

## **Student Government Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 2, 2019

*Main motion;passes*

### **Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer**

- I. Open call of the roll

### **Clause 2: Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

*Motion to approve;passes*

### **Clause 3: New Business**

#### **SGAB-56009 - FY20 Budget Bill**

- Hello, there was only one change we've had in committee. See attached  
Executive - HPV Vaccines and Emerging Leaders  
PR - Already ordered materials so lowered.  
EA - Lowered to make room for other events in other departments.  
DOJ - Marketing and bylaws have made the increase.  
Banquet - Lowered because food went to waste after last banquet.  
Next administration - 5000 as always.
- IMLD is not something mandatory in the budget anymore. There is still money for it, but we decided to let the administration choose whether they spend their money on IMLD or another event they might want to put on.

*Motion to PQ;passes*

*Vote;passes*

### **Clause 4: Closing Remarks**

- I. Closing call of the roll

### **Clause 5: Adjournment**

*Please note Article 2:Section 1:Clause 4 of the UH SGA Bylaws states: "If the President fails to present/sign a budget Bill and/or the Senate fails to pass a budget Bill... the Senate Agenda for each subsequent meeting will not include anything other than the Student Government Budget Bill until a budget Bill is passed by the Senate and signed by the President." Thus two meetings took place subsequently, The meeting minutes for both are enclosed in this document.*

# **Student Government Special Session Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 2, 2019

*Main motion; passes*

## **Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer**

- I. Open call of the roll

## **Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater**

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

*Motion to approve; passes*

## **Clause 4: Special Reports**

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
- II. Students wishing to address the Senate
- III. Guest Speakers wishing to address the Senate
- IV. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate
  - **Senator Gonzales:** Parking and bus safety, reach out I will be having a safety meeting soon.
  - **Senator Joslin:** Menstrual products for peeps pantry is in the works at the graduate college of social work, the flyer will be sent out donations are welcome.
  - **Senator Pham:** Sustainability initiatives are still in the works. Any ideas or comments reach out.
  - **Senator Dias:** Regarding medical amnesty Potts and I are still working on it. Will be meeting with Kim for the rec to discuss feminine products at the pro shop.
  - **Senator Doan:** Employee development meeting, I brought up scam looking employer postings. Will be writing a resolution about job scams and such.
  - **Senator Javed:** Educational panel about Kashmir went well, a lot of heckling happened. Orgs are working to meet with the proper channels to take action.
  - **Senator Ramos:** Working on the disability awareness week with EA Director. Student Life's Haunted Forest is in the works, trying to put a face to senators.
  - **Senator Chukwu:** Still working on getting lab equipment. Cultural Explosion is coming up if anyone wants to perform reach out to Abrams or me.
  - **Senator Morgan:** Tabling event for Bauer is coming up next week looking forward to it.
  - **Senator Campbell:** Working on a resolution to get students the option to opt out of student fees.
  - **Senator Vo:** I have a lot of initiatives that I plan to work on when my workload works down. I have a few engineering students coming to the next meeting.

- **Senator Lewis:** Creating programs or benefits for students coming out of the foster care system. If you're interested in being politically involved let me know looking for campaign volunteering.
- **Senator Epomba:** If anyone would like to help me work on bus and shuttle discrepancies, let me know.

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

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

- Two bills about food drives coming up for a vote.
- Waiting to receive information on how successful our parking event was.
- Survey from students closed has been closed I will be compiling the data by the beginning of November working on student bill of rights.
- Green Fund proposal is pretty much done, it's on the agenda.
- Met with provost, to talk about CAPS and exam periods. Looking to make changes to the academic calendar.
- Moving forward with private insurance carriers.
- Sports psychologist meeting in the works to see how much support we have for better athlete psychological services.
- New SFAC position has opened and it needs to be filled soon, let me know if you know anyone.
- Chartwells is doing most of the leg work on our food recovery initiative.

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

- Met with the head of Cougar Pack, and we need more employees as the service garners more attention.
- In November a speaker of the 1st gen event will come.
- UH Rec dress code meeting is happening tomorrow.
- We've had art donated for the spots on campus we're looking to bring life to.
- Faculty Senate position open.
- Pre law advising is in the works.

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

- Scheduling empty Senate interviews. Let anyone who might be interested know please.
- Send in Senate bios for the website, by next week.
- We need a lot of volunteers for Haunted Forest, not mandatory but please help.

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

- Met with Dean of Students to ask some clarifying questions, about certain policies. Meeting brought forth some of these proposed changes that are on the agenda tonight. Looking to clarify the rules of the election.
- Thinking about working with the DOJ to help campaigns with marketing indiscriminately.

