Student Government Association | Legislative (Senate) Meeting

Order of Business
53rd Administration Agenda
UC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM
Wednesday April 6th, 2016

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer
I. Opening call of the roll
   - See attached roll below

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

Clause 3: Special Reports
I. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
   - Whitmire – presentation about struggles in politics and within the state of Texas
     o PUF fund question, difficulty potential due to UT and A&M alumni funding
     o Concerns about UT move in, 300 acres SE of dome
     o Position in the legislature and governor concerns announced

Clause 4: Executive and Speaker Reports
I. Report of the President
   - Students to OU vs UH game, adjusted amount and funding concerns
     o Data requested from deputy athletics director
     o Justification through data analysis
   - Executive Agenda, main initiatives – main focuses of administration as a whole
     o Sent e-mail to all regarding initiative concerns for executive agenda
     o Large scope if possible & necessary
     o Follow up e-mail to occur
   - Legislative agenda regarding topics and ideas that the Senate would like to work on
     o Put ideas together, topic, end goal, and list out steps to proceed
     o Necessary to accomplish goals and beneficial to administration
   - Unity – not dividing in to election parties, satisfied with seating and intermingling
     o Event potentially this weekend to get to know fellow peers
     o Not D.C. work together to improve the University
       ▪ Year of unity – open door

II. Report of the Vice President
   - Excited to work with team and ideas that have been set forth
   - SGA pins for everyone after meeting

III. Report of the Chief Justice
   - Introduction, not here in voting role, joke to impeach everyone
   - Here to address contention, House not Senate, cohesive unit
   - Updated bylaws and constitution
     o Bylaws are up for review still, based on typos and other issues
- Constitution is fine, Senate required to know this to do their duties
- Court and branch more useful than previous issues
  - All conversations are public record, checks and balances
- Advice on who to talk to except David on Roberts Rules of Order on how to converse in the Senate
- Speech on speaking privileges to those not oathed
- Question – When will website be updated and on the website
  - Alternates can fulfill role of Associate, until opening is available
- Update website

Clause 5: New Business

I. **Swearing in of the 53rd Administration Senate**
II. Presidential Appointment of **Andrew Bahlmann** to Chief of Staff
   - Confirmed / 23 – 0 – 0
III. Presidential Appointment of **Delaney Cattletstout** to Director of External Affairs
   - Confirmed / 21 – 0 – 2
   - Who are your top 3 people to bring to campus? Mayor, Whitmire, UH Successful Alumni
IV. Presidential Appointment of **Dena Moghtader** to Director of Public Relations
   - Confirmed / 22 – 0 – 2
   - Chris – What big event on campus to bring everyone together?
     - Week of Welcome event, Senate involvement get students to come by, get shirts, food, and meet SGA
   - David – Involved in a lot of orgs, how will you address hours and work?
     - Besides academics, SGA will be #1, everything else is last
   - Cindy – Will you bring back red jackets?
     - Try to get nicer ones if possible
   - Kenneth – Hosting co-events?
     - Great idea and orgs make up the University, get people involved through involvement, 2nd most diverse campus in U.S.
     - Advocate for it
   - Will – Con, overly involved
   - Diego – Pro, SGA will be #1 priority after academics, integral part of her life
V. Presidential Appointment of **Dean Suchy** to Director of Research
   - Confirmed / 23 – 0 – 2
   - What are responsibilities? – Other University’s initiatives and concerns there in?
     - How would you help Senate? – Evaluate concerns and questions regarding initiatives and provide feedback and research to legislative members
   - Background? – Actuarial math transferred to Business, evaluated statistical data for Athletics @ PWC, learning experience here as it isn’t done elsewhere
   - Inquiry by Chris – what is the job description?
   - RJ – What is the point of this position and what’s the intention?
     - Shane addressed regarding qualifications and needs of data to provide justification for opinions to administration
• Rohini to assist legislature in order to provide data and information
  o Will do you have internship for spring?
    • No
  o Chris why apply?
    • Iterate previous statements

