

Meeting

Wednesday, August 31, 2016
7:10 PM

Clause 1: Call to Order by the presiding officer

Opening call of roll
Attendance attached

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

Finished at 7:

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

Motion to Table
2 against
None abstaining

Clause 4: Special Reports

I. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate

- a. Smart Coogs
 - i. Ezmeralda
 - 1. We have been on campus for 2 years, we are going on the 3rd year. We got funded again. SAMSO funding. Under the graduate college of social work
 - 2. We provide free HIV/mental health/substance abuse screening.
 - 3. We are trying to get as many students as possible to access our services. We are here so you hear about us. We want to collaborate with the Student Government Association in whatever capacity we can. We have this idea of having a campaign around campus, grab student leaders, and go through the testing process. Be outspoken and open about getting tested, and telling your peers about what it felt like going through it. We are telling them so we can get them access to health and students can take charge of sexual health. Located in the Wellness Center.
 - 4. We are here Monday -Friday 9-5. We take walk in but prefer appointments bc we're all over campus.
 - 5. Door Hangers - safe sex messages
 - 6. Brochure
 - ii. Walk through of services
 - 1. Its casual and not serious. Oral swab or fingerprint. Oral swab, put it in vial, and wait 20 minutes for results. We will do your assessments. Substance use assessments. High risk or low risk with sex. We will give you your results, once that's done, we will refer you to any services you want or think you may need. We can give you on or off campus. That is the complete process. You are in and out.
 - 2. Trying to make this a permanent program and successful
- iii. Cindy Question: Only HIV?
 - 1. Smart Coogs: yes
- iv. Cindy suggestion: You could do a video of student leaders
 - 1. Smart Coogs: Great idea

- v. Cory: Other than Biological data, anything else?
 - 1. Mental health, substance abuse, and STD/HIV risk- it's going to SAMHA, the PI's are using this data to create journal articles. Analyzing it and information at this
- vi. Cory: What is the total time?
 - 1. High risk, then we will go more in depth. However, if not, then it's short. Case by case. Up to 45, as little as 20min
- vii. Who does the questioning?
 - 1. We do!
- b. Metro
 - i. Members of the exec and senate have done work in July. Some of the stuff we are doing people didn't know about. You can get a 50% discount on a Q card!! We are gonna be on campus- discover METRO day. Game day- sept 15th- back again oct 20th and again nov 17th. Working with marketing folks to get the word out.
 - ii. Sean Caigan regarding safety- thanks for having us here. WE seek every opportunity to bring safety to the rail. Introduction- Anthony, Safety Management- rail safety, Mohammed, Director of risk management. Allen- 28 years in military, came to METRO, and always UH sign at White House, Russia, China. UH fan. Rail safety education- we used social media and youtube commercial. Right here today and made an illegal left turn
 - iii. Played video
 - iv. Don't do this, don't do that. Real life stuff. Incident with UH students that didn't turn out well. Headphones are the issues. Walking down, not paying attention.
 - v. Mohammed- safety side- instead of talking. This video captures everything I need to talk to you about.
 - vi. Played Video
 - vii. A lot of Community Outreach- getting the word out, There is a signal there which means the train will get a stop red, activate within 10 seconds, train will receive red stop. What we did after event, we implemented a mandatory audio sound. It's just noise, blowing the horn, it's noise pollution. If YOU DON'T USE IT, AS LONG AS YOU LOOK BOTH WAYS. Make sure you look and listen
 - viii. Will: Where are these buttons you speak of on the red line?
 - 1. Not where will boards the red line, its only in the north areas.
 - ix. Shows clips of cringe-worthy damages of UH students and cars
 - x. Cindy: Do you speak at orientation for the freshmen?
 - 1. No, but we do have community outreach
 - 2. Public Affaris team been to a lot of orientations about other subjects. He worked Rail Safety exhaustively. The reality is that it is a new group of students.
 - 3. Yes, we will, if invited we will go.
 - xi. Middle school and colleges so that material is different. Elementary is different from college students.
 - xii. Omar: Task Force- New Student Orientation. Ambassador that represents metro, im sure it would make it easier.
 - xiii. David: More Safety Installations? Additional fences?
 - 1. We have videos of students climbing the fences. We are dealing with it and dealing with it your campus life. You have to remember it's not contest, do the right thing.
 - xiv. Kayla: 5 year plans, 10 year plans, suggestion for the future- Creating a bridge above it - legally allowed?

