

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes as Recorded

By: Jackson Crawford, Senate Emerging Leader

UC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM

Wednesday November 5th, 2014

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer

I. Opening call of the roll

Called to order 1934

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. **Patrick Peters – Phase One UH Master Plan**

Patrick Peters is a Professor of Architecture representing Design Lab. February 2015 Board of Regents meeting will have presentation relating assessment at that point thus far. Master plan assessment began on September 15th. History of landscaping and design on campus explained. Discussed potential divisions of campus. Recurring master planning effort will happen every year. Momentum will lead up to centennial. Not all areas have fire truck access currently. Improvements will be made to fix situation for service vehicles and drain rainwater.

Contact at ppeters@uh.edu, 713-320-5185

II. Students wishing to address the Senate

a. **Vivian Hernandez – S.P.E.A.K.**

(Students Protecting Exploited Adults and Kids)

Attempts are being made to promote awareness and solutions on campus related to human trafficking. This project has been in works for three years, is beginning action this year. One of the upcoming initiatives is SPEAK week (first week in February). Marketing will begin in January.

Contact at uhspeak@gmail.com

III. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate

Senator Magadi gave a happy birthday wish.

Senator Fields said he had a great Tuesday night.

Senator Sanford discussed issues with tainted food and Dining Services. Was questioned by Motwani on service at University Centers. Senator Fischer urged anyone with concerns to send information on issues to him.

Senator Kirchhoff discussed meeting with the Dean of the College of Engineering.

Senator Alsbrooks discussed Tier One initiatives and responsiveness of administration.

Mentioned risk of student interests being placed improperly in favor of profit and lack of accountability.

Senator Fischer discussed FSAC new meal plan options and restructuring.

Senator Garza discussed Fight Night coming up.

Senator Ramirez discussed homecoming and urged members to come to events.

Senator Lutomski discussed nomination for CLASS Senator that she is making.

Senator Daniel apologized for phone issues and discussed the Residence Hall Association and its upcoming conference.

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

- I. Report of the President
Moved to beginning of session, between Clause 3 and Clause 4.
Addressed homecoming week, “Strut your Stuff” being the reason for some absences. Game is at 2:30 pm, tailgating starts at 10:00 am. Discussed SFAC recent events. There has been a request for two new positions. SGA took on significant new programming this year. Glow party set record. Pep rally (Cage Rage) set record. Average attendance of games has been high. First year of the “Cougar 100,” top Coog-owned businesses.
Questioning was held.
Prompted by question, President discussed Memorandum of Understanding related to stadium and recent issues, holding people accountable. Stadium was over budget, putting separate renovation on hold. There have been competency issues with the third party managing organization used, Sports Entertainment, which is a joint venture with Aramark. SFAC refused to speak in public setting.
- II. Report of the Vice President
Addressed importance of committee meetings and appointments.
- III. Report of the Chief of Staff
Addressed homecoming and involvement of SGA members with the recent midterm elections. Discussed upcoming events associated with Veterans’ Day. Discussed recent tripartisan debate.
- IV. Report of the Director of Finance
Addressed SGA related purchase inquiries. Thanked Leo Mata for assistance.
- V. Report of the Director of Public Affairs
Addressed Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston. Discussed UH tailgating video.
Questioning was held.
- VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs
Addressed the Coogs Vote campaign. 1,308 students were registered. Thanked everyone who contributed to the effort. Discussed Capitol Day and Higher Education Summit. Discussed attempts to create a state student association.
- VII. Report of the Attorney General
None
- VIII. Report of the Speaker
Addressed potential attendance issues. Commended Senator Ballands for perfect attendance and Senator Adams and Kirchhoff for near perfect attendance. Discussed student regent applicant process and potential constitutional amendment. Discussed vacancies. Senator of the Month is Senator Pourreau.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs
Discussed recent inactivity. Discussed decision of a professor in HRM to punish an entire class for the behavior of three individuals. Discussed new potential hours in residency policy.
Questioning was held.
 - b. University Administration & Finance
Discussed recent inactivity. Discussed concrete slab in front of the University Centers.
Discussed new cougar statue in front of the stadium – status is pending.
 - c. Internal Affairs
Discussed new election bylaws legislation.
 - d. Student Life

Discussed upcoming information session in Cougar Village next Thursday at 6 pm related to the passed housing bill.

II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 7: Old Business

- I. SGAB-51003 *Election Reform and Transparency Act* (Pending Committee/Commission Review)
Motion keeping legislation in committee was passed unanimously.

Clause 8: New Business

- I. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Aditya Sodhani** to International Student Advisory Committee
Questioning was held.
Question called unanimously.
Confirmed unanimously to the International Student Advisory Committee.
- II. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Eric Pham** to Bookstore Advisory Committee
Questioning was held.
Question called unanimously.
Confirmed unanimously to Bookstore Advisory Committee.
- III. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Geordie Daniel** to Student Housing and Residential Life Committee
Question called unanimously.
Confirmed unanimously to the Student Housing and Residential Life Committee
- IV. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Max Ballands** to Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee
Questioning was held.
Question called unanimously.
Confirmed unanimously to Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee.
- V. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Charlotte Christian** and **Erica Tat** to Teaching Excellence Award Committee
Question called unanimously for both.
Christian confirmed unanimously, Tat confirmed unanimously.
- VI. SGAB-51006 *Townhall Reform Act*
Reading of the legislation by Senators Fischer and Zimmer.
Further explanation by Senators Fischer and Alsbrooks.
Questioning was held.
Question called unanimously.
Townhall Reform Act passed unanimously.
- VII. Open Nominations of Vacant Senate Seats
CLASS Nomination – Brandon Wilke
Questioning was held.
Senator Fields made a note about the existence of other applicants.
Question was called unanimously.
Confirmed with all but one vote to the Senator position.
Senator Agho-Otoghile had a point of inquiry about nomination process.

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

- I. Comments and announcements of the officers
- II. Open Forum
Senator Fields addressed reformatting of parking permits. Senator Agho-Otoghile added comments on the subject. Vice President Tat added comments.
Senator Ballands discussed meeting with Dean.
- III. Closing call of the roll

Clause 10: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 2158

Position	Name		
		11/5/2014(Beg)	11/5/2014(End)
EXECUTIVE BRANCH			
Student Body President	Charles Haston	P	A
Student Body Vice President	Erica Tat	A	P
Chief of Staff	Leo Mata	P	P
Director of External Affairs	Marcus Smith	P	A
Director of Public Relations	Adrian Castillo	P	P
Director of Finance	Adil Rajabali	P	P
Attorney General	Clarita Montant	A	A
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH (SENATE)			
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	E
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #2	Chelsea Moses	E	E
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #3	Alan Garza	p	e
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #4	Hugo Salinas	A	p
Senator- Graduate At-Large, Seat #1	Varun Sreenivas	A	p
Senator- Graduate At-Large, Seat #2	Nathan Alsbrooks	p	p
Senator- Hines College of Architecture	Issam Kadiwala	E	E
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Sunil Motwani	p	p
Senator- Bauer College of Business	John Fields	p	p
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Marcus Pourreau	p	p
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	E	E
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	P	P
Senator- Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management	VACANT		
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Sarah Aimad	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Stephanie Bailey	E	E
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	Brandon Wilke		P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Tatiana Lutomski	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Jessie Smith	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Clement Agho-Otoghile	A	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Louis Adam	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Enrique Martinez	E	E
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Ahren Esquenazi	A	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	A	A
Senator- College of Technology	Brianna Mills	E	E
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		