

# Student Government Meeting Minutes

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*Main motion; All for*

## Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Gomez, Senator Terrier, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramacheneni, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang

## Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

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

- Minutes from October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

*Motion to approve the Minutes; All for*

## Clause 4: Special Reports

### **II. Students Wishing to Address the Senate**

Rosarie Burg: Thank you for acknowledging the Synagogue shooting

### **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**

Saida Adaya: Getting involved at UH is difficult. But the one thing I've been able to appreciate is the SGA, and the members who are united to better the campus and spend their time working towards that.

Lorena Curiel: Glad to be at uh and inspired by the women in SGA. When women work together they make things happen.

Alena Thomas: GPA is important, and classes get tougher as time goes on. Online classes are an option.

Aidan Potts: Change is important, and may seem difficult and daunting at first, but it is much easier than it seems.

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## Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

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

T shirts have been ordered. Student hunger act is being voted on. Student regent applications close Friday. Grad bill of rights is being finalized. Student pay scale is being discussed. Meeting time changes are being discussed.

### **II. Report of the Vice President**

Reaching out to SGA Alumnis that were Senators. Hiring 6 more people for cougar pack.

### **III. Report of the Speaker**

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

### **IV. Report of the Chief Justice**

No new cases. Most justices are sponsoring today's bill.

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

Ordering yard signs, along with merchandise such as water bottles and raffle prizes. Pre-campaigning bill being voted on.

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

Helped with getting people to vote.

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

Emerging Leader committee meeting went well and initiatives were established and discussed. Interview workshop was successful.

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

Texas student government coalition is coming up. We have 14 schools coming to the conference. A new school joined the coalition. Travel budget has been approved.

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

Making video fr IMLD. Shirts should be coming in Friday.

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

Melanie and Sofia are new liaisons. Meeting with new RSOs.

## Clause 6: Committee Reports

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

- Edits are being to final exam policy bill

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

- IA did not meet because of election day

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

- Haunted Greek life committee is being established.
- Straw initiative and religious harassment resolution is being worked on.
- Video is being developed for IMLD

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

- Meeting Greek life initiate is being worked on.
- Student hunger act is going up today.

## Clause 8: New Business

### **I. Appointment of Parth Parekh to Scholarship and Financial Aid Advisory Committee**

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

*Appointment Passes*

### **II. Appointment of Roha Siddiqi to CAPS Committee**

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

*Appointment Passes*

### **III. Appointment of Lucia Lee to Pharmacy Senator**

- Wants to promote Pharmacy as a career option
- Interested in holding a fair with other schools advertising the pharmacy

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

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

*Appointment Passes*

### **IV. "Creation of the Greek Life Committee"; SGAB-55013 (First Read)**

- Focused on improving and representing Greek life
- Creates a Greek life committee with membership from each of the Greek councils, along with SGA appointees

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

### **V. "Judicial Review Act"; SGAB-55014 (First Read)**

- Lowers Justice requirement to hear a case

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

### **VI. "Committee Transparency Act"; SGAB-55015 (First Read)**

- Makes committee have to publish their members
- Committees may opt out

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

**VII. “The Straw Initiative Resolution”; SGAR-55007 (First Read)**

- Makes Chartwell's food services introduce straws
- Plastic straws will still be offered to those who need it

*Motion for three minute moderated caucus;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to extend moderated caucus by two minutes;;; Motion Passes*

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

**VIII. “Anti-Semitism and Religious Student Harassment Resolution”; SGAR-55008 (Vote)**

- Acknowledges Synagogue shooting
- Ensures religious freedom and safety

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

**IX. “Election Code Amendment: Pre-Campaigning”; SGAB-55012 (Vote)**

- Redefines Campaigning
- Punishes Campaigning before voting beings

*Motion for three minutes of moderated caucus;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to extend moderated caucus by two minutes;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to Previous Question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

**X. “Student Hunger Act”; UB-55018 (Vote)**

- 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 extend Q&A by five minutes;;; Motion Passes*

*Motion to move to Previous Question;;; Motion Passes*

*Act Passes*

**Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

**I. Comments and Announcements from Officers**

*President Barrett*

- Emerging leaders can now apply for Senate

**III. Closing Call of the Roll**

- *Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Terrier, Senator Caceres, Senator Upama, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang, Senator Lee*

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***Roll Call Votes***

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**“Election Code Amendment: Pre-Campaigning”; SGAB-55012::: VOTING RESULTS**

**FOR:** 22

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 1

**FOR:** Senator Mehra, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Mitra, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachineni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang Senator Lee

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Senator Terrier

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**“Student Hunger Act”; UB-55018::: VOTING RESULTS**

**FOR:** 23

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**FOR:** Senator Mehra, Senator Jeffrey, Senator Terrier, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upama, Senator Vicklund, Senator Marvel, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachineni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Economon, Senator Chang, Senator Lee

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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