1. Fence don't wanna walk around, bridge is gonna be climbing up on it.
 2. They don't care about transit, where we want to do so many great things and then people who aren't pro transit. Also, engineering.
- xv. Laurel: COAST program, student discount program: do they work jointly?
1. COAST will be speaking shortly about that
 2. Emergency platform and METRO police. Cameras on you. Any situation-platform.
- xvi. Karen D. Marshall from Metropolitan Transit Authority (BC Info)
1. Director, Client Services
 2. Customer and Ridership Services
 3. Karen.marshall@ridemetro.org
 4. www.ridemetro.org
 5. 713.739.4980
- xvii. Sean Cagan

III. Coast

- a. Lighting and Lots have been fixed. This winter we will finish 8a and 9b
- b. ERP expansion: this is a temporary lot- we added 1000 spaces, Thursday night game days, construction on our next garage, sometime next year. Get it thru the next 2 years.
- c. Economy permit- student and faculty lots are available to 4pm. 5:05 and making it to a 5:30 class. It will better accomodate that. Garages are 4pm
- d. Shift in economy- oversale ratios- we put in a cap. Less parking availability, but about we can't use it. We lowered oversell- the first couple days was a bit larger than we thought. Can't park in economy, it throws off our oversell. We have stuednts sitting empty. Does this include ERP?
- e. Moving back to green space 20a16e= translated to speeches
- f. Shuttle Routes- campus loop was discontinued- 700,000 dollars to carry that person around. Read our blog. Student feedback said stop it. Bingo. We split outer loop up. Bayou Oaks, there is no better way to route that, frequency will stop so low. We will watch ridership and feedback. We can see if we can reinvent the wheel.
- g. COAST- We launched COAST, we reached a point where garages are getting too expensive. What if we paid people to not driving to campus. We have several components, METRO subsidies. 27.50 a month- discounted card 5 days a week, round trip and never pay a penny . Local Riders. Carpool program. We put you in a faculty staff lot or garage. Faculty staff were not 100% utilized
- h. We are at 641 students. Faculty staff- our goal of the year- pilot program we are at 195. Carpools, we didn't set a goal, we set a goal for number of members. Carpools might not be popular. I thought they would be popular. We have 94 carpools with 274 members. 1.6 in all student lots. 900 Students in COAST program. It's the equivalent of lot 4a. We have moved enough ppl out of parking to equate to lot 4a with 574 spaces. I am shocked at how fast of how its going. Orietnations this year we had students lining up saying they would ride the bus.
- i. Not part of the COAST program, but discounted Q cards. 57% picked up their student Q card.
- j. Will - limit to amount of students that can do metro card? No! 3,000 people signed up actually saves one garage.

- k. How many students that picked up a metro card also drive? 154 out of 641 are first time freshman. Very many grad students and many international students. 163 students that joined did have a permit (20% of total enrolment). Targeted toward freshmen. It was gonna take 4 years to implement this change. Through our own communication have already came to seek it out.
- l. Shane: Do we have statistics of students purchasing parking?
 - i. We are down on economy, we are capped at 800,
- m. Alejandro: Thank you for coming. Congratulations on the huge accomplishment. I wanted to ask an update on the app ya'll were developing. What is the update?
 - i. We did our RFP, we did one program that fit, it was the one I wanted, not gonna say who yet, we are working with IT to make sure their IT and our IT shake hands and get along. Soft launch around thansgiving. Time to try out my ability to say I'm going to Dallas, who else is going to Dallas? Full launch spring semester. It will be good timing for next years permit sell
 - ii. The trick to it is that you have to put in your schedule. We can see that kim wants to carpool with me, its like an online dating app. No match unless there already is one.
- n. Hina: That 2600 number, that many Q cards out, it would be really cool that we can have an event at the dorms. We take students on the rail and show them restaurants and places you could get to by the rail.
 - i. We are open to everything and anything. I've been doing this for 6 years. The level of cooperation I am experiencing is unlike any years. 25 orientations and they exhaust you and METRO was there for EVERY single one of them. METRO meetings are much more frequent. What we feel today moving forward, we are not seeing before.
- o. Will: I don't drive, I am a huge fan of Uber, 10 dollar max bc its 5 bucks to get to walmart or round trip would be about 10 or 10.50.
 - i. When uber wasn't popular they came to us. We began talking internally about Uber. Can we incorporate Uber? Im not saying we will do it but we are looking into it

