

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes as Recorded

By: Bruno Ugaz, Clerk of Senate
UC North Senate Chamber, 7:30 PM
Wednesday September 17th, 2014

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer

I. Opening call of the roll

Called to order 1936

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

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

No Changes

Clause 4: Special Reports

I. University Representatives wishing to address the senate

Dr. Jaime Ortiz – Vice Provost for Global Strategies and Studies -- jortiz22@uh.edu

- Presentation on Learning Abroad opportunities and international centered student fees.
- UH only sends 1% abroad, which is considerably much smaller than other Tier-one universities
- Proposed changing International Studies Fee from \$1 per class to \$1 per credit hour.

Sigma Kappa – Gabriela Rodiles Leadership Consultant - grodiles@sigmakappa.org

- Trying to establish a new charter on campus, first PanHellenic Organization in decades.

II. Students wishing to address the Senate

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

Sen. Will Fischer

- Late night food truck options available (FSAC)

Sen Louis Adams

- Request SL members to stay after meeting

Sen. Clement Agho-Otoghile

- rededicate ourselves to our original mission, would like to make a charge to remember the mission to represent the students.

Sen. James Lee

- Minor adjustments to election bill

Sen. Nestor Garcia

- Living on campus now

Sen. Nelson Raymond-Grajales

- Encouraging engineering college to continue to Cougar Paw meetings – where student orgs meet with the dean each month

Sen. Clint Kirchhoff

- Promoting SGA at Thermodynamics course (one of largest engineering courses)

Sen Enrique Martinez

- Working with college deans to make signs in college entrances to better direct foot traffic

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

I. Report of the President

Semester has continued to be busy. Encouraging everyone to attend the tailgate. The election reform bill needs to be a single measure, not piecemeal. Will not sign something that is a half-measure. Appointments tonight are for FY15, as well as Attorney General and Dir. Of Finance.

II. Report of the Vice President

- Committee appointments have been interviewed by herself, glad to present involved students.
- III. Report of the Chief of Staff
9/11 event was successful, appreciative of volunteers. Added Ryan Smith as Deputy Chief of Staff. Emerging Leaders deadline is over, working on accepting applications. Sen. Marcus Pourreau will be leading tailgate with CoS.
 - IV. Report of the Director of Finance
 - V. Report of the Director of Public Affairs
New Associate Directors of PR – Skyler and Christian. 8 A-Frames are missing, continue to look around campus for them.
 - VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs
Coogs vote campaign is in effect, registering voters on campus and getting prepared for election.
 - VII. Report of the Attorney General
 - VIII. Report of the Speaker
Please respect speakers while they are presenting. This is what we are elected to do, represent the students and learn about our university's initiatives.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs
Meeting last Tuesday, discussed a lot regarding grading policy, admissions, and grade forgiveness.
 - b. University Administration & Finance
Worked on SFAC cap increase. Appreciative of everyone's input and support. Open for joining.
 - c. Internal Affairs
Wants recommendations and support for election code reform bills. Will find a physical meeting date and time that is convenient.
 - d. Student Life
Meeting time was not conducive last week as there was UH football game televised. Will find a better time in the future.
Looking forward to working with greek life for greek week.
- II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 7: Unfinished Business

- I. SGAB-51003 *Election Reform and Transparency Act* (Pending Committee Review)
Motion to move back to IA committee passes.

Clause 8: New Business

- I. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Isys Rebecca de Melo Baltazar** to International Student Advisory Committee
Confirmed by Senate to International Student Advisory Committee.
- II. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Khanh Ton** and **Yasz Shaikh** to Health Center Policy Board
Both confirmed by Senate to Health Center Policy Board.
- III. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Stephen Cunningham** and **Zainab Siddiqui** to Activities Funding Board
Both confirmed by Senate to Activities Funding Board
- IV. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Clement Agho-Otoghile** to Student Media Advisory Council
Confirmed by Senate to Student Media Advisory Council
- V. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Colleen Serafica** and **Canyon Sanford** to Food Services Advisory Committee

- Both confirmed by Senate to Food Services Advisory Committee
- VI. Presidential Appointment of **Clarita Montant** to Attorney General
Confirmed by Senate to Attorney General
- VII. Presidential Appointment of **Nathan Alsbrooks, Pooja Magadi, Sunil Motwani, Rex Mann,** and **Lauren Potter** to Student Fees Advisory Committee
All confirmed by Senate to Student Fees Advisory Committee
- VIII. Vice Presidential Appointment of **Diana Nguyen** to Counseling and Psychological Services Committee
Confirmed by Senate to Counseling Psychological Services Committee
- IX. Presidential Appointment of **Adil Rajabali** to Director of Finance
Confirmed by Senate to Director of Finance
- X. SGAB-51005 *Student Fee Cap Increase*
Introduction:
Not raising student fees, just raising cap. Currently a \$250 cap on student fees, this measure will allow increases up to \$270. SFAC may recommend and the UH Board of Regents may approve up to a 10% increase in student fees. This cap will allow them to increase no more than \$20 for the next Fiscal Year. UH is growing and the need for more student services is present. The last time this issue was reviewed was 5 years ago, when the cap was increased to \$250.
Motion to 15 minute moderated caucus.
Called to Question – Passed.
- XI. SGAR-51004 *Writing Center Transparency*
Sent to Academic Affairs Committee.

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

- I. Comments and announcements of the officers
- II. Open Forum
- III. Closing call of the roll

Clause 10: Adjournment
Meeting adjourned 2238

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EXECUTIVE BRANCH			
Student Body President	Charles Haston	P	P
Student Body Vice President	Erica Tat	A	P
Chief of Staff	Leo Mata	P	P
Director of External Affairs	Marcus Smith	A	A
Director of Public Relations	Adrian Castillo	P	P
Director of Finance	Adil Rajabali	N/A	P
Attorney General	Clarita Montant	N/A	P
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	P	P
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	P
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	P	P
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	A	A
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Marcus Pourreau	P	P
Senator- Bauer College of Business	Pooja Magadi	P	P
Senator- College of Education	Geordie Daniel	P	P
Senator- College of Education	Vacant		
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Tanzeem Chowdhury	P	E
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Clint Kirchhoff	P	P
Senator- Cullen College of Engineering	Nelson Raymond	P	P
Senator- The Honors College	Canyon Sanford	P	P
Senator- Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management	Ashley Davis-Nelson	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Sarah Aimad	P	P
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	E	E
Senator- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	James Lee	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	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	P
Senator- College of Technology	Brianna Mills	P	P
Senator- UH Law Center	Sepi Zimmer	P	P
Senator- College of Optometry	VACANT		
Senator- College of Pharmacy	Lauren Nicole Tolat	P	P
Senator- Graduate College of Social Work	VACANT		
JUDICIAL BRANCH (SENATE)			
Chief Justice	Angela Kao	P	P
Associate Justice	Krystal DeLatte	P	P
Associate Justice	Mariah Berry	A	A
Associate Justice	Aditya Patel	P	P