

UHSGA

Order of Business

57th Administration Agenda

7:00PM Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Clause 1: Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

- I. Opening call of the roll
  - Senator Arias (*Absent*)
  - Senator Castro (*Absent*)
  - Senator Diaz (*Absent*)
  - Senator Kim (*Absent*)
  - Senator Krothapalli (*Absent*)
  - Senator Medrano (*Absent*)
  - Senator Morgan (*Absent*)

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 Ayokanbe: Hi guys, this is my second meeting. I am happy to be here, and I hope everyone is doing well and was safe during the weather that was happening to us yesterday and two days ago. Thank you!
  - Senator Blakely: Hey everybody. Hope everybody's week is going okay. School is kind of rough right now but we're all in this together. I hope everyone has a great rest of the week and great meeting.
  - Senator Fulce: Hello guys. So, last Friday we had our first transportation and parking advisory committee meeting where I had the privilege of becoming a vice chair of it and also I've been attending the faculty undergraduate Senate meetings we've been doing a lot of good work in there and next week, we have a General Assembly type meeting. So, I look forward to that. thank you for giving me time to speak
  - Senator Hamad: Good evening everyone, hope everyone is doing well and staying safe in this weather. Not much to report other than working on Academic Affairs committee to find solutions to online learning issues that we have. I encourage

you guys to attend those meeting and looking forward to this week's game and next week's social event. Stay safe everyone.

- Senator John: Hi everyone, I hope everyone is having a great week. Stay dry throughout this storm. I do have an announcement. I am the social media chair for the Graduate Professional Students Association and we're having an event through zoom. It's about stress and relieving stress. it's tomorrow from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. I will post the flyer on our group and that's it. Thank you!
- Senator Miles: Good evening everyone, A last week I mentioned initiative that Matt and I had about getting the Fertitta center to be admitted as a polling place for the open election cycle. I spoke with the Harris County Chief Deputy election Commissioner and got the OK with County clerk's office to make that happen so now, I, the head of the University Houston Democrats as well as the University and Republicans, have created a coalition to speak with the UH administration and so if we could have your support on that initiative that would be very well appreciated but that's a lot to say. thank you!
- Senator Sasser: Good evening everybody. It is another great day for another great meeting now. I'm looking forward to seeing all of us do our thing and being senators and all of our executive positions. Looking forward to hearing everything. Unfortunately, I got stuck at UH for a lovely night because of the flooding. So, that was fun. Luckily, I got friends that love me to spend the night at their place that was fun. Regarding the scholarship, it got renamed and is now called the "SGA essential worker hero scholarship". The reason why they changed it is so that if any pandemic, flooding or hopefully not another covid-19 situation. But if it ever does happen again, SGA in the future can pick up the scholarship and they can put in the money. Besides that, I'm looking forward to hearing everybody's beautiful voice.

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

##### I. Report of the President

- Hey everyone. Thanks for coming to another meeting! thank you for those of you who signed up for to volunteer at the food drive on Saturday. Unfortunately, I believe that's not happening because the game was cancelled, not surprising. so hopefully, we'll be able to reschedule the food drive. I'm in the planning stages of holding one where students can get their parking citations relieved in exchange for bringing food for people pantry. I also met with Sergeant Padavan yesterday and we are planning in another SGA event it's the SGA walk in the dark event. For those of you who might not know what that is, it's pretty much an event where we walk around at around campus at night with UHPD and we find lights that aren't working or emergency poles or any problems with each infrastructure and then we work with campus facilities to fix the infrastructure. So, if you would be

interested. It's a really fun event and a good way for us to kind of see each other. It is going to be spread out over several days, so we don't have just a giant group of us walking around together. So, the tentative date is going to be the October 5th through the 9th but it should be pretty exciting event. So, I'm also working to host a sexual assault awareness event with election commissioner Chukwu and student life chair Ortiz. The event is most likely going to consist of a virtual Q&A and a feminine product drive. I've already reached out to a potential speaker so hopefully we can kind of get that rolling so we can have a little bit of a virtual event and try to raise awareness. I'm going to let John speak about the end the stigma event that's happened this week or that still happening this week. it's a PR event with UH caps and I also have a bill going up for first read today. it's the Hispanic and Latinx student support act. So, I really appreciate your support on that bill. Now for some less SGA related but still relevant things. so, I know a lot of us have adjusted to the new normal and I just want to remind you all that it's really not normal. it's not normal for us to be going to online school. it's not normal that our government prioritized the health of the economy over the health of 200,000 Americans that died, which is more than the Vietnam War and World War 1 combined. just kind of think about that and each of those people has friends and families that were affected because of that and it's not normal. it's not normal for our country to prioritize profit over its own people. it's not normal that black people fear death when pulled over for routine traffic stop. it's not normal for justice to not be served when a woman is killed in her bed while she is sleeping. it's not normal for the United States to have a history of sterilizing black and latinx people. it's not normal for incarcerated women just fear that they're going to die of a virus. it's not normal for the United States to separate families. we raise the collective consciousness of this country. but we didn't get justice. Today, we were shown that the judicial system is not built for everyone and it's not built to protect everyone. The educational system is not built to educate everyone, and this isn't normal. Texas has one of the strictest voter registration laws in the nation. the Texas Supreme Court blocked accounting clerk from being able to send in Mail-in ballot applications to all voters in 21 states. there is same day voter registration in Texas. the deadline to register to vote is October 5<sup>th</sup>, which is an entire month before the election. you guys saw how long the lines were to vote on super Tuesday. there were students at TSU, our neighbor and a very historically black University who waited until 3:00 AM to vote and this isn't a coincidence. voter suppression is very real and as young people, we have a huge voting demographic. I know a lot of people might be discouraged from voting in the election, especially if I don't know if you guys are more left leaning. you might not believe in the system. but notice that the system is fighting against you they don't want you to vote. that's why Texas has these voter registration laws that

