

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes as Recorded

By: Jackson Crawford, Senate Emerging Leader

UC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM

Wednesday October 15th, 2014

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer

- I. Opening call of the roll
Called to order 1933

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

Clause 3: Reading and approval of previous meeting's minutes

No changes made.

Clause 4: Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the senate
 - a. **Richie Hunter – VP Marketing**
Address postponed to after student and senator addresses.
Discussed rebranding effort on campus marketing.
 - New advertising media
 - New website
 - High level of impressions
- II. Students wishing to address the Senate
 - a. Coog City Cares planning MLK day of service, looking for support in winning a \$10,000 grant. Questioning was held. UHCCC (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram)
 - b. Individual looking to be appointed to the Library Advisory Committee. Khaja Siddiqui
- III. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate
 - a. Senator Martinez mentioned speech of Charles Haston at faculty meeting.
 - b. Senator Fischer mentioned food truck options.
 - c. Senator Zimmer urged individuals to talk to Chief of Staff about volunteering.
 - d. Senator Chowdhury discussed breast cancer awareness month and the upcoming games for football and soccer. Was briefly questioned.
 - e. Senator Ballands wished luck for midterms and suggested going to the football game.
 - f. Senator Agho-Otoghile shared a quote from the Dalai Lama about helping others on this earth.

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

- I. Report of the President
Spoke on faculty senate's decision to support the previously passed housing bill and prospect of being brought to the Board of Regents. Mentioned adjustments to SGA tailgate. UH Day at the Capitol is coming up soon, applications are open. Mentioned appointment process upcoming for student regent.
- II. Report of the Vice President
Spoke on spreading the word for filling vacancies on committees.
- III. Report of the Chief of Staff
Spoke on Emerging Leaders Program. Mentioned volunteering for the upcoming tailgate.
- IV. Report of the Director of Finance
No report.
- V. Report of the Director of Public Affairs
Spoke on invitation to party deck for SGA. In future, this will only be available to individuals who volunteer. Mentioned increased engagement ideas for football games.

- VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs
Spoke on Coogs Vote campaign. Mentioned upcoming phone banks.
- VII. Report of the Attorney General
Spoke on breast cancer awareness at upcoming football game. Mentioned needed appointment of an election commissioner. Mentioned potential changes to election code.
- VIII. Report of the Speaker
Spoke on attendance issues, including in the context of previous meeting with committee leaders. Mentioned vacancies. Applications can happen through Get Involved. Mentioned student regent position – no application have been submitted as of yet due to issues with advertising the position.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs
Spoke on academic affairs advisor appointment and new Emerging Leader.
 - b. University Administration & Finance
Spoke on issue of concrete slab near UC. Mentioned new campus statue possibility. Mentioned parking policies on spot guarantees or lack thereof. President of the SGA used questioning time to clarify parking issues after first game that will not continue.
 - c. Internal Affairs
Spoke on times for committee meetings. Mentioned upcoming fiscal policy proposal.
 - d. Student Life
Spoke on meeting last Friday. Mentioned Greek Week. Mentioned next meeting, which will be occurring in the SGA conference room next Friday
- II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 7: Old Business

- I. SGAB-51003 *Election Reform and Transparency Act* (Pending Committee Review)
Motion to bring legislation back to IA committee with guidance, unanimously approved.
- II. SGAB-51005 *Fiscal Policies and Procedures Reform Act* (Pending Committee Review)
Motion to call the question, unanimously approved.
Point of inquiry from Senator on whether he could vote despite being late.
Electronic issues resulted in a traditional vote procedure by hand.
Passed with one abstention and all other votes in favor.

Clause 8: New Business

Question called for confirmation of Senator Fischer, called unanimously. Vote was also unanimous in favor of confirmation.

Motion called to create special committee – Senate Executive Committee – passed with all votes in favor except for two abstentions. It will include the Speaker of the Senate and committee chairs. It is created by the authority provided in the UH SGA bylaws and constitution.

