

UHSGA

Order of Business

57th Administration Agenda

7:00PM Wednesday, April 15th 2020

Clause 1: Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

- I. Opening call of the roll
 - Senator Davis (absent)
 - Senator Jordan (absent)
 - Senator Ipamba (Absent)
 - Senator Allen (Absent)
 - Senator Hilton (Absent)
 - Senator Miles (Absent)
 - Senator Acosta (Absent)

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

Motion to approve; passes

Clause 3: Recital of the University of Houston Alma Mater

Clause 4: Special Reports

- I. University representatives wishing to address the Senate
 - a. *Vacant*
- II. Students wishing to address the Senate
 - a. *Vacant*
- III. Guest speakers wishing to address the Senate
 - a. *Vacant*
- IV. Two-minute speeches by the members of the Senate
 - Senator Chidester: *hoping to start creating a disability advocacy student coalition. Please reach out if there is any information regarding the re-registration of their organizations or if you want to provide voluntary assistance toward this coalition. Hope everyone is staying safe!*
 - Senator Ahmed: *Hope everyone is well and your families are staying safe during this time. Hopefully we will be able to see each other physically next school year.*
 - Senator Robinson: *looking into working on helping out students specifically those working as work-studies as they are not getting paid due to the pandemic. If there is any information regarding that please reach out.*
 - Senator Blakely: *Thank you for coming out to the second meeting. Hopes everyone is staying safely inside.*

- Senator Kelly: *glad to see everyone here and hopes to finish this semester strong. Hopes to reunite next semester.*
- Senator Morgan: *wants to work on partnering with Bauer as the students have been losing internships due to current situation, requests help with finding resources*
- Senator Gomez: *Hopes everyone is doing well and staying inside.*
- Senator Arias: *Hopes semester is going great. Just stay safe and have fun with your families.*
- Senator Jordan: *hopes everyone is staying safe, getting acquainted with online school and a productive meeting*
- Senator Ortiz: *hope everyone is doing good and bonding with family. Thank you for being here and staying safe.*
- Senator Wolfe: *Wants to help students understand the interim grade policy better. Reach out to me if you have any ideas.*
- Senator Rowley: *Hopes for a productive meeting*
- Senator Shell: *Hopes everyone is staying safe and a productive meeting*
- Senator Kim: *working on fundraising projects on social media platforms to raise money for those affected with COVID-19 situation. If you want to help out, please reach out.*
- Senator Lopez: *Hi guys, I'm new to SGA and I have a lot of ideas for bills but I'm not sure how the bill-writing process works so if you guys have any suggestions please reach out.*
- Senator Hamad: *hopes everyone is staying safe*
- Senator Aldumaly: *hopes everyone is doing good, no updates*
- Senator Hilton: *hopes everyone is doing good. Stay Safe!*
- Senator Chuku: *informed us about emergency funding and hosting a computer drive for students that might need assistance getting a computer in these times so spread the word. She is also working on a bill and will update us on it, currently working on getting menstrual products into gender-neutral bathrooms around campus and move towards men's bathroom as well for transgender students.*
- Senator Castro: *introduced herself as she wasn't able to attend previous meeting. Hopes everyone is safe.*
- Senator Pineda: *summer internship got postponed and would like to work with people finding another platform for a better job security. Also, wants to get more TA's in a classroom to keep the workload off of professors.*
- Senator Sasser: *working on getting more connection for SGA and CSD. He is also working on getting the whole calendar ready for the upcoming events.*
- Senator Duval: *Stay safe.*

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

I. Report of the President

- Hopes everyone is staying safe and committed to continue being active in this time of need.
- Met with auxillary services to discuss food services around campus and working towards implementation of a food recover app that will send students notifications when they have food.
- Students will continue to get paid through financial stimulus check of \$1000 along with the student workers who will receive payments based off of their average hour of work. In addition, students working remotely will not get penalized for getting their hours cut due to the pandemic lockdown and will be compensated.
- Meeting with Mike Mendoza to discuss moving forward with Green Fund and later on meeting with the director of International Student Scholar Services to discuss mentorship programs for our international students.
- Next week will be leading with Dr. ___ the Cast Director to discuss the end of a stigma event and brainstorm new ways for SGA to increase the mental health awareness on Campus.
- Coogs conquer is working hard to help students learn how to cope with mental health and teaching ways to handle self-isolation, grief as well as relationship which will be held very soon.
- Urge all you to reach out to friends and family. Be compassionate!
- Don't hesitate to reach out
- Personally, thank you if you are working during this pandemic

II. Report of the Vice-President

- I want to thank everyone for attending
- Emailing with bunch of university committees to develop contact with them. As everyone here would be joining 1-2 committees so make sure to check them out and let me know once you find a committee that you're passionate about.
- Encourage everyone to participate with anything that helps during this time, especially projects that Senator Kim is working and make the world a better place
- Stay safe and reach out if needed.