are so complicated for no reason. they want to suppress your vote, so don't let them do that to you and please register to vote. Tell your friends to register to vote and if you need to be registered to vote, I will personally drive to UH and I will register you to vote so please do that and that's all the updates I have.

## II. Report of the Vice-President

- Hey everyone, I hope you guys are doing well. In addition to Jasmine's point, the very fact that there's so much voter suppression going on should show you that your vote matters so much that people are scared of it and don't want you to vote. So, please vote!! I think everyone in the Executive is registered to register other people to vote. So, please come to any of us and we will register you. So, SGA updates. I'm working on getting Cougar pack open this fall, but we've run into a lot of issues. there's just a lot to think about so we're working on that and we're trying to think of everything that we can to keep students safe to keep cougar pack employees safe. so yeah, we should be open in the fall and I will keep you guys updated. so, the work groups that you guys have been hearing so much about especially, about social equality and justice, have finally come to an end and they finally have come up with their list of recommendations that they're going to send to the president's task force. Jasmine and I are going to be working on resolution soon in support of a lot of those recommendations. so please keep an eye out for that if you were on one of those workgroups because that is coming. there's a new exhibit thing on at University of Houston that we're very excited about it's called color field and it's going to be a series of like art exhibits all over campus. They're outside and very interactive. they're very beautiful, so please check those out. they start October. I've also been working on ADA Accessibility week, sasser and Maddie, we just had a meeting with the CSD, the director and assistant director. we had a meeting with them, and it was great to action items came out of it. for us one was to kind of support the approval of training for faculty. so that they know how to provide accommodations what they can and can't do regarding accommodations, which we want wholeheartedly so we're working on that. Also, we're setting up a meeting with a couple of people and yeah that's it for ADA Accessibility. so, I had my first safety and security advisory committee meeting which is with the chief of police and a couple of other people and it was honestly really great, better than other meetings that we've had with UHPD. they really care about what we think cause after everyone presents, they always ask what SGA thinks about every presentation. so that's really important. the food drive is cancelled like previously mentioned. I just wanted to say that the essential worker hero scholarship very cool. I'm very excited about that, it's a very good job. Senator Sasser had the idea to write a resolution about Vanessa Guillen, she was a Sergeant at Killeen TX Fort Hood. so, we're working on that. other than that,

please vote. I have one appointment going up today his name is Trevor Woeste, please appoint him. Thank you.

III. Report of the Speaker

- So, as they said the food drive is cancelled. Jessica and I had a meeting with Cambridge folks and Jessica could probably tell you more about it but basically, they want to kind of do an event with SGA to register some people to vote and I believe that's scheduled for next Wednesday. It was supposed to be today but because of the rain we may reschedule. We also want to do an Instagram takeover. I emailed someone from the international student scholar services office about the international student mentorship program and again for the emails for the mentors and mentees and kind of get some feedback on the things that the committee had to deal, with the hurdles that we had to jump through. hopefully they will choose to continue the program, I absolutely believe that there was a lot of people sign up. I think they continue that program that should be pretty seamless. besides that, there are still some open Senate seats, if you know anyone who can fill these seats, send them my way. you can give them my email, or you can tell them to apply on Get Involved. I know there's like a CLASS seat, Tech seat and Pharmacy seat. just let me know and you can check the website and update it. besides that, if you're interested in the student nutrition Association, I have received an inquiry about my organization, if you want to know when we're meeting next just let me know and I can send you the schedule.

IV. Report of the Chief Justice

- Hi everyone, hope you all are staying safe. Especially in this weather, I have a coworker who was unable to attend to work due to flooding in his area so please stay safe. The other thing to report is that there is a going to be a new associate justice that is going out for an appointment today. So, congratulations to her going through her interviews with Jasmine. I really do trust Jasmine's judgment on picking an associate justice and again this may be my first time meeting her in this meeting. So, I wish her the best. Also, please make sure that you are respectful towards her when she does respond. Anyways, I'm sure everybody has seen the news about the passing of justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at 87 due to cancer. So, if we can take a few moments of silence, no matter your political stance, to honor her for all that she has done for the past 27 years. Thank you, guys, so much. Lastly, I still have one more UH associate justice position available. So, if you know anybody or if you are interested, please go ahead and let me know or let Jasmine know and we will be glad to fill that last seat. that's all I have to report.