- Senators must act with constituents in mind always. Make sure to separate the campaign from your current position.

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

- Had first interview for Deputy EC, should have a new Deputy Election Commissioner by the end of October.
- Dr.Munson meeting was great and very informative. I will be working on some bills to adjust election code and how SGA acts in general.
- October 10th is when election registration will open and end the day before the Candidate Seminar.

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

- After the long interview process we're eager to introduce the new Emerging Leaders for this administration.
- We had a successful retreat with the Emerging Leaders, another one will be happening this week about the history of SGA.

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

- We're very excited to work with our Emerging Leaders we have a lot of workshops going on and they will all happen on Thursdays in the Senate chambers. Feel free to stop by if you can.
- HPV Awareness events are happening next week, documentary screening and talks from survivors. HPV professionals who treat people our age. Later in October.
- Looking for marketing and working with PR to get these events advertised.

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

- If you can attend the Youth voter conference please do. I understand the postpone and you guys are busy but please come if you can.
- Sign up sheet is coming out soon for our VDVR certification event.
- Tammy and I are working on availability for our disability week. Let me know if you're available or would like to be apart of the planning.
- Disability planning event is happening tomorrow at 1 if you are interested in helping please let me know.
- End the Stigma is happening next week on Thursday, please sign up to volunteer setup starts at 5am, and tear down will happen at 4pm. A few of us will probably be staying in the office the night before.

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

- We are working on marketing for HPV awareness.
- Cougar Pack and End the Stigma.
- Once we get feedback we will market how successful our previous event was.
- We need more polo's and merch let me know if you are in need.
- I'm resigning, I most likely will not be here in the spring, but we will be opening the application up later this month, I'll be here to train my successor and make the transition as smooth and simple as possible for everyone.

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

- HPV Awareness is going up we're reaching out to orgs to spread the word.
- Green Fund is in the works.
- Amazing job on the Emerging Leaders.

**Clause 6: Committee Reports**

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

- We haven't had a meeting because we don't have any members besides Chair and Vice Chair so please if you are interested to join.
- President we extend an invitation to our committee meeting to you.

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

- We talked about the bills that are going up tonight.
- Discussed adding ranked voting to the constitution
- Discussions about reimbursing campaigns.

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

- Haunted Forest event is going very well in the planning stages very excited.
- Met with the president of the sororities IFC, about sororities being discriminatory based on sexual orientation and they will be taking action.

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

- Did not meet.

**V. Graduate and Professional Students Committee**

- **Senator Emily Joslin:** I am the new chair of this committee. I plan to continue the work Senator Barrett was doing.

**Clause 7: Unfinished Business**

**Clause 8: New Business**

*Motion to amend agenda; passes*

**I. University Committee Appointment (International Student Advisory Committee, Hearing Board)- Jasmine Khademakbari (In-Person Appointment)**

- I'm going up for Hearing Board and in case any student violates the code of conduct, there's a procedural interview and there is a choice to go up to the hearing board. During the hearing students decide if there was a violation, if so we determine the sanctions, I would serve as a presiding officer in these hearings if situations go the right way. I currently do this for panholinic.

*Motion to move to previous question;; passes*

*Appointment;; passes*

## **II. SGAR – 56004- Plastic #6 Removal Resolution (First Read)**

- Plastic #6 is styrofoam and it cannot be recycled and the university cannot be recycled. It has a landfill lifespan of 1,000,000 and it's very toxic. The university has made efforts to get rid of styrofoam, but this is just us attempting to fully remove it.
  - On campus places don't have very much plastic #6 but this is just a show of support to give to things that affect students.

*Motion to send this back to Student Life;passes*

## **III. SGAR – 56006- Indigenous Peoples Day at the University of Houston (First Read)**

- The switch from Columbus Day to Indigenous people day is something that is new, but also not very new. This is just a resolution to get this ball rolling and get our calendar changed.
  - As part of this resolution I'd like the office of the president to send out a message saying that this change has happened.
  - Mostly I've spoken with the Dean of The GCSW and he's said that this is possible with higher ups.

*Motion to send to Student Life;passes*

## **IV. SGAB-55010- Various Election Code (First Read)**

- A lot of wording in the Election Code is ambiguous and left up to interpretation so this is an attempt to change that.
  - Referendums will remain at the top of the Election Code.
  - I don't want the Senate to confirm the person because of Senate bias in running in an election, this only counts as the case in an unexpected vacancies.

*Motion to move to send this to IA;passes*

## **V. SGAB-55011- Public Defender Adjustment (First Read)**

- Currently in the bylaws it says that the Public Defender will defend you in the bylaws. However this office has been vacant historically. This bill will make it so that students must defend themselves if the Public Defender is vacant.

