

# Student Government Meeting Minutes

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

*Main motion; All for*

## Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Estifanos, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Pen, Senator Mehra, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator LaCourt, Senator Birhiray, Senator Berger, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Lamonte, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Chang, Senator Marvel, Senator Bryan, Senator Lorine, Senator Akhtar, Senator White, Senator Pedro, Senator Vicklund

## Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

## Clause 3: Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Minutes from September 26th, 2018

*Motion to approve the Minutes; All for*

## Clause 4: Special Reports

### **II. Students wishing to address the Senate**

*Adrian Garcia*

- Running for County Commissioner for District 2
- Focused on Education Plan
- Has a Flood Protection Plan
- Looking for more funding

### **III. Two-minute speeches by the members of the Senate**

Senator Estifanos: Pharmacy Extravaganza is tomorrow

Senator Mehra: Please fill out the election survey

## Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

### **I. Report of the President**

Student Regent applications are still open. Efforts towards homeless students relief and a Food Pantry are continuing.

### **II. Report of the Speaker**

Class Graduate Career Fair will have post event meetings. Continuing work to create campus wide mentorship programs using Alumni and Student led mentorships.

### **III. Report of the Attorney General**

National Voter Registration Day was successful.

### **IV. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner**

Still looking for another Assistant Election Commissioner, which is a paid position.

## **V. Report of the Chief of Staff**

Emerging Leaders office hours started this week. Green fund is being worked on.

## **VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs**

National Voter Registration Day event was successful with over 400 voters registered. About 750 totals voters have been registered.

## **VII. Report of the Director of Public Relations**

Expanding Department of Public Relations. Looking for Assistant Directors. Help SGA on social media by participating.

## **VIII. Report of the Director of Outreach**

Department is having bi-weekly meetings. Looking into why organizations cannot use some resources if they are not part of a certain major/college.

# **Clause 6: Committee Reports**

## **I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee**

- Dead days proposal is progressing

## **II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee**

- Working on new election days
- Fill out survey

## **III. Report of the Student Life Committee**

- Working on Haunted Forest

## **IV. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee**

- Working on increasing Greek Life Presence
- Looking into Commuter meal plan
- Working on replacing plastic straws

*Motion to add "The Walk in the Dark (UB-55016)" to the Agenda after Transgender Inclusion Act;;; Motion Passes*

# **Clause 8: New Business**

## **I. "The Solution to Proxies Act"; SGAB-55008 (First Read)**

- Limits Proxies to one per person during normal Senate meetings
- Limits Proxies to two per person during Special Sessions
- Prohibits Executive Members from accepting proxies

*Motion to send back to Internal Affairs Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes*

## **II. "The Transferal of Clerking Duties Act"; SGAB-55009 (First Read)**

- Removes Clerk Position
- Transfers Clerking Duties to Legislative Chief of Staff

*Motion to send back to Internal Affairs Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes*

## **III. "The Transgender Inclusion Act"; UB-55013 (Second Read)**

- Written in collaboration with representative from LGBTQ Center
- Written in support of transgender students

*Motion to send back to Administration and Finance Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes*

**IV. “The Walk in the Dark Act”; UB-55016 (Vote)**

- Walk in the Dark events will happen in both the Fall and Spring Semesters
- These events will be in collaboration with UHPD

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

**V. ““Support for the Texas Central Railway”; SGAR-55007 (Vote)**

- Shows SGA Texas Central America's Bullet Train
- Did not pass some committees
- Will make transport faster
- Concern over whether this represents students' interests

*Motion to extend Q&A by three minutes;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion for five minutes of Moderated Caucus with thirty seconds speaking time;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to extend speaking to one minute;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to extend Moderated Caucus by two minutes with thirty seconds speaking time;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Resolution Fails*

**VI. “The Styrofoam-Free National Dining Franchises Act”; UB-55014 (Vote)**

- Puts to paper the University's commitment to keeping national dining franchises Styrofoam-free
- On-campus national dining franchises will use recyclable alternatives when possible, and as long as price increases remain minimal

*Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

**VII. “The Coogs Vote Act”; UB-55013 (Vote)**

- Buses will be provided for voters to bring them to Voting Center
- Buses will depart from Student Center South
- Buses will be provided by auxiliary services

*Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

**Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

**I. Comments and Announcements from Officers**

*Senator Lorine*

- A donation fund has been set up for SGA

*Senator Bryan*

- A meeting between all Senate Committee Chairs is taking place. Inform your chairs if you want them to discuss an initiative you're working on

### III. Closing Call of the Roll

- *Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator White, Senator Lamonte*

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## Roll Call Votes

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### **“The Walk in the Dark Act”; UB-55016::: VOTING RESULTS**

**FOR:** 24

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 1

**FOR:** *Senator Mehra, , Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang*

**AGAINST:** *None*

**ABSTAIN:** *Senator Adkison*

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### **“Support for the Texas Central Railway”; SGAR-55007::: VOTING RESULTS**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**FOR:** *Senator Birhiray, Senator Adkison, Senator Akhtar, Senator Bryan, Senator White*

**AGAINST:** *Senator Mehra, , Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang*

**ABSTAIN:** *Senator LaCourt*

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## **“The Coogs Vote Act” UB-55013::: VOTING RESULTS**

**FOR:** 25

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**FOR:** Senator Mehra, , Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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## **“The Styrofoam-Free National Dining Franchises Act”; UB-55014::: VOTING RESULTS**

**FOR:** 25

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**FOR:** Senator Mehra, , Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None