VI. Presidential Appointment of **Winni Zhang** to Deputy Chief of Staff
- Confirmed / 23 – 0 – 2
  o Paul – Given youth, network to achieve goals?
    • Has full agenda with contact information, Rohini in Greek life
    • Met with past administration about initiatives regarding Texas Coalition
  o Chris – moderated caucus
    • Andrew – Basis for position is to assist in how heavily COS position operates
    • Shane – Singular position, full cabinet, work on initiatives, Adrian tied down where his
time could've been allocated elsewhere
    • Chris – Ambitious agenda, need another person to address the concerns and initiatives,
incentivized to work and allocate time

VII. Presidential Appointment of **Robert Comer** to Senior Advisor to the President
- Confirmed / 25 – 0 – 0
  o Will – What degree and status?
    • MIS Junior
  o Sean – What experience helped you with this position?
    • Team lead on project assists working with a director and makes efforts to provide best
information to prevent wasted time

VIII. Presidential Appointment of **Edwin Mascorro** to Special Advisor of Student Involvement to the President
- Confirmed / 24 – 1 – 0
  o Lucien – Reaching out, get them involved?
    • CEO involvement, limited time and budget to get involvement
    • Seeing what’s available to us, reach out to orgs
  o Laurel – intent to stay at UH?
    • Yes
  o Shannon – Law center involvement?
    • Advisor to student engagement interested in bringing together grad students
through engagement with Grad Senators

IX. Presidential Appointment of **Alex Gonzalez** to CLASS
- Confirmed / 23 – 0 – 2
  o Shannon – Major?
    • Liberal Studies
  o Hunter – Diversity you’d like to work on?
    • Chemistry amongst our organization, divided and diverse, would like to see
 tackle that struggle

X. Presidential Appointment of **Jackson Crawford** to CLASS
- Confirmed / 23 – 0 – 2

XI. Presidential Appointment of **Fahad Rehan** to Bauer
- Confirmed / 15 – 2 – 8
  - Chris – What have you done in Bauer?
    - Haven’t developed initiatives in Bauer, would like to adjust advising techniques from Honors college, uninformed regarding schedule and classes for students
  - How involved in student body?
    - Honors College Bauer, shared mentors, works with professors and along WOLF center as well
  - Omar – Entrepreneurship?
    - Next year intent to catch up on class schedule
  - Student involvement with busy schedule?
    - Excellent time management skills, showed history and experience
  - Paul – Initiatives
    - Amend bylaws and ideas regarding rules and procedures
  - Moderated Caucus
    - Alejandro – open position and keep it open for a week
    - Kayla – brings international experience
    - Chris – isn’t involved so who is he going to know?
    - Shane – not familiar with his connections, and has ability to bring about change and involvement
    - Shannon – Advocating for students is difficult, doesn’t mean you don’t know people, and you’re incapable of doing a good job
    - Julian – Not involved, and it’s not indicative of quality
    - Omar – Wants to wait one week
    - David – Motion to table – 9 – 10 – 6
    - Shane – President, job to nominate and as such wants to finalize that opening
    - Chris – wary of SGA involvement, agree with Omar and wants to table the conversation, wary cause he’s not involved.

Clause 6: Reading and approval of previous meeting’s minutes
- No minutes for past administration

Clause 7: Closing Remarks
I. Comments and announcements of the officers
II. Open Forum
  - Student that wishes to address the Senate – Clint
  - Shane – comments and announcements for closing
    - Spring meetings, 3 meetings back to back weekly, 7p time
    - April 20th meeting, half the Senate can’t make that time frame, potential move to the 27th
    - Potential to pass legislation this spring, so that internal committees can evaluate the documentation and legislature
    - 4 committees together, given descriptors
III. Closing call of the roll
  - See attached roll below
Clause 8: Adjournment
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