

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Order of Business
50th Administration Agenda
Rockwell Pavilion, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 16th, 2013

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer: 7:30

- I. Opening call of the roll

Clause 2: Reading and approval of the senate journal from the previous meeting

Clause 3: Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the senate
- II. Students wishing to address the Senate
 - Daca 11/24 – ask the SGA for advice/resources to get their event to a larger group of students on campus.
Upload to uh.edu
Passed around fliers.
- III. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate
 - a. Frontier fiesta- donations
 - b. Next week, early voting for city elections
 - c. School of architecture met at town hall. Working on survey
 - d. Motion of Senators to not consume alcohol prior to coming to meetings.
 - e. Wings in the library. Motion to clean microwaves
 - f. Senators trying to meet dean, have not been able to
 - g. Talk to Bauer how to engage students more.
 - h. Two new appointees to Cullen College of Engineering.
Contacted professors to try and talk to students about SGA, unable to. Cougar Paws, group of leaders of engineering students.

- i. Senator Ross had to go to doctors. \$2 challenge on Saturday. Talking to organizations about SGA, encourage to talk to your colleges about SGA.
- j. Safety Administration- Consensus is comply with an aggressor. Crime perceived on Campus-greater perception of crime than their actually is. Majority of culprits have been caught. Training 49 new officers.
- k. Education college-involved with homecoming. Talk to SGA to further cause
- l. Thanks all for Wendy Davis event. More speakers on campus (like Wendy Davis) asked Senators if they knew anyone who could be a speaker.
- m. Motion to be respectful of all Senators

Clause 4: Executive and Speaker Reports

- I. Report of the President 10 minutes president, 5 minutes for others
 - a. Presidential Appointments
 - i. Would like to not vote on time for speakers.
 - ii. Hotel Restaurant Management-Ashley.
 - iii. Engineering-Sean Smith.
 - iv. Engineering-Mohammad Elsaadi
 - v. Going to fix Cullen Blvd. Coming up with a long term plan, most likely asphalt overlay.
 - vi. Fixed Tuition plan. Tuition rates are not higher than UT or A&M. Fund. A&M/UT draws from that Fund
 - vii. Homecoming Week- Football game Saturday at 2:30.
 - viii. External- Asking Texas to access Public University
 - ix. Questions:
 - 1. “How to get money.” –Would like task force. Build government relations.
 - 2. “SGA section football game?” –No
 - 3. “Other SGA time set different?”-Not true, we just waste time saying how long everyone will speak.
 - b. Presidential Business
- II. Report of the Vice President
 - i. Thank you to safety and security.

- ii. Improve UH- engage Senators to use the site. Have senators as analysts.
 - iii. Survey ends on 10/25-asking how long you would like facilities open at night. Open to all students and faculty.
 - iv. Meatless Mondays at Moody Towers.
 - v. Halloween carnival 10/31 variety of activities at Cougar Woods.
 - vi. If you have Specific Professors in mind to nominate for teaching excellence survey.
 - vii. Promo Items- Polo shirt. (Red) Tank (white). Pens, Sunglasses, car charger, Cups
 - viii. Emphasis on engaging constituents.
- b. University Appointment
- c. Vice President Update
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. “UC tour got canceled”- we will reschedule another tour.
 - 2. “Has IT fixed maps”-map app being fine-tuned, all requests taken.
 - 3. “Teaching excellence award, what tab under SGA”-Not put out yet.

III. Report of the Chief of Staff

- a. Emerging Leaders
 - i. Help individuals file for U.S Citizenship.
 - ii. Tour of City Hall, only 25 students spots available.
 - iii. Deadline for Emerging Leaders closes 11/14. If interested in getting an intern, sign up and you will be contacted.
 - 1. “When will interns be ready”-want them to start ASAP.
 - 2. “When we sign up, can we have requirements)- Yes, Will give job description to interns.
 - 3. “Request an intern at a specific school”-Will ask Senators to be as involved with interns as possible, definitely a possibility.

IV. Report of the Director of External Affairs

- a. Community Service Outreach

- i. This Sunday 10-12 Memorial Park, Conservancy. Wear Red. Sign up went around to senators
- b. Student Savers Program and Socials
 - i. Give students discounts all over Houston. Start having Socials at places that give students discounts already.
- c. CFPB Press Conference
 - i. Thursday, 10:30-11:30. Oct 24.
- d. Questions:
 - i. “What kind of species?”-mostly plants.
 - ii. “Just wear red?”-Yes to show we are cougars.
 - iii. “Are there committees relating to student financials?”-Reason why CFPB came to UH and SGA
 - iv. “Can we look to international students?”-so long as they are students.
 - v. “Due date”- Monday.

V. Report of the Director of Public Relations

- a. Improve UH tabling
- b. Promo Items and Polo’s
- c. SGA Social

Motion to limit questions to 3-passed

VI. Report of the Director of Finance

- a. Budget Update
 - i. Most funds come from PR department. Total Budget-\$140k. Wants to request more funds.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. “35k, do we have set aside for something?”-yes, we have allocated them in specific departments.

VII. Report of the Attorney General

- a. Chief Election Commissioner Search
 - i. Begin by end of this week/beginning next week.
- b. Deputy Attorney General Search
 - i. Beginning “soon”
- c. Student Legal Services Task Force Progress

- i. Try to bring someone to campus for legal advice.
Focusing on Benchmark. 73 public tier-1 university. 36 have student legal services. 8 in Texas. UH is not one.
- ii. Questions:
 - 1. “Do you know how many students took advantage of the program when it was in place?” – Being used, but not enough. Students didn’t know about it.
 - 2. “Any ideas on money?”-raise student fees, but we already pay large fees. \$3.50 a semester per student, get over \$300k
 - 3. “Do we need it?”- I think we can all agree we need it.

