

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Order of Business
50th Administration Agenda
Rockwell Pavilion, 7:30 PM
Wednesday November 6th, 2013

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer

- I. Opening call of the roll
Meeting Started at 7:30 pm

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

Clause 3: Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the senate
 - a. University Academic Affairs Updates – *Cedric Bandoh*
New 4 year Course Catalog and benefits. This New Catalog will help students see what they must complete in order to graduate in 4 years. There are talks of adding a fixed tuition plan if students graduate within 4 years. Some senator expressed some concern. Engineering Senator Clint Kirchhoff is concerned with the new plan since engineering curriculum is very difficult and unorganized. It is rare for engineering students to graduate in 4 years. Architecture Senator Issam Kadiwala observed that not all majors are included. Cedric requested the senate to advocate the new plan and to turn problems into solutions.
- II. Students wishing to address the Senate
Student named Will Fischer came and spoke about the Halal Food options and Late Night Options Bills and requested the senate to strike it down. Tanzeem Chowdhury informed Will of the motive behind the Bill. Will withdrew his claim.
- III. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate
Senator Catherine Tassin de Montaigne was upset that Wendy Davis was unable to attend UH because of reservation conflicts. She challenges the senate to find a solution to the reservation system so that this event doesn't repeat itself.

Clause 4: Executive and Speaker Reports

- I. Report of the President
 - a. Presidential Business

Cedric talked about his presidential appointee, Mohammad Elsaadi, and how he would be a great addition to the senate.
- II. Report of the Vice President
 - a. University Appointment
 - b. Vice President Update

Rani spoke about her two university appointees. She also discussed ImproveUH and the ways Senators can help spread the word. She rescheduled the training session to a later date.
- III. Report of the Chief of Staff
 - a. Emerging Leaders
 - b. Lunch with Provost Short

Angela Kao announced the Emerging Leaders interns and talked about the upcoming lunch with Provost Short on November 22nd at 9 pm at the Hilton Hotel. Food will be catered.
- IV. Report of the Director of External Affairs
 - a. Student Savers Program
 - b. Canned Food Drive
 - c. Volunteer opportunity with Techstreet Houston and Total Energy (big networking and outreach opportunity)
 - d. Voter Education and outreach
 - e. Rebuild Cullen Initiative updates.

Bria talked about the Student Saver Program, which provides 50 finalized discounts to students around the city. She was talking whether it will be accessible via mobile or online. SGA will be partnering with Dr. Bott and Alpha Sigma Pi in this year's November Canned Food Drive. Bria asks that all senators participate. Bria will send an email with more information. This year's Voter Education and Outreach program received over 150 people to attend. This is double the voter turnout from last time. She is very proud of the SGA. Bria updated the senate on the Rebuild Cullen Initiative. The Project will be finished by august before the stadium is completed.

- V. Report of the Director of Public Relations
- a. SGA Polos/Tanks/Promo Items Delivery Dates
 - b. ImproveUH Tabling
 - c. Marketing Request Form
- Nancy informed the Senate that all merchandize will be coming within the next couple of days. She encourages senators to view the arrival schedule at the SGA office. Nancy is thankful to all who attended the first ImproveUH tabling. The Second one was postponed until after training. A new Marketing form is now available in the SGA Website. If senators need to market an event, the form can be submitted to Nancy.
- VI. Report of the Director of Finance
- a. Budget Update
 - b. SFAC Update
- Jimmy informed the senate that SGA's SFAC presentation is this Friday at 11 am at the CRWC.
- VII. Report of the Attorney General
- a. Chief Election Commissioner Search
 - b. Student Legal Services Progress
- Shane informed the senate that he is in the lookout for a new Chief Election Commissioner. He plans to introduce a new one by the next senate meeting in the 20th. Shane updated the senate on the Student Legal Services Progress.
- VIII. Report of the Speaker
- a. Last Meeting of the Semester November 20th
 - b. Senate Participation
 - c. Code of Ethics
 - d. Legislation Process
 - e. Senator & College Meetings
 - f. Senator of the Month – October
 - g. Speaker Goals
 - h. Senate Goals & Structure
- Speaker Agudelo encourages the senate to get more involved with the University, SGA, and Student Body. Sebastian read the Code of Ethics in order to remind senators of their duties and responsibilities. Sebastian also explained the Legislation writing process and encourages collaboration. Senator John Garcia was appointed Senator of the Month for October.

Clause 5: Committee Reports

I. Reports of the Standing Committees

i. Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs is tackling Admissions, Advising, Course Catalog, etc. Next meeting is Monday the 11th at 1 pm at the Library.

ii. Administration & Finances

TPAC Survey was sent out for approval. Await the Response.

iii. Internal Affairs

Election Reform and Dress Code Bill are ready and have support from the committee. We will be voting on them tonight.

iv. Student Life

Tara could not make it last time to discuss Cub Camp but will be in attendance next meeting on Wednesday the 13th at 7:30 pm at the UC Rio Grande. Come out.

II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 6: Old Business

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

Approved by unanimous vote.

II. SGAB-50006: SGA Dress Code Reform

Passed by Majority vote. 16 in favor, 7 Con, 2 Abstain.

III. SGAB-50007: Election Commission Accountability Act

Passed by unanimous Vote.

IV. SGAB-50008: Election Reform and Accountability Act

Clause IV.C.6 was separated by clause and sent back to Internal Affairs Committee. The rest of the bill passed by unanimous vote.

Clause 7: New Business

V. Presidential appointment of Shaun Smith to the Sustainability Task Force.

Passed unanimously

VI. Presidential appointment of Jimmy Kim to the Student Media Advisory Committee.

[Passed unanimously](#)

VII. UB-50003: Halal and Healthy Food Options

[Read by Senator Tanzeem and sent to Student Life for further review.](#)

VIII. UB-50004: Late Night and Extended Food Service Options

[Read by Senator Tanzeem and sent to Student Life for further review.](#)

Clause 8: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and announcements of the officers

II. Open Forum

III. Closing call of the roll

Clause 9: Adjournment

[Senate Adjourn at 10:13 pm.](#)