III. Report of the Speaker

- Finished reviewing applications and found a legislative chief of Staff
- If you are partaking in summer senate, please send your preferred name, email and a picture for the website.
- Will also be sending group emails regarding our summer senate and senator caucuses by the end of the term. Attendance is important.

- If you are interested in Summer senate, let me know by May 16th. If you want to do it, you have to attend no more than two senate meetings. Attendance at the committee meeting is also expected. You are free to resign summer senate without it affecting your regular term.
- I have my bill going out today regarding the standing rules which was made in the 55th.
- I also want to talk about the five great chair candidates that I interviewed.
- Just want to remind everyone, be concise in asking question just to keep things rolling

IV. Report of the Chief Justice

- *Vacant*

V. Report of the Attorney General

- Hey everyone, I've been working from home for a month now
- Nominations today, Senate can be overly critical at times but try to avoid that and be empathetic.
- Also, try to work on your initiatives, during the COVID situation as it is not an excuse to ignore the initiatives.
- Summer senate; senators don't vote in summer senate and then complain when bills get passed without their knowledge. If you didn't vote on a bill motion, you can't get mad. I will be appointing my replacement and Chief election commissioner over the summer.
- I will be working on the chief Election commissioner over the summer
- I'm going to be working on changing the electoral code.

VI. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

- *Vacant*

VII. Report of the Chief of Staff

- I have been working on student bill of rights
- Reaching out to administrations to understand what type of legislation they would be willing to enforce.
- Want to make sure that the working bill of rights would outline the responsibilities of student workers and ensure them certain incentives.
- Working on Graduate worker bill of rights, attended the graduate townhall with Senator Garcia but still searching for a graduate student that would be willing to help me out with these graduate initiatives and advocacy for graduate students outside of senate.
- Emerging leader program has no update besides figuring out how the orientation will be done.
- I emailed the Dean of the Graduate School about the Graduate Bill of rights, still waiting to hear back.

VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs

- Had a meeting with Rice, UHD, HCC and TSU to start planning the third Annual Houston New Toyota conference
- Also made reservations for the voter registration tables for future events once the Fall semester starts. Will provide more information as it gets closer. Will also be working on an informative brochure to give to the students at the voter registration events.
- I met with Senator Sterling to work on the next step for the student bill of rights initiative. Hopes to have a meeting with the administrator soon.
- Collecting survey data that were collected last administration for the student bill of rights in order to present it to the administrators at that meeting.
- Reaching out to other UH systems SGA to set up a SGA UH system conference.
- Updating the specific engagement advocacy and university committee bill.
- Please reach out if you are interested in helping out in any of the listed items.

IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations

- I want to remind everyone that by showing participation, you are encouraging students to participate and represent what SGA is all about.
- The photo release form that was emailed out along with the agenda needs to be filled out and emailed to me.
- Found a couple of designs that would work really well for us and there will be a survey to state your concerns/opinions about the designs.
- If anyone needs flyers made, contact me with the information.

X. Report of the Director of Outreach

- Working on outreach event, if you have any connections that could benefit with the SGA, please reach out to me.
- Applications for Associate Director of Outreach is up so if you are interested, please apply! Deadline is the end of this week and the candidate will be chosen next senate meeting.
- Application for Outreach Liaison is not yet posted but will be posted very soon. Deadline to apply will be next Friday. Looking forward to making the selections so please spread the word.
- Virtual Career Fair will be hosted on the 21st which will be open to all majors and will provide more resources on internships. Spread the word and RSVP if interested.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Reports of the Standing Committees

II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 7: Unfinished Business

Clause 8: New Business

I. Senate Appointment (Bauer Senator) - Zachary Fulce

- Currently a junior double major in accounting and Management information systems, has been instrumental to improving the hall by co-creating the water filter and food truck hall council bills to address the lack of food and filtered water for residents. Initiatives are to create technical interview workshops, reorganizing Bauer rush week, Restructuring the Bauer career fair, increasing the number of tutors during peak periods and requiring advisors to publish their appointment times two week in advance.
- *Motion to move previous Question; passes*
- *Zachary Fulce for Bauer Senator: passes*

