

Student Government Meeting Minutes

October 31st, 2018

Main motion; All for

Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Jeffrey, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Economon

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

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

- Minutes from October 17th, 2018

Motion to approve the Minutes; All for

Clause 4: Special Reports

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

Senator Pen: Haunted Forest was a success

Senator Chang: In the process of contacting Orientation

Motion for five minute recess; Motion Passes

IV. Emerging Leaders Speeches

David Nguyen: Stereotypes are easy to say but difficult to get rid of. However, we it is important that we work to get rid of them

Melanie Louch: Interested in going into Public Administration, which is not offered at UH for undergrad despite being offered at many other schools. Public Administration is important in Houston because of how diverse the city is.

Julian Chang: Experienced in dealing with people. Developed this interest from working in daycare and resolving conflicts between children.

Sofia Sutterby: October is national coming out month. UH has been a huge part of my life and has helped me grow find inspiration and people to connect with.

Motion to add Election Code Amendment: Pre-Campaigning (SGAB-55014) to the Agenda;;; Motion Passes

Motion to add Response to Anti-Semitism and Religious Student Harassment Resolution (SGAR-55009) to the Agenda;;; Motion Passes

Motion to add Final Examination Policy Bill (UB-55017) to the Agenda;;; Motion Passes

Motion to add The Solution to Proxies Act (SGAB-55008) to the Agenda;;; Motion Passes

Motion to add The Election Day Reform Act (SGAB-55010) to the Agenda;;; Motion Passes

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Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

I. Report of the President

Pens and phone backs are coming in. T-shirts are also on their way. Student regent applications are still open. Haunted Forest was successful. Busing event brought over 600 students to the polls during early voting. Two more buses will be offered Friday. Working on Student Homelessness and Hunger initiatives.

II. Report of the Vice President

Looking for one more cougar pack employee. Working on new signage to report sexual harassment in the library

III. Report of the Speaker

Had debriefing meeting with career services on how to improve career fair.

V. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

Working on new bill regarding campaigning.

VII. Report of the Chief of Staff

Developing workshop for Emerging Leaders. Emerging Leaders' initiatives are being worked on, including town hall for students, pre-law advising, and House of Representatives for RSOs.

VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs

Preparing on Conference. Trying to get RSVPs for it.

IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations

Help us on social media by liking and retweeting.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

- Dead days are being presented today.

II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee

- Discussed election days and town hall.

III. Report of the Student Life Committee

- Haunted Forest was successful
- IMLD task force

IV. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

- Meeting next week for Greek Life
- Website Updates are being discussed

Clause 8: New Business

I. Appointment of Vanessa Beltran to Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Committee

Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes

Appointment Passes

II. Appointment of Sangeetha Ranadeeve to CAPS Committee and Health Center Policy Board

Motion to move to previous question;;; Motion Passes

Appointment Passes

III. “The Student Hunger Act”; UB-55017 (First Read)

- Food Pantry Space has been acquire, with rent paid by auxiliary services
- Parking fine reliefs for those who donate food
- Non-perishable food past their sell date in campus convenience stores will be donated

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

IV. “Election Code Amendment: Pre-Campaigning”; SGAB-55014 (First Read)

- If a violation happens before campaigning start, the violator will be punished during campaign time
- Redefines campaigning

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

Motion for five minutes moderated caucus with thirty second speaking time;;; Motion Fails

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

V. “Anti-Semitism and Religious Student Harassment Resolution”; SGAR-55009 (First Read)

- Written in response to Tree of Life Synagogue shooting
- Ensures SGA’s support of creating a welcoming environment for all religions

Motion to send back to Student Life Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes

VI. “Final Examination Policy Bill”; UB-55019 (First Read)

- Assignments worth over 15 percent will not be due during the final week of classes
- Puts pen to paper on a lot of things many professors already do

Motion to send back to Academic Affairs Committee for further review;;; Motion Passes

VII. “The Homelessness Student Relief Act”; UB-55017 (Vote)

- Provides discounts on meal plans to up to 50 homeless students
- Cougar experience scholarship will also prioritize them

Motion to move to Previous Question;;; Motion Passes

Act Passes

VIII. “Further Bylaw and Constitutional Adjustments”; SGAB-55011 (Vote)

- Removes Court of Appeals
- Statute of Limitation changed to 60 calendar days
- Student regent applicants will be submitted by December 1st
- Senate and SGA journals removed

Motion to move to Previous Question;;; Motion Passes

Act Passes

IX. “The Solution to Proxies Act”; SGAB-55009 (Vote)

- Limits number of proxies that can be held by one person
- Only Senators may hold proxies

Motion to move to Previous Question;;; Motion Passes

Act Passes

X. “The Election Day Reform Act”; SGAB-550010 (Vote)

- Changes Election days to third Thursday of February to the following Wednesday
- No campaigning will be allowed on Sunday

Motion for five minute moderated caucus;;; Motion Passes

Motion to move to Previous Question;;; Motion Passes

Act Passes

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and Announcements from Officers

Senator Caceres

- Emerging leaders please come talk to me regarding Orientation Pamphlet

III. Closing Call of the Roll

- *Present: Senator Lorine, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Akil, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Bryan, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Economon*

Roll Call Votes

“The Homelessness Student Relief Act”; UB-55017::: VOTING RESULTS

FOR: 30

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

FOR: Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Gomez, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Garcia, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Economon

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

“Further Bylaw and Constitutional Adjustments”; SGAB-55011::: VOTING RESULTS

FOR: 28

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

FOR: Senator Mehra, Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Gomez, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Senator Garcia, Senator Economon

“The Solution to Proxies Act”; SGAB-55009::: VOTING RESULTS

FOR: 22

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 8

FOR: *Senator Mehra, Senator Birhiray, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Adkison, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang*

AGAINST: *None*

ABSTAIN: *Senator Lorine, Senator Gomez, Senator Terrier, Senator Caceres, Senator Vicklund, Senator Garcia, Senator Estifanos, Senator Economon*

“The Election Day Reform Act”; SGAB-550010::: VOTING RESULTS

FOR: 20

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 10

FOR: *Senator Lorine, Senator Birhiray, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Adkison, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Marvel, Senator Vicklund, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator Chang, Senator Economon*

AGAINST: *None*

ABSTAIN: *Senator Mehra, Senator Gomez, Senator Terrier, Senator Akhtar, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Garcia, Senator Estifanos, Senator White, Senator Lamonte*

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