IV. Dean Hamilton

- a. I'll be as brief as I can, approximately 27 minutes. That is the worst rendering of the alma mater I've ever heard. I was here April to talk about advising. College of Natural Science and Mathematics. We were gonna do a self study. We followed their recommendation. Their recommendation, there was a lot. I will say we got a lot of help from the NSM student ambassador team. And KAYLA!! We are pretty serious about it.
 - i. Shows charts and graphs
- b. We provide help for ourselves. Things in advising is picking up. If you came to get your major changes, which approximately our ppl do. There is a form generated to advising. It's 2 signatures, and then a lot of signatures. You fill out the form, we sign all the forms and we are done. You go to NSM advising, your major will be changed by the end of the day.
- c. By october 15, we will have doubled the demand. Huge turnover
- d. Good news- streamlining processes, Taking a look of processes and demands. We don't get complaints about quality. Students encounter barriers with face to face advisin

- e. Paul: You terminated head of advisor director- you are looking for a new one. What are you looking for a new advisor?
 - i. Looking for someone better.
 - ii. Just joking. The former director was only 50% time director until just a year and a half ago which was made 75% and it was a faculty title. The difference this time, following the recommendations and also somethings we already thought, we will be hiring someone with a full time job as a director. Must have at least 5 years of demonstrated success with an office like that.
- f. Paul: What precautions are you taking that this person stays here?
 - i. I can't tell you the truth about that. The most harmless lie: the personnel situation hasn't been good, so we are undertaking cultural change, about how people are treated. We are doing our best to telegraph that we care and invest in them the way we haven't in the past. The dean's office is not blameless in all of this. It's something about our industry where often the people who do a lot of important work don't get the respect they deserve. They are working on the warning system
- g. Hunter: After the 4 new advisors that have been added?
 - i. They will be better. Um, right now, I could send you the exact number. Its not a great ratio. There's a deeper question than they are asking. We will not be approaching that. I think the model doesn't work , I think face to face advising, 30 minute appointments will never work. We never will have the kind of money to get those ratios where they are. What we are doing is we are trying to get a lot smarter with these appointments. EVENING ADVISING, Saturday advising, need to get into a course and you can't see an advisor. What we are trying to do is spread that workload over the semester.
- h. We hired six student workers- those people are talking to you about grades and access to student information. College of education to come thru and talk. We can have more of them. You don't need to know what happens behind the scene. Give it to someone who work here. I don't like it because students are terrible about it. We need to stare our own problems in the face for a minute. That new director will be here. Send suggestions to Dean
- V. Lee Arnold- UH alum- work with Houston Academy for International Studies. Some of you drop by it everyday. We are a high school that is a magnet program. One of the things is AVID, one of the things we are trying to do is find students at a college level to serve as mentors or tutors at high school levels. You have a nice new chamber, I do want to let you know I have a point of contact. What we would need from you, and an organization that might be willing to participate
 - a. Any student must be in good standing
 - b. Must be currently enrolled in the University
 - c. If you are interested, they will go through a process of phone interviews with our AVID coordinator- whitney casey
 - d. Once you completed those, you will go through our BIP system- background check
 - e. After that, you will go through a training process that lasts roughly 20 hours
 - f. Mandarin Chinese, and core classes. The time, our opportunities for coming into tutor are Tuesday and Thursday from 10:55am-12:20 in the afternoon. If there are any opportunities for this paid, but we have volunteer hours available. We have some flyers, I will leave these with ya'll.