II. Senate Appointment (UGAL Senator) - Bryan Medrano

- Currently a junior majoring in finance and minor in MIS. Experience with working with the 56th Administration as a director of outreach and learned a lot from being in the executive board. Initiatives are to create a UH system-wide conference, residential involvement within the SGA by focusing on residential issues, senator accountability.
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Bryan Medrano for UGAL Senator; passes*

III. Senate Appointment (CLASS Senator) - Robert Gil

- Freshman at the UH, became head of Outreach in Social media for UH-Mock Trial Team, class president at High School and started the student ambassadors' program, started annual food drive at his High School and raised 11,000 lbs worth of food, and another money drive for the COVID-19 affected families which raised \$750 in one week. A member of Football, Baseball and Track teams and was a captain for one of those teams. Worked as an intern for Ryan Nuremburg re-election campaign and quickly was promoted to regional full director.
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Robert Gil for CLASS Senator; passes*

IV. Senate Appointment (Art Senator) - Garrett Shuping

- *involved in summer mission trips with youth ministries and is a camp counselor for UH camp band. Performed in Carnegie Hall, achieved John Philip Sousa award. Involved in a lot of art and music organizations such as Spirit of Houston Moore's Jazz Opera and etc. Wants to encourage campus involvement within the art program and gain experience. Initiatives are to allow access for students to larger practice rooms, improve advertisement along with campus involvement with campus ensembles and collaborate with all mediums of art.*
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*

- *Garrett Shuping for Art Senator; passes*

V. Senate Committee Chair Appointment (Internal Affairs) - Chiamaka Chukwu

- Plans to focus on reflecting change within the student Government because that is why this committee was created. This change can range from altering our constitution bylaws or changing the internal structure of the student government. Work on getting the Supreme court more involved with the SGA to get all hands-on deck. In addition to that, I would like to enforce administration accountability. Experience as a committee chair member for the activities funding board to allocate funds and decide why an organization should receive funding. Also has served as an Internal Affairs Chair previously.
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Chiamaka Chuku for Chair of Senate Committee for Internal Affairs; passes*

VI. Senate Committee Chair Appointment (Administration and Finance) - Esther Arias

- Sophomore majoring in supply chain management. Plans on using tactics from supply chain management to work on accomplishing many tasks. Wants to ensure that UH is improved with diversity and inclusion.
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Esther Arias for chair of Senate committee of Administration and Finance; passes*

VII. Senate Committee Chair Appointment (Student Life) - Sandra Ortiz

- Political Science Major, minoring in marketing. Learned leadership skills from being a part of a dance team in her high school. Initiatives are to make sure the Students Unite follow us through with the campaign promises specific to student life committee, increase awareness of Sexual misconduct and mental health on campus. Experience with a customer service team as a manager which taught me to delegate functions, verbally communicate with team members and maintain a record of many transgressions that may have occurred
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Sandra Ortiz for Chair of Senate Committee for Student Life; Passes*

VIII. Senate Committee Chair Appointment (Academic Affairs) - Saabreen Ahmed

- Junior majoring in Political science and minoring in Business, hoping to study international affairs in Grad school. Currently UGAL senator with the highest votes and the marketing chair for RAHA becoming the VP for the same organization next school year. Interned for EngageUSA previous year. Youth Coordinator for Sugarland state council position. As a Chairwoman, I would review legislations, work well with fellow senators and be present in the organization. Adding or discussing ideas for Bills with fellow senators and work along with administrators. Initiatives are to work towards the promise made with Students Unite regarding the emergency W after the drop date, to have a monthly academic event where students would hear from an alum who became successful within their majors and uphold promises that were made.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
 - *Saabreen Ahmed for Chair of Senate Committee for Academic Affairs; passes*
- XI. Senate Committee Chair Appointment (Graduate and Professional Students) - Jon Garcia
- Master of Public Policy Student. Participated in multiple organizations including, Spirit of Houston and UH College Democrats. Currently an assistant policy advisor for housing issues in Harris County. These experiences helped me learn two things: active listening and finding common ground when there's contentious issues. Initiatives are to implement the Graduate Student Bill of Rights correctly, address disparity amongst the race and income and to ensure paid internships.
 - *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
 - *Jon Garcia for Chair of Senate Committee for Graduate and Professional Students; passes*
- XII. SGAB - 57001 - 57th SGA Standing Rules (First read)
- Selecting people off of precedents, recency and geography during senate meetings. This will allow everyone a chance to dominate the conversations.
 - Prefacing refers to an action that the Speaker can strike the question asked that is "oddly specific" and "deem harmful" to the person speaking. And the senate will also be given a chance to strike one of the speaker's motion if they disagree upon it.
 - *Motion to send it to Internal Affairs; passes*
- XIII. SGAB - 57002 - Supreme Court Efficiency (First read)
- Reduce the amount of justices required to meet a quorum and discuss the decisions passed down by the Attorney General.
 - When there is a tied vote, refer back to the person who made the original decision
 - *Motion to send to Internal Affairs; passes*

