

# **Student Government Meeting Minutes**

**April 24, 2019**

*Quorum call; meets quorum*

*Main motion; All for*

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

### **I. Open call of the roll**

**Present:** Senator Lewis, Senator Gonzales, Senator Barrett, Senator Garza, Senator Ramos, Senator Doan, Senator Morgan, Senator Epomba, Senator Vo, Senator Strohm, Senator Potts, Senator Javed, Senator Saybe, Senator Fuentes, Senator Simmons, Senator Dias, Senator Chukwu, Senator Lamonte

## **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 Simmons

- Met with Deputy Chief of Staff and we talked about the HPV awareness campaign which will start in August or November, message for questions.

Senator Chukwu

- Still need a name for closet

Senator Ramos

- Sri Lanka Vigil is tomorrow please come out and show support.

Senator Morgan

- I'm working on the transfer student resource initiative and I'm still working on the ERP bill

Senator Lewis

- Been apart of discussions to better UH's handicap accessibility

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

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

- Update on my initiatives, we've began communication with the psych department because they've had success with third party insurance. We've had meetings with Dr.Walker to get more insurance accepted. I've met with Dr.Mesa to talk about the green fund and discussed previous experiences, and we hope to mirror the strategy of other colleges that have had success with a green fund. We are working to expand the cougar pack and adding working blue lights. Discussing fall break with administrators and adding cameras to parking lots. We've set up another meeting with higher wage work groups and we're working on a timeline for our wage increase. The exec will be interviewing people for the A&F Ambassadors program. We're working on a student worker bill of rights. Discussions of food recovery on campus and bylaw edits are coming forward. There's been one expenditure over \$500, and it was the SGA polos that came out of PR budget.

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

- We plan to make a Facebook page for Student Government for more PR. We are also looking for SGA alumni to come back, offer mentorship and advice and to start a relationship with alumni.

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

- I'm working on bylaw updates and standing rules, the committees have gotten started so I will be setting a deadline on selecting a primary committee. Also, make sure to let me know if you want to be in summer senate by may 16th

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

- I have a bill going up for a vote today. Took last part of the bill out. Will discuss more later.

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

- Working to schedule election bill caucus will most likely not happen until fall. I am still working on election process.

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

- Emerging Leaders committee is looking for more members. Tania is working on her HPV awareness initiative. Working on getting restrooms up to accessibility standards and to get the automatic doors on campus fixed.

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

- First voter registration tabling happened, and it went very well. Finalized voter registration with NSO committee. I will be talking to a local high school about voter registration, there's carpool information in the group chat.

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

- Please pick up SGA attire. Email me for headshots please. I plan to work with the Speaker on tabling and spotlights during the fall semester.

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

- We met with 17 orgs since last week and we've discussed a lot of problems that organizations have been having, it's mostly been with CARS and room reservations. I want to start working to revamp the website and make it easier for orgs to get to their resources.

### **Clause 6: Committee Reports**

*Motion to amend the agenda to add grad committee; all but Barrett for*

*Motion to move resolutions before appointments; passes*

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

- Discussed 3 bills and all bills passed and are up for a vote tonight. Chiamaka Chukwu has been named vice chair.

#### **II. Report of Graduate and Student...**

- Decided to have monthly meetings. No Vice Chair seems to be needed. First meeting will be happening in May.

### **Clause 8: New Business**

#### **I. University Committee Appointment**

**(Library Advisory Committee) – Joseph Asper**

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Appointment vote; passes*

#### **II. University Committee Appointment**

**(Women and Gender Resource Center Advisory Board) – Jessica Hulett**

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Appointment vote; passes*

#### **III. University Committee Appointment (Food Services Advisory Committee) – Christina Dias**

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Appointment vote; passes*

#### **IV. University Committee Appointment**

**(Student Health Policy Board) – Allison Lawrence**

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Appointment vote; passes*

## **V. University Committee Appointment (Sustainability Committee) – Vi Pham**

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Appointment vote; passes*

## **VI. University Committee Appointment (Center for Students with Disabilities) – Vi Pham**

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Appointment vote; passes*

## **VII. SGAB – 56001 - Increasing Ballot Transparency Act (Vote)**

- This is a change that requires the ballot to list the number of seats available per college on the official ballot.

