

Student Government Meeting Minutes

March 6th, 2019

Main motion; All for

Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Potts, Senator Do, Senator Caceres, Senator LaMonte, Senator Pen, Senator Morgan, Senator Marvel, Senator Vicklund, Senator Austgen, Senator Louch, Senator Akil, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Segura, Senator Mehra, Senator Vo, Senator Campbell, Senator Berger, Senator White, Senator Veeramacheneni, Senator Bryan, Senator Pham

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

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

- Minutes from February 13th, 2019

Motion to approve the Minutes; Motion passes

Clause 4: Special Reports

I. University Representatives Wishing to Address the Senate

- none

II. Students Wishing to Address the Senate

- none

III. Guest Speakers wishing to Address the Senate

- none

IV. Two-minute speeches

- Senator Segura: "Please sign my petition to bring back 20 minutes parking zones."
- Senator Veeramacheneni: "I am working with senator Chang on EMT course."
- Senator Louch: "My Title IX Resolution vote will not be the agenda. There will two guest speakers at the next meeting regarding the matter."
- Senator Campbell: "Congrats on President-elect Allison and Vice-President Maysarah"
- Senator Do: "I am working on the Robert's Rule workshop."
- Senator White: "I have been working on career services for the college of technology."
- Senator Potts: "I have a resolution up for vegan options in dining halls. I am also working with CSI to adjust the RSO orientations."
- Senator Akil: "Shout out to IMLD volunteers."
- Senator Morgan: "I am presenting a bill today. Thank you all for coming today."

- Senator Bryan: I have a few initiatives. I will be presenting them in the next meeting.”
- Senator Syed: “Congrats to everyone who worked on IMBD.”
- Senator Marvel: “I am the senator for Law. I want to congratulate everyone who won the election.”

Clause 5: Executive, Speaker, Court, and Justice Department Reports

I. Report of the President

- “Hi, everyone. I am Cameron. The budget was sent to you all. I don’t believe anything was above \$500. One thing I will do before the administration ends is to order uniforms for the 56th administration. \$8 minimum wage for on campus jobs has the green light for next fall. The next administration will push it to \$9 and I am confident Allison and Maysarah will get it done. Volunteer for Frontier Fiesta. We have done everything we can on the Grad Bill of Rights and it is 95% passed. UH day of Remembrance was on Tuesday. Congratulations on Allison and Maysarah. I will be presenting an adjustment in the bylaws.”

II. Report of the Vice-President

- “Regarding Cougar Pack, we are in the process of interview potential drivers. Congrats on IMLD. For all class senators, I worked to bring a water bottle filling initiative. Please come speak with if you’re interested.”

III. Report of the Speaker

- “Thank you to everyone who volunteered to IMBD. Please complete senator of year award through email. They will receive the award at the banquet on the 29th. Please read the meeting minutes and approve them. It will be a part of the permanent part of the record so it’s very important. The budget has \$1473 left. The IMLD took \$1381 No unanimous consent will be used during this meeting.”

IV. Report of the Chief Justice

- “The achieve will be updated at the end of the day. Honors is entitled to more than one seat.”

V. Report of the Attorney General

- “The election was very lively. Thank you, Bo for being an amazing commissioner. My solicitor resigned. Please apply if you’re interested. Go Coogs!”

VI. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

- “Thank you for the election. I had a great experience as election commissioner. If you have any questions regarding the election, please contact me.”

VII. Report of the Chief of Staff

- “Congrats to the all senators. Good job to everyone that ran. Executive positives are up right now. Please apply if you’re interested. They closed on the 25th at 9AM. Thank you.”

VIII. Report of the External Affairs

- “For everyone that went to UH day at the capitol, thank you. We had a huge presence at the capitol. Also, the tabling event went well. I have been working with Amanda to make voter reg. part of the NSOs. Thank you.”

IX. Report of Public Affairs

- “I sent out an email for banquet. If you have not received it, please contact me. It will be on March 29th. I took many pictures for IMLD which will be great for marketing next year. Please nominate for senator of the year. I am also working on is new uniforms for the 56th administrations.”

X. Report of Director of Outreach

- none

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. External Affair Chair

- “We have been working the process for RSOs training easier. We will be meeting next week.”

II. Internal Affair Chair

- “We worked on the volunteering bill.”

III. Student Life Chair

- “We have a social March 28th at the bowling alley. Please come join us that day. Kim also asked to present IMLD diversity board.”