II. Students wishing to address the Senate

a. Edwin:

- i. Hey, very end too quickly, whole house is back. So, um my grades came in, I didn't do so hot, so I had to step down. I have spoken with Shane. I will step in and give advice.
- ii. Weeks of Welcome was great. Who came to the Mayor's back to school. Who came to the Day of service volunteering. Who came to the service night? Alright, so it's there. SGA would really should volunteer. Seeing the entire executive board of SPB, CSM, and disappointed to not see ya'll out there. I have class 2-7pm, Saturdays we are all good, get out of there
- iii. I know you are going out for speaker, nothing personal, but at the end of the day this is my advice. Doesn't matter what picture goes up there. You have 7 months left in your term, so I know there is stuff that happened, put that aside, and I believe in each and every one of you and can't wait to see what you do.

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

- a. Hunter- pass
- b. Will- Last section of the CPAS and I will find out in a couple of weeks
- c. Shannon- university is in a law suit w/ South Texas College of Law. The decision is supposed to come down sometime next week
- d. David- for those who haven't seen the email, requesting QEP proposal, the next big thing when the university should take on. "PROVOST EMAIL READING*October 1st
- e. Efe- pass
- f. Rizwan- hello everyone, I'm excited to be back
- g. Hejal- so over the summer, I conducted a survey of COE students. Got good feedback with dean. If you are planning on doing the survey, and go to associate dean first. They sent it to entire list serve. 80 responses which is pretty good. If you want to teach in high school you have to minor in education. There is a student advisory board in the COE.
- h. Kayla- we had a bunch of ppl RSVP, it was 300 ppl show up, it was raining, free swag free tshirt
- i. Alex- pass
- j. Ayo- pass
- k. Hina- Honors Governing Board in place- I met with the president of the HGB, and we are working to get more voices. They have the meeting this Friday. Robert and I are revamping Emerging Leaders Intern. Let them know that emerging leaders internship is new. They will serve in committees mid september
- l. Tala- excited to be back
- m. Julian- pass
- n. Chris- pass
- o. Lucien- how many grad students rn? Not a lot, bc we don't have a lot of students. Right now, I am meeting with dean of grad. We are trying to see how we can improve involvement of grad students. That is the one thing that I am working on. We are gonna get some proposals.
- p. Laurel- David and I are creating an engineering minors. Only 3 in the COE engineering right now. We are just planning it and seeing what core classes would be good for each minor
- q. Kim- NSM block party was a success, I spoke with Dr. Hamilton regarding NSM advising, collaboration with ClassCoogs regarding peer assistant advising. I am still on the housing committee regarding the times.
- r. Efe- pass
- s. Cindy- pass

- t. Anthony- pAss
- u. David- Pass
- v. Sean- Pass
- w. Alejandro- Bauer undergrad dean got awarded a 50,000 dollar grant to promote financial education on campus. They are looking for feedback from bauer senators to see how we can improve financial engagement. Hina, Winni and I worked on METRO, ongoing streamline of communication.
- x. Omar- pass
- y. Chris- pass
- z. Fahad- First, Shane is working on a charter, we are sitting with Associate dean of students along with Naya Blare, along side utliple ethnic organizations, MSA, BSU and opening it up to every body. Try and put on events to create more cultural understanding and diversity. Any senators that are willing to join and help this conversation are more than welcome to talk to me. Current ppl: evan, alex, jordyn, Winni. VP Sethi and I started working on a SGA bill, working to create one on cultural diversity and SGA members to go through certain trainings. We are more than welcome to everybody who wants to join, its next Wednesday at 1pm. You're more than welcome to come. We aren't mandating anyone. We are recommending different things. Bauer is doing rush week, swing by melcher. 9 or 10 and they stay till 3pm.
- aa. Adrian- pass
- bb. Cory- college of tech- mixer/resource fair. 4 technology students to get engaged and plugged in. A lot are commuters. I have done some investigating. CIS students have gone throuhg a rough patch. Exploring cybersecurity club- MIT conference. Competition between schools where they hack each other Coog TV- the Cabinent, pretty lit. It's basically to help exposure with SGA and increase relatibility
- cc. Leen- PAD initiative. I am working with Phillip to start a mentorship program in CLASS. Engineering, Kayla and Diego to