V. Report of the Attorney General

- Hey guys. So, we have access to the attorney general email account again which is fantastic and other than that we don't really have anything new. I'm still

working on my initiative and reaching out to people. So, if you get a text from me or like a GroupMe message from me, please respond because I'd love to get to know you better. I hope you all have a fantastic day.

VI. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

- Hey guys! I do have two deputy election commissioners' going up, Amber and Nathaniel. They have both been a part of student government at their schools. Nathaniel was a part of student government and he served as the director of records and Amber was a part of student government as well and she was the programming chair, I believe. both of these people don't really have to be here today, but I asked him to just to be more transparent. So, be kind to them when asking questions. I also have a resolution going up for first read. it's basically in support of creating an NSM Learning Center. this is something I know a lot of NSM students have wanted for a while and the senators before we have been working on it. like I believe it was Isabel Tanuha along with other senators before we got. I've been working on this kneeling created a survey and it's just been like a really long process to create an NSM Learning Center, but I feel like it's something that all NSM students would benefit from. so, I will be reading that later on. Lastly, last day to submit all candidate registration forms will be February 3rd at 7:00 PM. So, if you don't get your stuff in by then you're not going to run. Thanks!

VII. Report of the Chief of Staff

- Hey guys, I had a meeting with Sergeant Pat Donovan of the UHPD about the walk in the dark that's happening October 5th through 9<sup>th</sup> to give me some guidelines on how they want us to report things that we find. So, when you guys participate in this event, just let me know all of the dark areas and things that you find so I can type it up the way that she outlined. As senator Sasser stated, his scholarship has basically been established. we've got the gift agreement \$2000. So, anybody who you know is an essential worker, please encourage them to sign up. the Houston youth voter conference is happening this weekend, make sure to tune in if you can. I think Jessica will talk more about that. Our Emerging leaders' program has started but I believe that I'm going to get them all here and they'll introduce themselves that would be great. hopefully they can come to the social on Friday. And that is all from the chief of staff Department.

VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs

- So, as Julian said earlier, we had a meeting last week with some people from Cambridge Oaks to talk about voting and election stuff. I mean it seemed to go really well and I think they got a lot out of the meeting. I gave them some ideas and sent them some useful infographics. they said because of our advice from the meeting, they already working on getting all of their RA's VDPR certified so that they can register the residents to vote and will be sending out voter registration

applications to everyone in the building and turning them in for them so that's really exciting. they also asked if we would be interested in doing voter registration tabling outside of their building on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm. they offered refreshments and RA's there to make sure everyone follows social distancing in Mask rules. they also asked if we would do an Instagram takeover on the 24<sup>th</sup>, which is tomorrow at 6:00pm, so that we can talk to people and answer any questions they might have about voting or the election. So, if you have any questions, feel free to tune in. that would be really nice to see some familiar faces there. moving on from that though, continued working on the Houston East voters conference stuff. As Sterling said the first webinar's this Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm till 3:00 PM. The topic of the webinar will be voter suppression. I would really love it if everyone in SGA that is available during that time attended. I've worked on this for months and dedicated hours upon hours to it. So, I'd really appreciate everyone coming. I'm sending the RSVP link in the chat. So, if you can come please fill that out. Lastly, I have a bill going up for first read tonight. It's the "Creation of the Civic Engagement and Advocacy University Committee" bill. So, look forward hearing everyone's opinion on that.

IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations

- So, if you've been checking out our social media you can see that we are teamed up with CAPS and the End the Stigma event and we're sharing posts everyday about ending stigma. Essentially, I hope that everyone is liking those and really reading what we're posting and participating with CAPS. Especially, if need be as everyone knows its really tough time right now. So, please keep giving those likes and comments and all of that. My team and I are working on coming up with some election Flyers and things like that for Sterling. not only that but after End the Stigma is over this week, then we'll be sharing some youth voter conference Flyers and things like that. not only that but I did get to talk to John a little bit and he's figuring out the logistics, in regard to getting the merchandise. I really appreciate that on his part. other than that, we're hoping to start the senator Sunday showcase which will be a highlight on our Instagram story of senators. So, if I end up dm'ing you asking for a picture or like fun facts about you, don't be alarmed. It's just for the Instagram. if you're comfortable with that. So, i hope everyone has a great meeting and that's all I have today.

