

Student Government Meeting Minutes

June 27th, 2018

Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Harricharran, Senator Chang, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Aguilar, Senator Syed, Senator Marin, Senator Akhtar, Senator Bryan, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

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

- Minutes from June 6th, 2018

Motion to approve the Minutes; All for

Clause 4: Special Reports

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

Senator Harricharran

- Coog Carnival upcoming, make sure to sign up

Senator Adkison

- Music festival upcoming

Senator Aguilar

- Field director on campus if you want to coordinate events with them

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

I. Report of the President

- Working towards making Textbook Exchange permanent
- Senators are now required to show to the weeks of welcome; The event will be taking place the first 2 weeks of class
- Senators are now required to go to GLOW party
- Still continuing work on food and security initiatives

II. Report of the Vice-President

- Working towards proper implementation of Safety Summit along with the Chief of Staff; Event will take place on October 2nd, 2018

III. Report of the Chief of Staff

- Merchandise for SGA senators still needs to be picked up
- First read of the Menstrual Product Price Stabilization and Availability Act today
- Attempting to recruit individuals for the Emerging Leaders program, using Coog Carnival to get the word out
- Reaching out to different departments to help with the Safety Summit
- Social in place for SGA members and international students

IV. Report of the Speaker

- CLASS Graduate Career Fair meeting next Friday (July 13th, 2018)
- Spreadsheet upcoming for sign-ups if anyone wants to volunteer at the aforementioned event

- New initiative in the works regarding the student body's ability to contribute to further initiatives in SGA
- Previous idea has been run by Dr. Khator, currently have her approval

V. Report of the Director of External Affairs

- Voter registration efforts are ongoing; meeting with the Dean of Social Work regarding plans to increase such
- Initial planning for University of Houston Day at the Capitol event; So far have allotted between 25-30 spots for the trip, application in the works

VI. Report of the Attorney General

- Focusing on implementation of a new complaint system

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee

- Last meeting was on the 12th; Discussed Bylaw updates
- Ultimatum implemented for senate budget, if one is not passed there will be a consequence
- Revisited Townhall Bill from previous administration

II. Report of the Student Life Committee

- Trying to increase Greek Life on campus
- Working on locker issue at the Recreation Center
- Working on making the Basketball Courts at the Recreation Center more easily available

III. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

- Selected a Vice Chair for the committee

Clause 8: New Business

I. Appointment of Ayesha Muzaffar to the Justice Department (Public Defender Position)

- Has experience with leadership positions, worked in the Muslim Student Association as Secretary and as Vice President
- Has received the Leland Fellowship and has been given the opportunity to intern in Congress; through this has developed a greater understanding of parliamentary procedure
- Worked as Election Judge in Fort Bend County
- Main goal is to increase voter turnout through better marketing tactics, assist with already existing SGA initiatives, and work on better information spread to the student body regarding SGA activities

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes

Appointment of Ayesha Muzaffar to the Public Defender Position; Appointment Passes

II. Appointment of Cameron Barrett to Cougar Card Advisory Committee and Hearing Board

- Has been extremely involved in UH through UH Democrats, as a previous senator in SGA, and now as President of SGA
- Drive to join these committees is due to the lack of interest in them by students
- Hoping to get more trans-inclusivity with the cougar cards

- In regards to Hearing Board, has already been a part of it before; Previous experience will lend him to be more efficient in the Board

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes

Appointment of Cameron Barrett to the Cougar Card Advisory Committee ; Appointment Passes

Appointment of Cameron Barrett to the Hearing Board ; Appointment Passes

III. Appointment of Darren Campbell to the Appellate Hearing Board

- No prior experience with the Appellate Hearing Board but hopes to learn along the way
- Appellate Board fits alongside his ambition to go to law school, feels like it would be a meaningful experience
- Has worked in a law firm before
- Currently At-Large for the Student Center Board and Director of Public Relations for Pre-Law Organization

Motion for a 2 minute moderated caucus with 30 second speaking time ::: Motion Passes

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Motion to end caucus and have individual come back in for more q&a ::: Motion Passes

