

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes as Recorded

By: Jackson Crawford, Senate Emerging Leader
UC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM
Wednesday February 11th, 2015

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer

I. Opening call of the roll

Completed, 19:40 PM, waited for Media to set up cameras. See attached roster

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

Faculty senate President Dr. Wynne Chin

This is not a one off, plans to attend. Formed resolution in support of Carlucci. General context faculty senate process underway to look at Carlucci, therefore they do not support until audits are completed, they do understand issues, Carlucci has managed a lot of projects, improvements in research/teaching. Faculty senate wants to wait.

Resolution from faculty senate read

Support of Carlucci, found Carlucci to do a lot of good things for the University. Found Carlucci and staff to act with best interests in mind. Only one audit complete, until other three are complete we will not make a judgment against.

Questions

Senator Chowdhury-when will audits be complete

President Haston- 3 weeks

President Haston- why is the faculty senate now coming forward

Faculty president- we ourselves weren't aware of details, when they found out other 3 were not completed before last week. We are dealing with their own issues such as improving teaching, they didn't know a lot before this week. Until we get information, we will continue to support.

Syndey Tanner (Teach for America)

They have jobs to recruit teachers to work in low income communities. Taught 1st grade in Detroit. 80% of new teachers are not education majors. Signing up to advocate for children. Education inequity- poverty affects the chances of success. Program to show kids that you can graduate. What is teach for America- recruits graduates to become a teacher. Starts in classroom, after you go on you can do what you want. Teacher leadership- student leadership- district leadership. Most students that go into the program from Houston stay in Houston. You gain teachers certification and you gain networking. Full salary, full health care, relocation benefits. Federal funded program. 50 different regions. Looking for people with leadership skills. Many successful people have done teach for America. Deadline to apply is March 6th. You can help by help me recruit. Contact information

- II. Students wishing to address the Senate
- III. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate
 - Senator Fields - excited to see people in the audience, a lot of ways to get involved
 - Senator Sanford - Next meeting march 7th, want to get Coog Radio in dining halls, food options to increase
 - Senator Shareef - Barons restaurant opening the 17th
 - Senator Kirchhoff - Nominating tech senator, bonnie sky
 - Senator Chowdhury - basketball game tomorrow
 - Senator Wilke - nominating for class seat, UH Dems tabling for Hillary
 - Senator Bailey - Frontier Fiesta artist release, anyone that wants to do a carnival booth let us know

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

- I. Report of the President

Understands faculty senate position. Current completed audit wasn't because it wasn't started due to completes. SGA brought forward evidence on issues and Carlucci admitted he has seen the memos. Carlucci created a RFP process that was non confirming bid, then can vent works. They cannot handle the size of the stadium, population of Houston, and monetization of stadium. A&F got us stuck with Aramark. This isn't the first time. 5 years SGA has fought. SFC has fought with him, due to high prices and bad food. 2nd most diverse campus and we do not meet the food options. Higher one, contract was ending, students wanted something else. They were delaying refunds to keep money to loan out. FDIC find higher one due to poor banking. Cedric tried to work Carlucci, they try to exhaust us. No confidence vote against higher one. Carlucci had to put out a RFP. Process was rigged. Students wanted Wells Fargo, didn't have hidden fees. Staff voted for higher one. Issue is he has people underneath him that are incompetent, final straw, After RFP approved to raise own fees, by students. Passed with 70%. Stadium was not finished in office, over budget by 23 million. Bonds worked in their favor, they are getting 47 million dollars from bond yields moved it to 58 million. After no confidence vote, last remain money from Hofheinz to basketball practice facility. Would of been ok if they came to SGA. Without students there is no university. Final issue is MOU- Committees to overlook facilities, students can use facilities without fees. Carlucci brought Venuworks on campus not letting us use facilities for free. Shouldn't have to bring media to show problem. University should represent us when going against a contractor. 5th administration to be in this cycle. SGA moved forward for open records. Members of faculty has accused Haston to be a puppet. But this is a student grown initiative.
- II. Report of the Vice President

University Committee Appointments
- III. Report of the Chief of Staff
- IV. Report of the Director of Finance
- V. Report of the Director of Public Affairs
- VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs

Charlotte UH day at the capitol. Training tomorrow. Mandatory if you do not go to training
Community event with Houston food bank. Two new members of external affairs.
- VII. Report of the Attorney General
- VIII. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

Deadline to file is this Friday at 5pm, Student leaders to reach out and get more people to run, more people run better reflects students running. Turn into CSI desk. Office is in CSI office.
- IX. Report of the Speaker

Order of Business changed – motion to move forward to UB 51006 passes. Returns after complete
Next meeting 2/25, candidate Friday by 5pm campaigning starts 6pm, Active committees make sure you attend your meetings. Few more legislations before the end.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs

Grade drop legislation, expanding funding for study abroad scholarships. Charging 1 dollar per credit hour for students. Next meeting Tuesday 7:30

Senator Agho-Otoghile - What is the grade drop?

Senator Kirchhoff - if you retake a class and you get a higher grade, you can petition to have the lower grade not calculated on GPA, will still remain on transcript.