*Motion to send this to IA;passes*

## **VI. SGAB-55012- Ranked Choice and Single Transferable Vote Act (First Read)**

- Ranked choice voting was a huge success. I want it to go into the constitution.
  - We had half as many candidates and it rained daily during the election. The voting system did not cause voter turnout to decrease, it was the circumstances of the election. This system forces candidates to campaign individually. The results are more proportional.

- This bill is necessary because it works well, I feel it's necessary to put this in our founding documents because it works well.
- There was a video put out of this.

Motion to extend Q&A by 5 minutes;passes

- Ranked choice voting gives smaller parties equal playing field to bigger parties. This is reasonable and fair.

*Motion to send to IA;passes*

#### **VII. UB-56006- Creation of a Green Initiative Fund (First Read)**

- Whenever the University tried to create a Green Fund it was seen as a none student led initiative. We told our Director of Outreach to reach out to as many orgs as possible and we've garnered over a full page of support from different student org. We are requesting SFAC for a one time fee of 50 cents to \$2.00. We are mostly asking for SFAC to give us money within that range. If this passes we'd receive funding and a committee would be created. The in depth parts of this committee will be sent out later.
- We are looking to get as many sponsors as possible, before October 15th which is when we'd like to sponsor this.

*Motion to send this to A&F;passes*

#### **VIII. UB-56004- Let's Tackle Hunger Food Drive (Vote)**

- We had a pretty successful food drive with athletics. We collected 400lbs in donations and \$203 that was all donated to peeps pantry. We are trying to get this at least once a year. SGA will continue to partner with them.
- UH Wellness might not be opening a food pantry but the wording is available for us to partner with any food pantry.

*Motion to move to Previous Question;passes*

Vote;passes

#### **IX. UB-56005-SGA Food Drive with Parking and Transportation Services (Vote)**

- This is about the food drive we did last week. The numbers will be out as soon as possible. All of the wording in the bill all of the things we had to take into consideration when planning are in the bill. We've wanted to rebrand this as working with Parking and Transportation and not broadly auxiliary services.
- Numbers are not in yet.

*Motion to move to PQ;passes*

#### **X. Attorney General Appointment Clarification Act**

- There was ambiguity over what happens when a certain position has not been filled in time. This bill covers that ambiguity in the code.

*Motion to move to PQ;passes*

Vote;passes

## **Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

### **I. Comments and announcements from the officers**

- **Attorney General Barrett:** Application for Deputy AG is open and closes soon. If interested please apply. File your complaints if you need to.

### **II. Open forum**

- **Senator Vo:** Party tomorrow in front of engineering. 5-8pm. Free food please come out, I'll be there.

### **III. Closing call of the roll**

## **Clause 10: Adjournment**

Senators				Budget	Tackle Hunger	Food Drive	AGAC. Act
Undergraduate at Large	Kaden Lewis	P	P	Y	Y		Y
	Leonard Chambers	P	A	Y			Y
	Elizabeth Pham	P	P	Y	Y		Y
	Ed Gonzales	P	P	Y	Y		Y
	Tomas Bryan	A	A	Y			Y
	Eduardo Abrams	A	P		Y	Y	Y
Graduate at Large							
Bauer	Daniella Ramos	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Katherine Doan	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Jack Morgan	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
College of Education	Queen Epomba	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
College of Engineering	Quang Vo	P	P		Y	Y	Y
College of Law	Alexys Mathis	A	A				
College of Liberal Arts	Aidan Potts	A	A		Y	Y	Y



and Social Sciences							
	Kaitlyn Austgen	A	A		Y	Y	Y
	Wasiq Javed	A	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Paulina Saybe	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Francisco Fuentes	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
College of Natural Science & Mathematics	Christina Dias	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Chiamaka Chukwu	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Aneesha Krothapalli	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Jasmine Khademakbari	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Graduate College of Social Work	Emily Joslin	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
College of Technology	Bethany Jackson-Price	A	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Alexander Duvall	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Calvin Williams	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Honors College	Chirag Mistry	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Beg.</u>	<u>End</u>
President	Allison Lawrence	P	P
Vice President	Maysarah Kazia	P	P
Speaker	Alexandre Do	P	P
Chief Justice	Kate Dentler	A	A
Attorney General	Cameron Barrett	P	P
Chief Election Commissioner	Bo Harricharran	P	P
Chief of Staff	Vi Pham	P	P
Deputy Chief of Staff	Tania Hameed	P	P
Director of External Affairs	Jessica Hulett	P	P
Director of Public Relations	Erica O'Brien	P	P
Director of Outreach	Bryan Medrano	P	P