X. Report of the Director of Outreach

- Hello everyone, I hope you're doing well! this is the virtual End the Stigma week. shout out to my associate Zachary in the back for doing an amazing job helping out with outreach so far. thank you, Justice and the Department, for getting out the material. So, if you're a new, every year 1100 T shirts are spread over Butler Plaza to represent the stigma. the T shirts represented the average numbers college students that commit suicide every year. SGA will be donating a total of

1100 masks this year, to registered student organizations, University sponsored organizations and students. every RSO can request up to 50 masks, every USO can request up to 100 masks, every student can request up to five masks and every University program can request up to 150 masks. one once we order the masks a member of the exec board will reach out to you and schedule a time for you to come pick up the masks at the office. other than that, please join us by reposting and sharing the link I posted in the group me. besides that, it's all my updates. hope you guys are having a good day.

## Clause 6: Committee Reports

### I. Reports of the Academic Affairs Committee

- Hope you guys are staying well and staying safe from all this flooding. unless you're an essential worker, please don't go out there. stay safe until the flooding and go down. for my updates, so it's been awhile since I've been in a meeting just because I recently had just gotten married. So, now I'm getting back into things which I'm really happy about. So, right now our committee we are pretty busy just because with everything going online. there are a lot of things that have been going wrong. complaints that students have, a lot of demands and I definitely want our committee to do our best that we can to help. So, Kenneth had put out a tweet because he has a little big following and there's a lot of suggestions that he had in our last meeting as well, which was like the main thing that we talk about for the entire hour. Basically, like whatever problems that we're seeing and how we can fix them. So, I'm going to kind of talk to guys about a couple of the demands that kind of came up based on what everyone has told us after that we're going to make a petition. So, please if you guys have any other ideas let us know in the social group chat because then we're going to officially make a petition at the end of the week and send it out so you guys can spread it. I've had people sign it so they can have something going and we can actually present something to the exec or the head of the undergraduate academic affair president. Anyways, just so we know it's more plausible and these are actually issues that students are facing. So, we want to have web cams to be optional, as you know a lot of professors are requesting that anyone else that is using Wi-Fi in the house should shut it off just because the connection is bad which is unfair. another one is that a lot of professors are not putting up their lectures right after because not all students can make it especially international students who are still in their countries and obviously their schedules are very conflicting and how can they know what is going on in their lectures that they can't end it because of the different hours. another one is the College of natural science and mathematics meet with those students that have minors in their departments because I guess currently right now, they're not meeting with students that have minors within that college so



that's a big deal as well. these are just a couple of things that we kind of you know want to figure out and fix. so, it does have seen any other things that you guys I've seen online that is just not working please you can always DM me or Kenneth or just in the social group chat as well. so that you know we can I definitely fix these issues soon. even if we can't fix all them now it will be beneficial for next semester because honestly it is probably going to be online next semester as well. so that we can have something much more established. that's pretty much all the updates that I have. other than that, I think it's just like the hero scholarship that that's Sasser and Sterling have been working on. Unfortunately, I haven't been focused on it as much because I've been kind of out of it for a while. But now I'm getting back into it and I'm happy to be here now. stay safe feel thank you

II. Reports of the Internal Affairs Committee

- We had a meeting last week where we basically just discussed the budget bill and we had a pretty good review of it. it should be coming up for a vote today. we reviewed it and it was pretty good and we even got Jasmine to explain it to us and everything's all good.

III. Reports of the Student life Committee

- Hey guys, I hope everybody's doing good. About student life, we discussed the fraternity bill with Jasmine last meeting, and I believe she made a couple edits to the bill. but pretty much everyone was on board. we have our first fall social/game night this Friday. so, as many of you guys can make it but as you know I am not a very big game fanatic. so, if you prefer like a type of game please do let me know especially if you're a strong critic. someone that sent the link to virtual werewolf, but I have no idea what that game is so if you let me know. emerging leaders will also be joining us in the social, just so you guys are aware. like our president mentioned we will be having a sexual assault awareness event soon and to expand on what she was saying about voting. I'm not sure if you are aware but if you go to Harrisvotes.com and look at like election employers and jobs opportunities, there are some really good ones and they're paid well. I think the lowest paying job that I saw was like \$15 and I know we have like a few foreign speaking people in here. So, you could also apply to be an interpreter. one last thing about the race and social injustice lectures that I keep talking about, last Thursday they were really great we had around 1300 people joined the zoom call and I will continue to provide the Flyers for those. Thank you.

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. Supreme Court Appointment (Associate Justice) – Alondra Torres