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Role call vote;*

- For: *Senator Lewis, Senator Gonzales, Senator Barrett, Senator Garza, Senator Ramos, Senator Doan, Senator Morgan, Senator Epomba, Senator Vo, Senator Strohm, Senator Potts, Senator Javed, Senator Saybe, Senator Fuentes, Senator Simmons, Senator Dias, Senator Chukwu, Senator Joslin, Senator Jackson-Price, Senator Lamonte, Senator Mistry, Senator Austgen; Vote passes*

## **VII. SGAB – 56002 - The Electoral Justice and Fairness Bill (Vote)**

- One change happened, will not keep the third clause. Class C violations used to have harsher bans, and this bill is to fix that. This bill mandates the attorney general listen to a statement of defense.
- In cases of extenuating circumstances, the amount of time to issue a statement of defense can be extended.
- Nighttime is not written explicitly, but I did acknowledge time in the previous election.

*Motion to extend Q&A; passes*

- The portion in the bill states that I must be prompt in doing my job.

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Role call vote;*

- For: *Senator Barrett, Senator Garza, Senator Ramos, Senator Doan, Senator Morgan, Senator Epomba, Senator Vo, Senator Strohm, Senator Potts, Senator Javed, Senator Fuentes, Senator Simmons, Senator Dias, Senator Joslin, Senator Jackson-Price, Senator Lamonte, Senator Mistry, Senator Austgen; Vote passes*

- Abstain: *Senator Lewis, Senator Gonzales, Senator Saybe, Senator Chukwu*

### **VIII. SGAB- 56004 - Volunteer Hours Adjustment Act (Vote)**

We just changed the wording of the bylaws to make it clear what was wanted from the author of this bill.

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Role call vote;*

- For: *Senator Gonzales, Senator Garza, Senator Ramos, Senator Doan, Senator Morgan, Senator Epomba, Senator Vo, Senator Strohm, Senator Potts, Senator Javed, Senator Saybe, Senator Fuentes, Senator Simmons, Senator Dias, Senator Jackson-Price, Senator Lamonte, Senator Austgen; Vote passes*
- Against: *Senator Barrett*
- Abstain: *Senator Lewis, Senator Chukwu, Senator Jackson-Price, Senator Joslin*

### **IX. (Moved to I.) SGAR – 56001 – Administration and Finance Student Ambassador Establishment Resolution (Vote)**

SGA supporting the creation of a Administration and Finance mentorship.

- Reasoning is trying to have more transparency between students and A&F and wanting to keep line of communication clear. Goal is to make sure students stay represented in A&F.
- Recruiting process would be looking for experience in leadership, well rounded students. Great chance to people who want to understand how A&F works.

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Role call vote;*

- For: *Senator Lewis, Senator Gonzales, Senator Barrett, Senator Garza, Senator Ramos, Senator Ramos, Senator Doan, Senator Morgan, Senator Epomba, Senator Vo, Senator Strohm, Senator Potts, Senator Javed, Senator Saybe, Senator Fuentes, Senator Simmons, Senator Dias, Senator Chukwu, Senator Joslin, Senator Lamonte, Senator Mistry, Senator Austgen*

### **X. (Changed to II.) SGAR – 56002 - Cougar Ride Shuttle Line Accessibility (Vote)**

SGA showing support in handicap accessibility for Cougar Ride Shuttles. Services will begin to monitor usage and will match implementation with usage.

*Motion to move to previous question; passes*

*Role call vote;*

- For: *Senator Gonzales, Senator Barrett, Senator Garza, Senator Ramos, Senator Ramos, Senator Doan, Senator Morgan, Senator Epomba, Senator Vo,*

*Senator Stroh, Senator Potts, Senator Javed, Senator Saybe, Senator Fuentes, Senator Simmons, Senator Dias, Senator Chukwu, Senator Joslin, Senator Lamonte, Senator Mistry, Senator Austgen*

- Abstain: *Senator Lewis*

### **Clause 9: Closing Remarks**

#### **I. Officers**

- President – My resolution currently has no sponsors, so let me know if you want to sponsor
- Director of Public Relations - polos and pictures x3
- Chief of Staff - please join the Emerging Leaders committee
- Attorney General - Any concerns to my election changes please reach out and let me know.
- Speaker - Please send me a bio for the website, if you don't I will create one for you and you do not want that.

#### **II. Closing Call of the Roll**

**Present:** Senator Lewis, Senator Gonzales, Senator Barrett, Senator Barrett, Senator Garza, Senator Ramos, Senator Doan, Senator Morgan, Senator Epomba, Senator Vo, Senator Stroh, Senator Potts, Senator Javed, Senator Saybe, Senator Fuentes, Senator Simmons, Senator Dias, Senator Chukwu, Senator Jackson-Price, Senator Lamonte, Senator Austgen