university.

Motion for a 15 minute moderated caucus with 2 minute speaking times;passes
Motion to exhaust debate;passes
Motion to move to previous question;passes
Appointment of Sterling White to Chief of Staff;Appointment passes;No objections

III. Executive appointment Deputy Chief of Staff - Daniel Padron

- Passionate, creative.
- Involved in BAMSA. Experience with networking and event planning.
- Work experience at grocery stores and fast food. Learned to multitask.
- Wrestling Captain and Saxophone Section Leader. Worked with different people.
- Former Emerging Leader. Found purpose and drive. Want to improve communication in the next Emerging Leader Program. Want more successful follow through of Emerging Leaders and better outreach.
- Want to work with Director of Outreach to raise awareness of SGA
- Want to create a SGA newsletter

Motion to move to previous question;passes
Appointment of Daniel Padron to Deputy Chief of Staff;Appointment passes;No objections

IV. Executive appointment Director of External Affairs - Jessica Hulett

- Senior majoring in economics with a specialization in public policy and advocacy with a minor in political science
- Former Associate Director of External Affairs in 54th administration. Former Director of External Affairs in the 55th and 56th administration.

- Hosted many civic engagement and voter registration events.
- Planned the Texas Student Government Coalition Semester Conference.
- Coordinated SGA's involvement in the UH Day at the Capitol.
- Worked on food insecurity, mental health, and student worker rights.
- Planning to focus on civic engagement and voter registration and work with local officials to improve polling on campus. Looking to work on same day voter registration and online voter registration.
- Looking to plan UH Day at the Capitol and UH System SGA Conference.
- Wanting to work on public health and student worker rights.
- Good working relationships with UH administrators.

Motion to extend Q&A by 5 minutes;passes

Motion to extend Q&A by 3 minutes;passes

Motion to move to previous question;passes

Appointment of Jessica Hulet to Director of External Affairs;Appointment passes;No objections

V. Executive appointment Director of Public Relations - Justice Al-Hmoud

- Junior majoring in broadcast journalism, pre-law.
- Resident advisor at Cougar Village II, member of Chi Omega, former field reporter and media team member at CoogTV. Created marketing materials and operated social media.
- Former Recognition/Marketing Chair for Hall Council.
- Looking to implement a schedule-based plan for general feeds to ensure consistent content, tweak current aspects of the social media and marketing materials to create a solidified theme/visual narrative.
- Looking to bring in professors from the communications school to discuss personal branding.
- Wanting to build connections with media professionals on and off campus
- Prepared to commit time and effort to the position.

Motion to move to previous question;passes

Appointment of Justice Al-Hmoud to Director of Public Relations;Appointment passes;No objections

VI. Executive appointment Director of Outreach - John Nguyen

- Sophomore studying Management of Information Systems, Marketing, and Sales.
- Public Relations Coordinator for Residence Halls Association.
- Student Sales Professional at the Bauer Sales Excellence Institute, Anime Matsuri Human Resource Manager and PR Director, and Kellogg's Joyful Brand Ambassador.
- Experience with servant leadership and have communication skills working with a team.
- Experience with event planning, tabling, and programming.

-Promote SGA with students, increase SGA's engagement, build relationships with USOs and RSOs, and focus on branding of the organization

Motion to move to previous question;passes

Appointment of John Nguyen to Director of Outreach;Appointment passes;No objections

Clause 7 Closing Remarks

I. Comments and announcements of the Officers

-President Khademakbari: You have been an incredible senate, loved hearing your discussions, loved that you confirmed everyone, loved who you picked for Speaker. Happy to have you guys as a senate and we ended 2 hours earlier than last year. Proud of yall, keep up the good work, we are going to do great things.

-Chief of Staff White: Thank you guys for confirming me. If you need anything please come to me with questions and concerns.

-Vice President Hiba: Thank you guys for coming and hope you stay safe out there.

-Director of Public Relations Al-hmoud: Thank you for confirming me and please follow the social media. I will work on following everyone back

-Director of Outreach Nguyen: Thank you guys for coming and I look forward to working with all of you

-Director of External Affairs Hulet: Thank you for confirming me and feel free to reach out. I'll be asking for your participation in the future and if anything I'm working on interested you please let me know.

-Deputy Chief of Staff Padron: Thank you for voting for me. Come to me I'd like to communicate and talk to yall. I appreciate everything you guys are doing.

-Senator Ahmed: Looking forward to working with you guys. If you have any initiatives please let me know what they are so we can work together. Hope your families and you are staying safe

-Attorney General Barrett: There is a UGAL, CLASS, and Bauer seat open. If you guys know anyone get them to apply because you're not allowed to appoint senators over the summer. If any of your friends are interested in the Supreme Court get them to apply

-Senator Sasser: Hello, my name is Jonathan Sasser, I'm a senator for the college of technology, trying to represent students with disabilities. I really believe we can make a difference on campus. My main goal is to work with the Center of Students with Disabilities.

-Speaker Cheng: Thank you everyone for being here, for listening, for doing your part as a senator. This is the start of our administration, I'm glad that we were able to do it. Every conflict we made it work and this is a testament to that. I'm gonna reach out to everybody because I have to pick the Chairs of the committees. If you are thinking about Chairing, send an application. I'm gonna try and contact everybody to find their preferred form of communication.

II. Open Forum

-Student Andrew Trinh: I was the Speaker for the 55th administration. If you have any questions, come back to me. I have a few critiques, to improve future meetings. During the questioning period, keep questions short, concise, and stop senators from asking two-three part questions. Precedence, allow senators who have spoken less to speak first. Recommend every senator read the bylaws for the Senate and understand the basics of Robert's Rules. Post the Zoom link on the website so anyone can join in the meeting.

III. Closing Call of the Roll

Clause 8: Adjournment

Senator	Start	End
Jon Garcia		p
Kenneth Davis III		p
Madelyn Chidester		p
Julian Cheng	p	p
Saabreen AHmed	p	p
Brett Robinson	p	p
Sydney Blakely	p	p
Austin Kelly	p	p
Jack Morgan	p	p
John Nguyen	p	p
Maricar Gomez	p	p
Esther Arias	p	p
Jack Jordan	p	p
Sandra Ortiz		p
Jade Wolfe	p	p
Daniel Padron	p	p
Arsalan Darbin	p	p
Chandler Rowley	p	p
Kevin Shell	p	p
Annie Kim	p	p
Queen Epomba		
Anna Lopez	p	p
Emad Hamad		p

Nooruldeen Aldulaimi	p	p
Garrett Allen	p	p
Kristine Ubina	p	p
David Paul Hilton	p	p
Aneesha Krothapalli	p	p
Chiamaka Chukwu	p	p
Alexandra Castro		
Julio Pineda	p	p
Justus Miles		p
Kevin Acosta	p	
Jonathan Sasser	p	p
Alexander Duvall	p	p