- Hi everyone. My name is Alondra Torres and I'm a senior here at UH. thank you for being here and listening to me talk about myself but I'm just going to share a little bit about my interest. My history with social justice issues and more about why would want to be a justice. I'll start from the beginning, I started being really interested in social justice issues when I was a sophomore in high school, and I started reading a lot of books on feminism and environmental justice issues. So, I got really interested and at the time, I was doing a lot of local work at my school and I wanted to branch out and do more outside of school. So, I traveled to China and I stayed there for a couple of months and that was really my first research and farm experience was and I really enjoyed that. I honestly left there thinking like I probably wanted to do this for the rest of my life. so ever since I left, I've been trying to link some sort of environmental justice into anything that I do like any social justice issues. When I came back right after Harvey hit, I knew that the aftermath there would be a lot of need for grassroots organizing and after people weren't getting the help that they needed, or they were getting the help really late. so, my friend and I decided to organize it wasn't like directly to help people that weren't getting help they needed but we decided to organize a youth summit for students of color, so they could learn about gentrification and urban issues things are happening right after Harvey. that was actually like a really large event, so we got a lot of attention but from like local politicians and one of them asked me to be on his radio show. so, I did that after and that was all this is like really new to me and it was all happening like my sophomore junior high school and my senior year of high school because of the summit and because of my other environmental work. I was asked to represent the headsets and environmental coalition here in Houston in San Francisco for a protest that was happening against climate capitalism and decarbonization. so, I went into that and that was just like another thing that really helped me learn about all these different issues and get more involved. I did this my Senior High School and when I got back after I finished senior year, I decided that maybe my efforts would be better and more local and helping my community here in Houston. so, I decided to start working political campaigns and I've worked City Council campaigns, presidential campaigns, state representative campaigns. I'm currently on Angelyn sins Emma field organizer Fran Johnson Ann she's running for state representative in district 134 and that's the number one seed to flip in Texas so to turn Texas blue so please go vote for if you're in the Montrose area or that kind of area but yeah so I've just been really

interested in this for a really long time and I feel like being adjusted it's kind of like the next step to even be more local and do things not just for the city but for also my University and ask any questions but that's just like a little bit of my background and why like everything that's left up to me being really interested in this kind of stuff

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Supreme Court Appointment of Alondra Torres for Associate Justice passes*

II. Election Commission Appointment (Associate Election Commissioner) – Amber Broussard

- Hello everyone, my name is Amber Broussard I'm a senior here at UH and I study speech pathology minor in psychology. I transferred to UH from Saint John's University in Queens NY last fall. At St John's University, I was a student affairs chair and basically my responsibility was to clean, budget and bring to life any event that SGA wanted to have such as winter carnival commuter week. so, this is completely different than election commissioner, but I like to challenge myself I like to open my mind to new things. so, this is completely different but I'm open to it and as an associate election chair, my main goal is to help ensure that all of the student body is included in voting, knowing who's running for election, knowing how to vote. I know that UH is filled with a lot of different students including, Houston natives, commuters, people in different states, from different countries, transfer students like myself. So, I just want everyone to feel included at UH for voting. So, you know everybody can never voice. thank you for listening to me.
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Supreme Court Appointment of Amber Broussard for Associate Election Commissioner passes*

III. Election Commission Appointment (Deputy Chief Election Commissioner) – Nathaniel Yanez

- Alright everyone, I hope you're doing wonderful today. My name is Nathaniel Yanez and I am a senior studying biotechnology. I transferred from Lone Star college Kingwood to UH around last year from sophomore being a junior and I'm looking to graduate next spring. I'm looking as the deputy election commissioner to ensure it that a fair open and thorough election is held this academic year. as Chiamaka said before, I was the director of records at Lone Star college Kingwood. So, I felt like as a student on Lone Star I wanted to make an impact for the other students on campus and try to make their experience better. And I feel the same way at UH, but I haven't really been able to really grasp at an opportunity to make

a change. So, I feel that through helping run a thorough election I can at least help the students of the future that much left in good and capable hands with their qualifying student leaders. that's my main goal and my other side goal in the position is to ensure that the communication between the Commission and anyone running is open and honest and that any part of your person running proposition feels welcome to discuss any issues that are bigger small. I understand from experience and from being on student government of was previously at that communication is essentially key whenever you want to get something done and if you don't communicate the little things earlier they start to build up into bigger and bigger things and it becomes a disaster when eventually you call and disgusting matters said rather we have an atmosphere of open communication and clarity and just everyone feels welcome this come in and discuss any issues that they have so the election can run smoothly. hoping that election has no issues is probably not the smartest thing so it's best that we know how to handle them. some other things I want to accomplish with the SGA is that I'd like to make some changes about this issue that I've had with Sugarland campus where there's a sticker that you have on your card but you can own that allows you to go to Sugarland campus on the bus. but you're only allowed to get the sticker at Sugarland so if your wallet gets stolen you can't even go to Sugar Land to get the sticker to go to Sugarland. that's a small issue but it has affected some people I've known closely and a lot of other students when they are stressed and worried about even getting to class on time when something tragic has occurred and there's some other issues I want to take care of but I'll leave out those from later. thank you for your time everyone.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Supreme Court Appointment of Nathaniel Yanez for Deputy Chief Election Commissioner*