- I. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Aaron Adrian** to Undergraduate Admission Review Committee
One speech from Senator Kirchhoff in favor of confirmation.
Question called unanimously.
Confirmed to the Undergraduate Admission Review Committee.
- II. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Dakota Madison & Colyn Whittemore** to Campus Recreation Advisory Board
(Dakota Madison)
One speech in favor of confirmation.
Question called unanimously.

Confirmed to the Campus Recreation Advisory Board
(Colyn Whittemore)

Question called unanimously.

Confirmed to the Campus Recreation Advisory Board

- III. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Khaja Siddiqui** to Library Advisory Committee

Question called unanimously.

Confirmed to Library Advisory Committee

- IV. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Danchen Zhou** to International Student Advisory Committee

Question called unanimously.

Confirmed to International Student Advisory Committee.

- V. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Clement Agho-Otoghile** to Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee

Question called unanimously.

Confirmed to the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee.

- VI. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Shaun Smith** to Faculty Engagement and Development Advisory Board

Point of Order on whether the speaker has to leave. Determined that lawful to remain.

Question called unanimously.

Confirmed to the Faculty Engagement and Development Board.

- VII. SGAR-51005 *Support of UH Medical School*

Legislation was read by Senator Kirchhoff.

Motion to call the question failed.

Motion to hold a Q&A passed.

Motion to call the question passed.

Resolution passed.

Counseling and Psychological Services Committee Appointment – Yasz Shaikh

Question called unanimously.

Confirmed to the Counseling and Psychological Services Committee Appointment.

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

- I. Comments and announcements of the officers
- II. Open Forum
Senator Chowdhury reminded everyone of the upcoming game.
- III. Closing call of the roll

Clause 10: Adjournment

Adjourned 2203

Position	Name	10/15/2014(Beg)	10/15/2014(End)
Student Body President	Charles Haston	P	P
Student Body Vice President	Erica Tat	A	P
Chief of Staff	Leo Mata	P	A
Director of External Affairs	Marcus Smith	P	P
Director of Public Relations	Adrian Castillo	A	A
Director of Finance	Adil Rajabali	P	P
Attorney General	Clarita Montant	P	P
Speaker of the Senate	Shaun Smith	P	P
Speaker Pro-Tempore	Sebastian Agudelo	N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms	Sterling Dodd	P	P
Clerk of the Senate	Bruno Ugaz	A	A
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #1	Sebastian Agudelo	E	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #2	Chelsea Moses	E	E
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #3	Alan Garza	P	A
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #4	Hugo Salinas	P	P
Senator- Graduate At-Large, Seat #1	Varun Sreenivas	P	P
Senator- Graduate At-Large, Seat #2	Nathan Alsbrooks	E	E
Senator- Hines College of Architecture	Issam Kadiwala	A	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Sunil Motwani	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	John Fields	E	E
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Marcus Pourreau	E	E
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Pooja Magadi	P	P
Senator- College of Education	Geordie Daniel	A	P
Senator- College of Education	Vacant		
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Tanzeem Chowdhury	P	P
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Clint Kirchhoff	P	P
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Nelson Raymond-Grajales	E	E
Senator- The Honors College	Canyon Sanford	E	E
Senator- Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management	Ashley Davis-Nelson	N/A	N/A
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Sarah Aimad	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Stephanie Bailey	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Will Fischer	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Matthew Ramirez	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Vacant		
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Tatiana Lutomski	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Jessie Smith	A	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Clement Agho-Otoghile	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Louis Adam	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Enrique Martinez	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Ahren Esquenazi	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Trent Fuller	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Max Ballands	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Nestor Garcia	P	A
Senator- College of Technology	Brianna Mills	P	A
Senator- UH Law Center	Sepi Zimmer	P	P
Senator- College of Optometry	VACANT		
Senator- College of Pharmacy	Lauren Nicole Tolat	A	P
Senator- Graduate College of Social Work	VACANT		