IV. Administration and Finance Chair

- “We have been working on refining the bills presented tonight.”

Clause 8: New Business

I. Appointment of Maryam Baldawi to the Library Advisory Committee

-

Motion to move Previous Question;;; motion passes

Maryam Baldawi appointed to the Library Advisory Committee.

II. Appointment of Aidan Potts to the Food Services Advisory Committee

- There is not enough representation for the vegan community at UH food services
- Currently transitioning to veganism
- A concern is the cross-contamination when serving vegan meals
- There is a sub-committee that will focus on vegan foods
- Wants to add more vegan options on campus
- Cougar Woods should stay open later

Motion to Previous Question;;; Motion passes

Motion for Q&A;;; Motion passes

Motion to extend Q&A for 5 minutes;;; Motion passes

Motion to end Q&A;;;Motion passes

Motion to Previous Question;;;Motion passes

Appointment of Aidan Potts

III. SGAR – 55014 Supporting More Vegan Options in Moody Dining Commons (First Read)

- Students want more vegan options in dining hall
- Many vegan options available are not sustainable
- Students have cancelled meal plans or moved off campus because of the limited options
- Supports Chartwells direction towards more vegan options
- An idea would be “Meatless Monday” in dining halls
- Will consider working towards longer satellite hours

Motion to move to the Administration and Finance Committee;;; Motion passes

IV. SGAB – 55019 Further Bylaw and Election Adjustments (First Read)

- Clears confusion between primary and secondary committee members.
- specifies minimum requirements in bill sponsorship
- The senate has a right to what the executive positions do
- Removed executive positions completely due to changes within each admin
- Worked with the Election commissioner on bill
- Limit candidates switching parties during Elections
- UGAL ballot will not be part of rank voting
- The rest will be rank choice
- Does not allow candidates to pick seat number
- Ballot shuffle option is unlikely
- Suggests a randomized ballot instead
- Bans using University social media but RSO is allowed.
- Allows mimicking election materials brought to court
- Changes ballots threshold
- Administrative changes regarding election commissioner resignations
- Ban trading for votes
- Chief Justice and Att. General will have a stipend
- Filing complaints without merit will have consequences (2-hour ban)
- Class A violations will be limited to serious complaints
- Breaking election ties
- Changing positions under Election Commissioner
- Cutting 1 justice associate position
- Ranking choice voting made it the election fair
- Removes the position of Chief Investigator
- Rank choice voting being complicated should not justify why it should not be implemented
- A simple system does not make it a good or fair system

- Three options: 1) each seat is an individual election 2) mix of voting systems such as this bill 3) old voting system
-

Motion to extend Q&A for 5 minutes;;; Motion passes

Motion to extend Q&A for 5 minutes;;; Motion passes

Motion to extend Q&A for 10 minutes;;;Motion passes

Motion to extend Q&A for 20 minutes;;;Motions passes

Motion to send to the Internal Affair Committee;;; Motion passes

V. SGAB – 55020 Expansion of New Registered Student Organization Orientations (First Read)

- Creates a new NSO for RSOs
- Only two NSOs during the current semester
- Reached out to CSI for more information
- Advocates for dates to be post earlier
- Help Student Organizations for an easier registration process
- Implements at least 2 orientations per month for new RSOs
- Open to changing to 1 orientation per month

Motion to extend Q&A for 2 minutes ;; Motion passes

Motion to extend Q&A for 5 minutes;;;Motion denies

Motion to send to the Student Life Committee;;; Motion passes

VI. UB – 55025 The Simplified Bicycles Rental Service Act (First Read)

- Advocates for the bicycle rental to link to cougar card system
- Allows an option to use credit card AND cougar cash
- Meeting with TPAK regarding bill

Motion to move to the Student Life Committee;;; Motion passes.

VII. UB – 55026 Cleaning Up Melcher (First Read)

- Limits trash specifically thrown cigs on Melcher
- UHPD will not file against trash complaints
- Will provide areas where cig butts can be properly disposed
- Trash will affect potential UH student prospects
- Working with custodial staff
- “No smoking” signs alone are not working
- Bauer is cooperative in terms of funding

Motion to extend Q&A to 5 minutes;;; Motion passes.

Motion to send to the Administration and Finance Committee;;;Motion passes

VIII. UB – 55027 The Jack J. Valenti School of Communication Water Bottle Filling Station Act (First Read)

- CLASS is one of the biggest colleges on campus

- Valenti does not have a water bottle filling station
- Solidifies changes

Motion to send to the Administration and Finance Committee;;; Motion passes.