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

I. President

- a. Interview for CLASS Senate and SFAC stuff. If anyone is interested in weighing in on the final candidates, let me know.
- b. I have decided we will do a lot of task forces, best way to engage in collaborative efforts. Some of the senate has been issues realted to orientation- do one for that. Probably do one for a couple of other topics. We will be talking about what those topics will be. Speak to the head or president to be a part of that.
- c. David- QEP committee- reviews proposals on that committee. The Townhalls, they will be in here. Specifically, one of them is at a time when everyone could attend. Wednesday at 6:45 next week at this time. Let's hear what they have to say. Porposal WRITING AND more resources for them. It is super important and sounds dry and the academic future of the universiy is super important. We don't have to argue the total amount- budget bill- we have a draft of the cateogries. It will go to A&F after I read it and it will be voted on next senate meeting. Read that tonight. If you have immediate questions, you can ask me about it. We have two weeks to go throuhg A&F

II. Vice President

- a. I'm having a lot of interviews for committees, they are all one year terms. They are all open right now. Encourage your friends to apply to them. I emailed all the freshmen, and people

who signed up at cats back, they are pouring in. Tanzeem filled a great precedent by filling them all. That's pretty much it for me

III. Chief of Staff

- a. 10 ppl for SFAC, but we have more applicants. We have 23 applicants for the CLASS seat. We are getting a lot of interest for these positions. We just have more interviews to do . We can bring in some quality ppl in. Emerging leaders is already on get involved, freshmen or sophomore should be encouraged. Aarmark deliverables we'll be checking up on

IV. Director of Public Relations

- a. New pens and post it notes
- b. Senator spotlights- I think it's a really good idea. Our photographer will be confirmed by ya'll. He will take photos of ya'll, we will do senator spotlights and have a little bio.
- c. I want to do more facebook lives. Have students hear what you want to say.
- d. Cory mentioned the Cabinenet, if you have any ideas let me know
- e. If you guys have any committee meetings or announcements - you can send it directly to the SGA fb page and I will schedule the posts for you.
- f. Shirts, Jackets Polos are ordered
- g. Padfolios are coming tmrw!! :)
- h. If I do not have a headshot of you, I can't do it today after the meeting, but sometime this week or next week
- i. Press release- let me know about anything you need put on there.
- j. Committee deadlines for the students is sept 9th and you can do it through get involved.

V. Director of External Affairs

- a. A lot going on, registration is nonpartisan. We are having a large voter registration event and register as many students as possible. Reached out to several clubs to get volunteers. If you are a {} come out.
- b. Met with department of education, helped how we can help community, opposing UT expansion, mental health in our community, the cost of college and summer job programs. If you want more info, lmk
- c. We will have an end the stigma event. First week of October. Partnering with CSI with debate parties. Get out the vote november 1st, MVP to get us some volunteer opportunities to get us out in the community.

VI. Attorney General

- a. Legal aid office project. Recently spoken to keith, shane and Robert about it. Stanford, michigan, minnesota, They have reached out minnesota and sawashington have reached out. We are in the research part of it, talk to me afterwards

VII. Speaker - pass

VIII. Chief Justice

- a. Move my report to right before open forum, after closing remarks. As long as there is a motion. If there are any and all question of the speaker election and the legality of that.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

- a. Committee goal: advising but looks different for each college/department
- b. Individual goals as well - upcoming meeting on Wednesday at 7:30
- c. Will make google drive public to students
- d. Create a member bio so students can reach out with questions

II. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

- a. Main projects: COAST and METRO
 - b. Tuesday at 7pm are tentative meetings - need availability from senators to make it permanent
- III. **Report of the Internal Affairs Committee**
 - a. Haven't done very much since last report
 - b. Still working on bylaws
- IV. **Report of the Student Life Committee**
 - a. Not many updates since last meeting
 - b. Next meeting: Wednesday at 7pm