IV. University Committee Appointment (Activities Funding Board) – Trevor Woeste

- Hello everybody I'm back my name is Trevor Woeste. I'm a freshman and I'm looking to hold a position on this board because I think it would be helpful to help my fellow students by representing them in the future there for financing or many wonderful organizations is fairly distributed in the University is going back to help our cougar family. I'm currently a member of the Cullen performance Hall advisory committee and with graciously accepted into the emerging leader's program with SGA and I'm looking forward to doing that in the coming weeks. I'm looking forward to more experience with these two positions and helping to contribute more here in your age. so, going off of what the wonderful vice president told

me to say, I'm going to give you guys some of my qualifications about why I think you guys should pick me. so, qualifications for why you should pick me as I currently have a position which is a residential community that helps advertise on their behalf and attract home buyers and I have experience with being given budgets and basically using this advertising on social media platforms mainly Facebook. they would tell me basically how much to spend, how much money I get and then basically tell what posts they want me to boost and attract people. when I was in high school, I was the captain of the speech and debate team and I worked directly with my coach to finance our old tournament. this would involve going to all sorts of local businesses around us to try and see who'd be willing to sponsor events. it was a lot of fun but definitely got experience on the financial side of things. we use the money to help reduce the cost of hosting our tournament. this allowed us to produce a better experience overall for all the students who came. so next what would I do in this role and was my thinking process for the funding. for funding I think my main criteria would be 1. proving the group providing of positive benefit on to a large amount of people basically utilitarianism. we need to make sure that these organizations are helping the most amount of people as they are being funded by the students. all of us we want to make sure the money is being used properly. Secondly, the group needs to be inclusive and accessible to students here UH if they're receiving money from the students, we should prevent them from being a niche group rather and we need to opt for more inclusive program. Thirdly, the members asking for financing have must prove they have a proven track record to show that they would use the money responsibly if they're part of an RSO. To wrap things up, how would I do with conflict because of course conflict will probably be part of any committee as there will be disagreements between all of us. So, my personal belief is meeting people halfway trying to find a solution that gets everybody somewhat of what they want but the organization that would look into there for these organizations I would basically just talk with the people and figure out how much money they're looking for and again meeting people halfway, trying to make sure everybody gets what they want somewhat. I'm very much believing in getting everybody in a room and talking things out I think that's the best way to solve their problems you can solve a lot of problems that way rather than yelling at each other all the time but yeah that wraps up my speech I'm open for questions.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*

- *University Committee Appointment of Nathaniel Yanez for Activities Funding Board*

V. UB – 57004 – Creation of the Civic Engagement and Advocacy University Committee (First Read)

- Thank you so everyone if you were a part of last administration you might remember this bill. I presented it last year but honestly I just got really busy and it was towards the end of the administration and unfortunately it just was put on the back burner and it never went up for a vote but I think it's a good time to bring the bill back now and hopefully get it through this time so I created this bill because there is currently no centralized or official Department or group on campus that is responsible for voter registration and civic engagement this is led to from my experience and from others drive heard from UN coordinating often disorganized or somewhat redundant efforts on campus by different groups trying to achieve somewhat similar or the same goals so the purpose and the goal of the bill and the committee is to facilitate collaboration and cooperation on civic engagement related endeavors initiatives on campus amongst different relevant groups organizations and Oregon Department the committee will be comprised of students faculty and student representatives from relevant on campus organization it requires that every year the committee advertised any elections on campus make efforts to register students to vote plan and host at least one large event plan and host or coordinating promote volunteer deputy voter registrar training so that other people can register people to vote and submit report following any large events too I believe is the president the director of external affairs and the speaker just with pros and cons from the with the event when data statistics things like that that would be used in the future also drafted up the bylaws for the committee they were attached in the email that Julian sent out was the meeting agenda so feel free to look at those if you're at all interested in the bylaws it's just some like a more extensive more specific version of the bill.

- *Motion to send this Bill to Student Life Committee*

VI. SGAB – 57012 – Hispanic/Latinx Student Support Act (First Read)

- I was talking to students and had a lot of people tell me that they had no idea that we had a lot of resources that we do have on campus. I know that a lot of people that ran with me for like mentorship programs and that's something that we've had pretty good successes with and one of the questions that was asked to me in the debate was what about the mentorship programs that we already have and that kind of inspired this

bill. when I was doing research, I wanted to compile a list of all of the resources that are available at UH for Latinx or Hispanic students and I wanted to consolidate them and put them all in a place where it would be easy to find. everything would just be in one place. so, this bill essentially creates a section on the SGA website where we will have Latinx/Hispanic student resources and I'll let us list out like academic like minors. for example, there's a Mexican American studies program there's a Latin American studies program people might not know about that so that's going to be listed under academics. then under mentorship program there's mentorship program that was started by Dr. Pacheco I believe and there's other there's other mentorship programs as well they are listed in a document that I've already made myself a Hiba and John. we compiled a list of all of the lot next resources so mentorship programs were on there as well as scholarships were on there and all of the Latinx organizations that you can join on campus as well. I also talked to the head of the Association of Latinx and Hispanic advocates and allies and their president and I wanted to kind of open communications between us cause that's something that was really important to me. I ran an inclusive student support so having open communications between Latinx organizations on campus and the SGA think is really important that way we're able to advocate for any issues that we might have that they might have and that we're able to have a kind of working relationship. So, I'm trying to see if I've missed anything but essentially that's all that this bill does it just adds a section on the SGA website. all the resources and stuff are compiled already as soon as the bill gets passed, we'll put those up on the SGA website and if you guys want to see the list of resources, I would be happy to share in the committee meeting cause it's very long document.