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

- I. Comments and announcements of the Officers
- President: Everyone, thank you so much for attending and being such a great senate. I put the emails in the business chat to help guide you on how to start on your initiatives if you need assistance. If you have an initiative and I have a meeting with an administrator, I will bring you to that meeting because I want it to be a very collaborative Senate. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Julian if you need any help with the initiatives.
 - Vice President: congratulations to all the new appointees and the Senate. Stay safe
 - Speaker: This is our last meeting for Spring semester. Next meeting will be on the 29th for summer senate. I will email you about your information for the summer senate website update, asking you about what committee you want to join, to

participate in senator caucuses. If you are interested in sponsoring my bill, please message me.

- Attorney General: One thing you can do right now is to apply to University committees. Senators usually struggle with finding guidance as they are new to the senate and these committee will help you guide through your initiatives. More information on SGA get involved page. Committees meet once every 3 months.
- Chief of Staff: Great meeting, don't hesitate to reach out
- Deputy chief of Staff: Go skipped over in the beginning but is currenting writing the SGA Newsletter which should be going out soon. This newsletter will talk about the life in quarantine and how it is affecting our academics so let me know if you have any input.
- Director of External Affairs: No comment
- Public Relations: Everybody have a great two weeks if you're coming back for summer senate, please fill out those forms and share stories.
- Outreach: Please apply to the outreach associate position and the PR associate position. I also want to congratulate everyone that got confirmed today and got their seats. Looking forward to working with everyone. If you have nothing to do this summer, I highly recommend looking at the flyer I sent out regarding the Career Fair and spread word.
- Chairman Garcia: thank you all for the appointment. Even though I'm a grad student I would love to help with any initiatives you all might have as the graduate and undergraduate issues are intertwined and interconnected. Definitely would love working on any of the things that I might have mentioned that you might be interested in. Thanks!
- Chairwoman Ahmed: Thank you guys for voting me in and congrats to everyone who got their positions today. Looking forward to working with you all. If any of you have any interest in any of the things, I mentioned in my speech please reach out. I hope you guys join my Committee. Thank you and have a good night!
- Chairwoman Chwuku: Congratulations to everyone that achieved positions today. I will be looking a vice chairs, so if you're interested in the position let me know.
- Senator Fulce: Thank you for my chair and I plan on doing as much as I can.
- Senator Sasser: Congratulations to everyone on being part of the 57th Administration of SGA.
- Senator Kim: Congrats to everyone appointed and wanted to reiterate on fundraising for Project CURE. More information on the groupme.
- Senator Medrano: Thank you for appointing me and would love to work with you on your initiatives. Stay safe!

II. Open Forum

- Senator Sasser: Everybody is amazing.

- Senator Gil: Thank you so much for appointing me, stay indoors and wash your hands.
- Attorney General: Keith is the SGA advisor and has been an SGA advisor for 10 years now so if you have any questions you can contact him.

III. Closing Call of the Roll

- Senator Davis (absent)
- Senator Kelly (absent)
- Senator Wolfe (absent)
- Senator Ipamba (absent)
- Senator Allen (absent)
- Senator Pineda (absent)
- Senator Acosta (absent)

Clause 10: Adjournment

Senator	Start	End
Jon Garcia		p
Kenneth Davis III	p	
Madelyn Chidester	p	p
Saabreen Ahmed	p	p
Brett Robinson	p	p
Sydney Blakely	p	p
Austin Kelly	p	
Jack Morgan	p	p
Maricar Gomez	p	p
Esther Arias	p	p
Jack Jordan	p	p
Sandra Ortiz	p	p
Jade Wolfe	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	p
Nooruldeen Aldulaimi	p	p
Garrett Allen		
Kristine Ubina	p	p
David Paul Hilton	p	p
Aneesha Krothapalli	p	p
Chiamaka Chukwu	p	p

Alexandra Castro	p	p
Julio Pineda	p	
Justus Miles		p
Kevin Acosta		
Jonathan Sasser	p	p
Alexander Duvall	p	p
Robert Gil		p
Garrett Shuping		p
Zachary Fulce		p
Bryan Medrano		p