VIII. Report of the Speaker

Going over Roberts Rules

- a. Next meeting November 6th
 - i. Meet with colleges individually to learn what’s going on.
 - ii. Meet with senator individually, see how everything is going
- b. SGAB-50004 Approved
- c. Committees
 - i. Senators need to attend committees
- d. College Meetings
- e. Send me by Friday.
- f. Senator of the Month
 - i. Qualifications-How you made a contribution to your University.
 - ii. Senator of the Month for September-Charles Hasten
- g. Lead by Example, attend events, and work together
 - i. Be active
- h. Questions:
 - i. Asking about motions:
 - ii. “Who gets the gavel”-Whoever gets it most months.
 - iii. “Vote on standard times for overall?”- would have to add to agenda.

Clause 5: Committee Reports

Speaker time 5 minutes

I. Reports of the Standing Committees

i. Academic Affairs

1. First Meeting update- November- Committee sending out a survey, better determine what to do for advising. Has a new Co-chair.

ii. Administration & Finances

1. TPAC Situation and UH Rehabilitation project-

- a. Discussing bus routes being inaccurate. Routes are not efficient. Bus driver conduct.
- b. TPAC meeting 10/18. 1:30-3:00.
- c. Find out what students concerns are with driving, traffic and parking.
- d. Loft parking Issues- 4 parking spots that are not actual spots, painting is unclear.
- e. Dirt path along library- work with home depot to get stones for path.

iii. Internal Affairs

1. Election Reform Update-

- a. John Garcia is Vice Chair. Passed first part. Deal with election commission accountability. SGA bill with marketing.

iv. Student Life

1. Big Meeting Next Wednesday-

- a. Asking for more money, and raising fees, need to discuss this with senators.
- b. Students wearing orange and maroon- trying to encourage faculty and staff to wear red on Fridays.

2. Questions-

- a. “Can we do anything to help keep the name cubclub”-it may seem condescending, but won’t be a big deal.

II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 6: Old Business

Clause 7: New Business

I. Presidential appointment of Ashley Davis-Nelson to Senator, Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management

a. Questions:

- i. “What are your abilities to work alone?”-Self-motivated through religion. Look to future, stay on top of things, delegate time accordingly.
- ii. “What are problems you have found and what will you fix?”-Just had renovations on the hotel, no renovations on classrooms.

b. Pros: Like her drive. She will do more in these committees than previous senator. She has the initiative to lead, will give credit where credit is due.

c. Con:

d. Motion passed anonymously.

e. Appointment-Appointed

II. Presidential appointment of Mohammad Elsaadi to Senator, Cullen College of Engineering

a. Tabled to next meeting

III. Presidential appointment of Shaun Smith to Senator, Cullen College of Engineering

a. Questions:

i. “Would you be interesting in joining other senators in Engineering?”-Absolutely.

ii. “Will you have time?”- Yes.

iii. “What is your main goal?”- Affect positive changes.

b. Pros: Well rounded, enthusiastic student. Has the energy.

c. Cons:

- d. Motion passed anonymously.
- e. Appointment-Appointed

IV. Presidential appointment of Randall Williams to Senator, Bauer College of Business

- a. Questions:
 - i. “What are some initiatives you would like to take on?”- Lots of oil and gas awards, would like to see a diversification of certificates.
- b. Pros: Clearly devoted himself to the senate.
- c. Cons:
- d. Motion Passed Anonymously.
- e. Appointment-Appointed

V. Presidential appointment of Clint Kirchhoff to the Sustainability Task Force.

- a. Motion passed anonymously

VI. Presidential appointment of Tanzeem Chowdhury to the University Hearing Board.

- a. Motion passed anonymously.

VII. SGAB-50005: SGA Dress Code Reform

- a. Questions:
 - i. “Should we force, or just encourage”-other SGA’s have these laws.
 - ii. “Don’t we have bigger fish to fry than dress code?”- people perceive you differently based on attire.
- b. Caucus: 5 minute speech
 - i. Don’t care about UT and A&M. People don’t take you seriously when you aren’t dressed professionally.
 - ii. This didn’t go to any committee. Dressed semi-business formal, but would have been allowed to speak.
 - iii. All for having formal dress, but shouldn’t be mandatory.
 - iv. Let it go through committee first. We should dress nicely.
 - v. Contradictory to bylaws. Should allow professional dress code.
- c. Will go to committee for review

VIII. SGAB-50006: Election Code Part 1

a.

IX. SGAB-50007: Election Code Part 2

a. Questions:

i. “Problem with not being able to use pre-existing social media groups, people may think they’ve already joined.”- depends on group.

b. Bill passed to internal affairs for review.

Clause 8: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and announcements of the officers.

a. Be respectful to Senators.

b. 6 socials planned for this year. Will need senators to come.

i. 10/19. Emails will be sent out.

ii. 10/25-Calhoun Lofts.

iii. Questions:

1. “Tying into tie into student discounts”-talk offline.

II. Open Forum

a. The Stuttering Foundation.-Non-profit organization dedicated to helping those with disabilities. Stutteringhelp.org

b. College of Architecture- program where students from all over the world come to UH to study. Problem: not enough housing for these students.

c. UH catering- asking to sponsor SGA meetings.

d. Internal affairs meeting next Wednesday. Discussing dress code bill. Discussing election reform bill.

e. TPAC meeting this Friday 10/19

f. Recommend that questions be taken during speeches.

III. Closing call of the roll

Clause 9: Adjournment

10:39