- *Motion to send this Bill to Student Life Committee*

VII. SGAR – 57009 – Resolution in Support of creating an NSM Learning Center (First Read)

- So, this is in support of creating an NSM Learning Center. I think the idea began in 2018 with senators Tanuha, Tomas, Isabel and Sandy created a survey to get students input about whether this NSM Learning Center was necessary and overall students said that it was a really great idea. they loved it and they wanted it but since then, like a lot has happened but not really. I was informed that the creation of this little space was actually approved in the fall of 2019 and it was supposed to be placed in 1st floor of SR2 but since then not a lot has happened. So, this resolution is just showing like helping push administration towards creating an NSM Learning Center. Because I feel like if you want students to come back

and put back into this University then you have to put back into the students. I feel creating this NSM Learning Center will give NSM students an opportunity to have a space where they can learn and be surrounded by other NSM students and as another student I feel like we lack a lot of resources that other colleges have and it's kind of discouraging. As an NSM student, not having access to those same resources and it's like when you graduate why would I want to come back and donate to this University, when I was basically just out here struggling the whole time with no help.

VIII. SGAR – 57008 – Coog Strong Mask on Resolution (Vote)

- This resolution just states that we support the university's attempts at trying to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by wearing masks, social distancing and all that sort of thing so hopefully you support.
- *Motion to previous question; passes*
- *SGAR – 57008 – Coog Strong Mask on Resolution passes*

IX. SGAB – 57010 – FY21 Budget Bill (Vote)

- We had a pretty in-depth discussion about the budget bill and the internal affairs committee meeting last week. I essentially went through and I compared line by line from the last administration and any changes. the biggest changes I can really say is that I just allocated more specific amounts to other people in the back when like other departments in the exec., so I gave outreach some money, I gave the chief of staff Department some money. whereas I believe like last administration it was just PR & external affairs that got any money and everything else just went either to like office of the president etc. I would say that I think the SGA banquet decreased by like \$500 just because we have all of the decorations from last time that we didn't have the budget, but they ordered a bunch of decorations. So, that's like all in the SGA office. the stuff that you guys see in red is things that were not able to change. so those are like operating expenses UH admin fee essentially is the admin almost like has a tax on everything that we spend. so that's already allocated for the fringe benefit students/staff/employees/student leaders that's all like salaries and compensation everything else. we can pretty much allocate to each Department. I do have some limits on what I can really spend because of the virus and that's why I haven't told any of y'all about polos and some of the other merch that usually we would be talking about right now but I'm kind of limited on what I can purchase and so we're still kind of deciding what we should purchase first. there's a \$5000 funds for the next administration and that's because the administration is



kind of like overlap in the fiscal year and so they need to have some money from us, so they'll be able to spend in the first half of their administration. But like I said we went over it in the internal affairs not much has really changed from last year I just spread the money out a little bit more and that's pretty much it.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *SGAB – 57010 – FY21 Budget Bill passes*

X. SGAB – 57011 – Fraternity and Sorority Life Inclusivity Alliance Act (Vote)

- So, for those of you who don't know the fraternity life inclusivity act, there was a senator two years ago who created a standing committee for Greek life or Greek life with SGA but it kind of didn't really pan out very well because I'm not really sure exactly why wasn't in SGA two years ago, all I know is that I think it was like a lack of interest and lack of inspiration to join the committee like there wasn't really any purpose to join other than like just join forces with SGA and I guess there wasn't a lot of interest in that. So, I figured that because we saw with the NPHC petition. So, there are one of the Greek councils that we have at UH other councils were unaware that NPHC was having issues with over policing of their events. So, I thought it would be a great opportunity to try and have a conversation about inclusivity within Greek life. So, I figured if we created this committee not only could the council members talk about what's going on in their councils, they could also have a uniting purpose of talking about inclusivity within Greek life. So, I gave a couple of meeting with all of the Greek leaders from all the different councils including the staff from SL and we talked about it there was pretty widespread support for it. you can see that all of the councils cosponsored it. they gave any feedback that they gave me I incorporated into the bill. so, I won't say too much else about it, other than upon the passing of this bill, Hiba and I will make an application and some marketing materials. so we can try to incentivize the great community to apply for this committee and it will be in the bylaws so hopefully the next administration will take a look at it and they'll choose to continue it but essentially it would work I'm the same way as the University committee applications work
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *SGAB – 57011 – Fraternity and Sorority Life Inclusivity Alliance Act passes*