Clause 7: Unfinished Business

Clause 8: New Business

- I. **New Appointment for SGA Photographer- Iker Rodriguez**
 - a. A lot of new faces and new pictures. So, um, I applied to this job particularly because I am majoring in architecture, I am interested in applying the tools of photography to architecture, and sort of I guess working on the certain skills you use in the different ways. That is mainly why I applied. I want to get more involved in Student Government. Cuz a lot of ppl don't know how to spell my name. If I forget your name, I am concentrating on teaching you how to spell it.
 - b. Hunter: What year in architecture? First year
 - c. Paul: What is the secret to get the best side of the people you are shooting? To be Honest, I am not a professional photographer, I just got into this. I am getting mentorship from my dad, super good photographer, You just have to get the right angle.
 - d. Alejandro: are you supposed to edit? Idk
 - e. Fahad: What you may have learned there that has and can be applied here? From my photography and are so many moments you can capture. That is very cliché, but it's true. A lot of these experiences you live and see through them in photos. Wow, I look good. I look at other people, he definitely captured the moment. I want you guys to look at these photos, not only say damn I look good, and remember the professionalism that is in this place.
 - f. Diego: Are you trying to get involved in SGA. So far, SGA is the biggest one. If I find another one, its cool.
 - g. CHRIS: motion to move to previous question
 - i. Pass
 - h. Alejandro: motion to move to voting procedures
 - i. Pass
 - i. All those in favor of appointing Iker Rodriguez, raise your hand high?
 - i. 32 APPROVED
 - ii. 0 negate
 - iii. 0 abstaining
- II. **New Appointment for Associate Justice- Timothy Sullivan**
 - a. Law student here, shannon intro'd me
 - b. Gratvol, have you looked at SGA constitution. Pick my brain and see how I would make decisions

- c. Delores: Why AJ? I think it's most closely related to what I want to do. Important to accountability. Whether frat or org, accountability is a big thing. Solving problems as well, supreme court kinda handles.
- d. Pre-undergrad and were you involved? UTD, and in SGA, legislative fairs chair. I was election board chair. That was the most eventful thing regarding people who hated each other.
- e. Gratvol: If there are monthly meetings for judicial branch, would you be able to attend
- f. Terry: Can you give a brief history of your military background? Paralegal, Civil Affairs, First group stuff
- g. Motion for Pro Con deliberation
 - i. Doesn't pass
- h. Motion to previous question:
 - i. Pass
- i. All those in favor of appointing Timothy Sullivan
 - i. For: 30
 - ii. Against: 0
 - iii. Abstention: 2

III. Bill called Bylaw Amendment on Selection of Appointees

- a. Yeild to author of this bill- Fahad- withdrawing this until next meeting. Motion to move back to IA. There are 12 different bylaws being updated including certain appointments. Last meeting where final edits happened, I wasn't there so it was senator sanderson. I was out due to personal family things. We had an incorrect bill sent today. The next meeting the correct bill will be submitted. This will be discussed in the next bill. When I reread it it was unconstitutional anyways. This was an old edit, so there was a change to something in there. Next meeting, there will be a proper resubmission of this.
- b. Motion to go back to IA, there is no bill so we can't do that. The bill was withdrawn. JK SYKE!

MOTION to add SGA budget bill to add it to the agenda, last agenda item

Lucien: point of information: can he make a motion?

Shane: yes

Approved:

Negate:

Abstain:

IV. SGA Speaker elections

Motion: 4 minute speaking time, no question limit.

Approved: 17

Against: 8

Abstaining: 3

Leen nominated fahad and omar, omar nominated, david is nominating johnson and kyle, alejandra nominated winni

A. Fahad Rehan

- i. Rishabh: You can't come in drunk or high, because the senate doesn't enforce it.
- ii. Create subcommittees- That's a major issues, drunk or high is unprofessional and not being enforced.
Motion to move onto next candidate
4 against

0 abstaining

Motion for a recess

- A. 11 for
 - B. 13 against
 - C. 4 abstained
- Failed

B. Paul O'Brien

C. Omar Jamal

i. Motion to end questions

1. Passed

2. E

E. Motion for a moderated caucus

i. Against : 4

ii. Abstain: 2

F. Extend

i. Against: 8

ii. Abstain: 2

G. Motion for a straw poll

i. Doesn't pass

H. Motion to move to previous question

i. For: 19

ii. Against: 4

iii. ABSTENTION: 4

Voting procedure

Motion for roll call vote

Approved 12

FAILS

Paper ballot vote- redo , you can't abstain

Paul	Fahad	Omar
13	8	8

Motion for a run off vote

For: 17
Against: 7

Omar	Fahad
17	7