Motion to extend Q&A time by 3 minutes ::: Motion Passes

Motion to end Q&A time ::: Motion Passes

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Appointment of Darren Campbell to the Appellate Hearing Board ; Appointment Passes

IV. Appointment of Christopher Lamonte to the IT Committee

- CIS Major; has large amounts of experience with software, hardware, and programming
- Hoping to fix the IT website and the broken links on it, the wifi status at UH, and the server overload issues at CASA

Motion to extend Q&A time ::: Motion Passes

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Appointment of Christopher Lamonte to the IT Committee ; Appointment Passes

V. Appointment of Sydnee Spruiell to the Health & Advisory Board and CAPS

- Wants to use personal skills to make the University of Houston better for the student body
- Was previously a senator and is now the president of the Graduate and Professional Studies Committee
- Worked for the Graduate Schools here at UH and has already implemented policies there
- Hoping to implement waiver for application fees
- Working towards better compensation for Teacher Assistants
- Wants to increase the amount of services provided by the Health Center and hopes to secure a price reduction there as well

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes

Appointment of Sydnee Spruiell to the Health & Advisory Board ; Appointment Passes

Appointment of Sydnee Spruiell to CAPS ; Appointment Passes

VI. Appointment of Alex Do to the Recreation Center Advisory Committee

- Has noticed issues with class times available at the rec and how they are not readily available to commuters
- Hopes to employ better marketing to notify student body of the different things they can do at the Recreation center
- Wants to fix the locker situation and the issues ongoing with other services e.g. the sauna

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes

Appointment of Alex Do to the Recreation Center Advisory Committee ; Appointment Passes

VII. FY19 Budget Bill (First Read)

- Lowers president budget from 7K to 5K
- Lowers banquet expense from 3K to 2.5K
- Increases the Senate's Budget
- 14% of budget is now allocated towards election time
- Deadline to pass Budget Bill is by December 30th

Motion to send Bill back to Internal Affairs ::: Motion Passes

VIII. Menstrual Product Price Stabilization and Availability Act (First Read)

- Act reduces the amount of inflation on menstrual products on campus
- Will bring in more options regarding these types of products on campus
- Act will increase quantity and brands available
- Act will standardize the prices across University of Houston rather than having certain stores on campus be higher or lower
- Act will address the issue of sustainability regarding buying these products on campus

Motion to extend QA time by 2 minutes ::: Motion Passes

Motion for a 5 minute moderated caucus with 30 second speaking time ::: Motion Passes

Motion for a 5 minute unmoderated caucus ::: Motion Passes

Motion to send to the Administration and Finance Board ::: Motion Passes

IX. Election Marketing Act (First Read)

- Replacement of physical polling locations with possibly an optimized smartphone app to vote on; Senate input needed regarding replacement
- Polls in themselves are limiting, hoping to change the system

Motion to send Bill back to Internal Affairs ::: Motion Passes

X. The Bylaw Update and Structural Reform Act

- Will result in consolidation of the justice department
- Will remove the required Office Hours posting
- Removes the Sergeant at Arms position
- Meeting hours now count as Office Hours
- Prevents random suspension of bylaws
- Will check the executive branch by allowing the senate to overturn executive propositions

Motion to send Bill back to Internal Affairs ::: Motion Passes

XI. The Inappropriate Consensual Relationships Act

- Already University Policy in place iterating this, Act serves to further reinforce such
- Prevents students from being shown favoritism due to possessing a relationship with a teacher

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes

Act Passes (Voting Results at the end of the Minutes)

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and Announcements from Officers

II. Open Forum

III. Closing Call of the Roll

- *Present: Senator Mehra, Senator Harricharran, Senator Chang, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Aguilar, Senator Syed, Senator Akhtar, Senator Bryan, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte*
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The Inappropriate Consensual Relationships Act Results

FOR: *Senator Mehra, Senator Harricharran, Senator Chang, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Aguilar, Senator Syed, Senator Marin, Senator Akhtar, Senator Bryan, Senator Joslin, Senator White, Senator Lamonte*

AGAINST: *None*