I. Comments and announcements of the Officers

- President: Thanks for a great meeting y'all I really enjoyed this meeting it was great to see y'all I'm glad that some people turn their cameras on it's really nice to see everybody again I know that this semester isn't a really weird place things are online I had midterms and I still have midterms this week so I've been very stressed but so I know everybody else is very stressed as well just hang in there if you need anything please reach out to me reach anybody in the exec we're always here and happy to help and talk to you about anything but yeah this was a great meeting it was really energizing to see all of you honestly I think I really needed to see our whole SGA and it's really nice to see all
- Vice president: Thank you everyone for showing up to this meeting. thank you for passing all the legislation and all the people who ran it was really nice to see some familiar faces. we interviewed them when we first started in SGA for some Senate positions and now, they're back and positions and that makes me really happy and it proves that you're very passionate and very proud of you guys and that's pretty much it. thank you everyone!
- Speaker: I've got open CLASS seat, open tech seat and open College of education seats. I got 2 College of engineering seats, 2 graduates at large, 1 College of Nursing, 1 College of law, 1 College of optometry, 1 hobby school, 1 public affairs, 1 HRM seat and 1 pharmacy seat. Anna Lopez told me she resigned today before the meeting. So, if you know anyone please give them my email or you can give them my phone number. you can tell them to apply on the get involved website. I would like to build these seats.
- Chief Justice: thank you guys for passing my associate justice. I'm really proud of all y'all for doing everything that you are doing. the other thing is I still do have one associate justice position open so if you know anybody or if you want to apply for it go ahead and reach out to Jasmine or myself mainly Jasmine but overall amazing meeting tonight it's really great to see all of y'all tonight.
- Attorney General: This was a delightful meeting. I'm so thrilled at the strong words that our president had to share with us as well as our vice president and I'm really proud of the stuff we talked about, the stuff we passed. So, with that I don't have any closing remarks, but I wish you all a wonderful Wednesday evening and I will see you in 2 weeks
- Chief Election Commissioner: Hi, thank you all for passing my 2 election commissioners. I'm going to be working on either finalizing or having a rough draft of the election schedule and hopefully I'll get that put up on the SGA website and then hopefully we'll start actually tabling for the

election soon. So, people will actually start filling out the forms because right now I can say how many people are running and there's none so yeah and that's all.

- Chief of Staff: Hey everybody. Great meeting. Congratulations to everybody that was appointed and congratulations to everybody that had a bill passed.
- Director of External Affairs: Good meeting everyone and have a good night!
- Public Relations: Good meeting everyone and have a great night!
- Senator Hamad: Hey everyone. Just wanted to say that great meeting as usual. proud of everything that you guys are working on and congratulations to everyone got appointed and all the bills that got passed. one very important thing that we touched upon earlier in the meeting. just remind everyone around you about registration for voting is very simple when you log in on social media right now lot of like apps remind you about it. just remind your family members, your friends, everyone in your circle about voting because it's very important as you know all the things that happened this year has been crazy. one vote can change everything and once again good luck on your midterms. hopefully I'll see you guys soon. Good luck!
- Senator Gil: Hey all, I just want to say good meeting. I also wanted to say kudos to the higher ups for putting forward really great candidates today. it was really delightful to hear so many great people being involved in SGA. I just wanted to say that a lot of the things that we got done today were really amazing. today we had a lot of great stuff go up and I'm just really proud to be a part of this administration. So, good job, stay safe, register to vote and keep fighting.
- Senator Davis: Just a friendly reminder, I'm just to reiterate what Sabreen said, please make sure that if you have any concerns regarding online learning, if your professors are not being lenient, if they're not being flexible, if they're not accommodating to you as customers of our dear old University, please voice your concerns in the group me and the social chat. So, we can just compile those and get the petition up and ready before the end of the week. So, we can already get it rolling out and have some concrete things to work with. Other than that, peace & love and goodnight!
- Senator Sasser: Congratulations to the new people that joined us. even though we're all tired, we're all exhausted but we got so much done and welcome to the SGA to those that got appointed tonight. Everybody stay

safe, have fun and it was so great to have a little social, even though it's not in person but still close enough.

- Senator Gil: Julian touched on it earlier but if you know football player or you know someone is on the involved with the team, give him a hug or send them a text. We've had our fifth game cancellation all because of COVID and I can confirm that all five cancellations were not our fault. The UH football team has tested negative for COVID all five times and Baylor, North Texas, Memphis, Rice, and Washington state all cancelled on us. So, they're having a really tough time. We're one of the only three teams of colleges in America who have not played a game yet. so just check on them, make sure they're doing good and be really proud of those guys for being responsible.

II. Open Forum

III. Closing Call of the Roll

- Senator Ahmed (*Absent*)
- Senator Arias (*Absent*)
- Senator Castro (*Absent*)
- Senator Diaz (*Absent*)
- Senator Kim (*Absent*)
- Senator Krothapalli (*Absent*)
- Senator Medrano (*Absent*)
- Senator Morgan (*Absent*)
- Senator Wolfe (*Absent*)

Clause 10: Adjournment