IX. UB – 55028 The Sanitary Restrooms Act (First Read)

- Implements toilet seat covers in the UC South
- Will have meeting with UC policy board
- Will talk to Administration and Finance committee
- Toilet seats will be eco-friendly

Motion to elapse Q&A;;;Motion passes

Motion to send to the Administration and Finance Committee;;; Motion passes.

X. UB – 55023 Expanding Security at Technology Bridge Campus Parking (Second Read)

- No fence, cameras, or security in this lot
- Implements security cameras at the Technology Bridge Campus lot
- Funding will not be from UHPD

Motion to send back to the Administration and Finance Committee;;; Motion passes.

Motion to extend Q&A to 5 minutes;;;Motion passes

XI. UB – 55024 The Senator Approachability Act (Second Read)

- Implements a framed picture of senators to their respective college
- Will not consider a digital version
- Putting a picture would increase more students to reach out to their senator
- Digital boards would be less effective
- Digital boards are both feasible and free
- PR has access to all televisions in colleges
- Plans to use PR Department budgets to pay for frames

Motion to extend Q&A for 10 minutes;;; Motion passes.

Motion to end Q&A;;;Motion passes

Motion for 25 minute moderated caucus;;;Motion passes

Motion to elapsed Q&A;;;Motion passes

Motion to send to the Administration and Finance Committee;;;Motion passes

XII. SGAR – 55013 Resolution in Support of Texas House Bill 375 (Vote)

- Students went to the Capitol for UH Day two weeks ago
- Resolution supports Texas House Bill 375
- Adjustments have been made
- Students have had difficulty finding transportation to voting locations
- Will be sent to lawmakers if passed
- Resolution advocates for on-campus voting locations
- Supports funding for higher education

- SGA organized shuttles in the previous Midterm Election
- Resolution makes voting easier for students
- Lessen the burden on student leaders

Motion to move to Previous Question;;; Motion passes.

Resolution passes.

XIII. SGAB – 55018 The Legislative Volunteering Bill Bylaw Amendment (Vote)

- Requires senators to complete at least 12 hours of volunteering
- Hours depend on time remaining in office
- Pictures are required for PR purposes
- Those who fail to comply will not be able to attend annual banquet
- 6 hours must be completed by 2nd week of January, it will result in an unexcused absence

Motion to move to Previous Question;;; Motion passes.

Bill Passes.

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and announcements from the officers

- President Barrett: “Volunteer for Frontier Fiesta. Consider extend Quang’s bill to the next administration. It will affect the the 56th senate. Please cosponsor the next bill if you support it. It’s important we get it done on the 20th. Go coogs.”

- PR: “Please RSVP for banquet.”

II. Open Forum

III. Closing Call of Roll

- Present: Senator Potts, Senator Do, Senator Caceres, Senator LaMonte, Senator Pen, Senator Morgan, Senator Marvel, Senator Vicklund, Senator Austgen, Senator Louch, Senator Akil, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Segura, Senator Mehra, Senator Vo, Senator Campbell, Senator Berger, Senator White, Senator Veeramacheneni, Senator Bryan, Senator Pham, Senator Chang

Roll Call Votes

“55013 Resolution in Support of Texas House Bill 375”, SGAR – 55013::: VOTING RESULTS

FOR: 23

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

FOR: Senator Potts, Senator Do, Senator Caceres, Senator LaMonte, Senator Pen, Senator Morgan, Senator Marvel, Senator Vicklund, Senator Austgen, Senator Louch, Senator Akil, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Segura, Senator Mehra, Senator Vo, Senator Campbell, Senator Berger, Senator White, Senator Veeramacheneni, Senator Bryan, Senator Pham, Senator Chang

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

“The Legislative Volunteering Bill Bylaw Amendment”, SGAB – 55018::: VOTING RESULTS

FOR: 23

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

FOR: Senator Potts, Senator Do, Senator Caceres, Senator LaMonte, Senator Pen, Senator Morgan, Senator Marvel, Senator Vicklund, Senator Austgen, Senator Louch, Senator Akil, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Segura, Senator Mehra, Senator Vo, Senator Campbell, Senator Berger, Senator White, Senator Veeramacheneni, Senator Bryan, Senator Pham, Senator Chang

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None