Not as universal only up to 6-8 hours, do any other universities have this policy, the one we have now isn't very good. Yield time to Senator Salinas

Senator Salinas - Revamp core 1101, didn't do much, setting major goals, career explorations, being able to explore multiple majors, improve study skills, how to teach appropriate study skills.
 - b. University Administration & Finance

Thank every one who came out tonight. Regular committee meeting next tuesday at 5:30
 - c. Internal Affairs
 - d. Student Life
- II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 7: Old Business

- I. SGAB-51007 *Attorney General Appointment Amendment* (Pending Committee Review)

Motion passes to remain in committee
- II. Ballot Measure-51001 *Senator Allotment Amendment* (Pending Committee Review)

Motion passes to remain in committee

Clause 8: New Business

- I. Open Nominations to Vacant Senate Seats: *College of Optometry, Graduate College of Social Work, College of Education, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, College of Technology, CLASS College of tech-* Bonnie Scott, Muhammed khan.

Bonnie Scott - Finish term by reaching out to students, encouraging them to vote. involved with engineering sorority, commutes.

Khan- Senator at LSU, Enjoyed time there, wants to replicate what he had accomplished there. Question called, Bonnie Scott confirmed as Senator for Technology

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences - Matt Wiltshire, Jonathan Muer, Dalton Laine

Matt Wiltshire- History major, I have experience with working with diverse group, worked with people that disagree with me, willing to collaborate. Students that are dealing with depression, don't have daily voice. Students don't use it. Get experience in how to help constituents. Part of college republicans, homeland security.

Johnathan Mauer - Sophomore political science, recently transferred from UH Victoria. Love to be the voice. Get them more involved. Way we reach out to students as a whole.

Dalton Laine - Freshman – President of Young Americans for Liberty organization on campus. Many initiatives started outside of SGA - abolish free speech zones on campus. Started no confidence petition. Has listened to student voices. Written a lot for the daily cougar, he is balancing schedules left and right. SVN changing to YouTube like website. SGA is a great platform because of representation. Want to bring student's voice to the SGA. Question is called. Matthew Wiltshire is confirmed as CLASS Senator
- II. Vice-Presidential Appointment of **Lauren Berryhill** to *University Hearing Board*

- Senate confirms appointment.
- III. Vice-Presidential Appointment of **Henry Sturm** to *Library Advisory Committee*
Senate confirms appointment.
- IV. Vice-Presidential Appointment of **David Kazanci** to *Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee*
Senate confirms appointment.
- V. UB-51006 *No Confidence Vote* (Committee Approved)
Amendments or changes/ reading
After reading- Fighting for 5 years, we have no more means of diplomatic relations.
Motion to have a 5 minute moderated caucus.
Senator Motwani- Issues are outlined in legislation. This was a system wide issue.
Brandon. Housing is not accessible, affordable we give them money and they don't spend it correctly, tired of sending money and it being misused.
Senator Magadi- Fee funded organization go to SFAC. Students voted on higher fees and then that money was reallocated to something that students did not vote for.
Fields- This is not taken lightly, they are not representing my best wishes, and they are not representing my constituents

Motion for roll call vote

Motwani - Aye

Magadi - Aye

Fields - Aye

Sanford – Aye

Dixit - Aye

Kadiwala - Aye

Tolat - Aye

Shareef - Aye

Grajales – Aye

Moses – Aye

Esquenazi - Aye

Kirchhoff - Aye

Chowdhury - Aye

Ballands - Aye

Nguyen - Aye

Wilke - Aye

Lutomski - Aye

Garza - Aye

Smith - Aye

Bailey - Aye

Daniel - Aye

Agho-Otoghile - Abstain

Motion Passes

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

- I. Comments and announcements of the officers
- II. Open Forum
- III. Closing call of the roll [See attached Roster](#)

Clause 10: Adjournment

[Meeting adjourned 2235](#)

Position	Name	2/11/2015(Beg)	2/11/2015(End)
Student Body President	Charles Haston	P	P
Student Body Vice President	Erica Tat	P	P
Chief of Staff	Leo Mata	P	P
Director of External Affairs	Charlotte Christian	A	P
Director of Public Relations	Adrian Castillo	P	
Director of Finance	Adil Rajabali	A	A
Attorney General	Clarita Montant	A	A
Speaker of the Senate	Shaun Smith	P	P
Speaker Pro-Tempore	Sebastian Agudelo	N/A	N/A
Sergeant-At-Arms	Sterling Dodd	A	A
Clerk of the Senate	Bruno Ugaz	A	A
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #1	Sebastian Agudelo	A	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #2	Chelsea Moses	A	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #3	Alan Garza	P	P
Senator- Undergraduate At-Large, Seat #4	Hugo Salinas	A	P
Senator- Graduate At-Large, Seat #1	Varun Sreenivas	E	E
Senator- Graduate At-Large, Seat #2	VACANT		
Senator- Hines College of Architecture	Issam Kadiwala	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Sunil Motwani	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	John Fields	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Pooja Magadi	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Vidha Dixit	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	P	P
Senator- The Honors College	Canyon Sanford	P	P
Senator- Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management	Ahmad Shareef	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Matthew Wiltshire	N/A	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Stephanie Bailey	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Will Fischer	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Matthew Ramirez	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Brandon Wilke	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Tatiana Lutomski	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Jessie Smith	P	P
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Clement Agho-Otoghile	A	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Louis Adam	E	E
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	VACANT		
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Ahren Esquenazi	P	P
Senator- College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	VACANT		
Senator- College of Technology	Max Ballands	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Michael Nguyen	P	P
Senator- College of Technology	Bonnie Scott	N/A	P
Senator- UH Law Center	VACANT		
Senator- College of Optometry	VACANT		
Senator- College of Pharmacy	Lauren Nicole Tolat	P	P
Senator- Graduate College of Social Work	VACANT		