

## 5/3/2023 Meeting Notes

Jonathan Sasser

57<sup>th</sup> admin senator

People with invisible disabilities are sometimes not believed

Authored the equity for students with disabilities bill

A committee was formed during the 57<sup>th</sup>

Accommodations for test taking are lacking

Student accessibility center does not have the proper resources for exams, students have had to bring in their own laptops to take exams

To get involved contact director Kyle Muntz and help him push for change

Veronica

DEI

Speaks about how there are not many black professors in political science

Texas senate banned DEI hiring practices, this is concerning

Aims to promote diversity and equity

Jesus

Current president of UHD

Addresses the DEI ban condemnation bill

Shouts out Senator Saron and President Riz

Is here to show solidarity and represent the UHD student body in supporting the bill

UHD Senator

Condemns the striking down of DEI in public universities

January Xavier Kitsugi

Member of Rambo space at UHD, LGBT and disability organization

Urges UH to come together with UHD to combat the Texas legislature's striking down of DEI in higher education of institutions

This bill targets many minorities and disabled groups

Ben

Summarized the agenda

Tyler

See him in the office if you'd like to know what he is working on

Sophia

Asks senators to pick committees before they are placed in some

Caitlyn

Explains change of seating

There was a concern regarding the appointment process that is meritless

No justices will be removed until the court makes a decision

Associate justice applications open

Maya Little

Is the senior associate justice

Caitlyn Foret was placed here not because of her qualifications but because of their connections

Maya will become chief justice if Caitlyn is removed

Jadyn

The court will decide whether the justices were appointed correctly

Jared

Was under the weather, welcomes senators to speak to him to discuss initiatives

Noor

Holding a food drive with the food bank

Volunteers requested

Gabriel

Wishes everyone an amazing summer

Has been designing a lot of material for SGA

Working on day of the dead parade

Photos are being uploaded

Jordan

Looking for someone to fill a subordinate position in outreach

Taz

Report of Academic affairs

Nothing to report

Internal Affairs committee

Keeping an eye on the current conflict between branches

Remind senators to join committees

Student Life

Met last week about DEI bill to write a letter to the state legislature

Admin and Finance

Fighting parking and transportation

Backs Caitlyn Foret. She has helped this administration get off the ground

Veronica

Journalism major

Minor in laws values and policy

Commends work done by current administration

Every advising appointment is with a different advisor

Wants to look into the reasons that there doesn't seem to be a stable advisor pool for CLASS

Wants to personalize advisors

Lack of scholarships in Valenti school of communication

Honors college has much more resources than her Valenti

Supports DEI

UH has significant funding, and more should go to minorities

Wants to keep tuition down to increase accessibility

Not proud of her time with FTS, but wants to move forward and work on important projects

Wants to increase funding for scholarships for underrepresented groups

Prioritize needs of minorities

Organized many events for Nigerian student association

Was convinced by other people, saw a better chance for victory with FTS

Wants to look at the bigger picture

Was nominated due to the passion she has for the issues she mentioned

Is a senior and wants to leave campus better than when she arrived

Sarah

Wants to help those who are at risk of academic probation or suspension

Wants to increase funding for caps, caps staff feels exhausted and overworked

Employers are looking for medicine students not public health, wants to change that?

Caitlyn

Justice little was incorrectly informed that she would fill in for Caitlyn and Caitlyn was asked to give her time to speak

Justice little's comments were grossly inaccurate

Has been a teen attorney

Incoming law student

Has worked as a legal assistant

Is highly qualified

Encourages anyone who has doubts about her qualifications to contact her

Jared

Asks everyone to remain drama free

Tyler

Seconds Jared and encourages productive conversation not discord

Ben

Summer senate sign up is open

Focus on finals and school

Dylan Garcia

Thanks the senate for passing the DEI resolution

SGAs across Texas are joining together to express discontent for the DEI bills

Wants to include more SGAs in the fight against the Texas DEI bills

Blanchard

Feels that even though the resolution has passed and people are voicing discontent, the Texas legislature will still pass the bills and wants to look at how

Andrew

If there is conflict about resolutions, then this is something worth fighting for

Riya

It is more than possible to communicate with each other without raising their voice and speaking over each other

Karla

Brings up the fact that the bylaws require summer senate to be entirely virtual or in person

Theotim

Asks for help with a project that he is working on, "Battle of the Bands"

Szelle

Asks senators to bring up any issues with bills during the first read and not during the vote

Diane

Thanks everyone for passing the bill

Lubben

Kind words

Fischer

Cautions against tone policing and allowing senators to speak passionately

Jonah

Asks everyone to take care of their academics first

Anahi

Does not hold any animosity for those who disagreed

Dylan Garcia

Asks anyone interested to contact him about DEI.

Spiro

Asks everyone to ground and take care of themselves

Saron

Shouts out the UHD SGA and Dylan for their work with DEI

UHD SGA President

Thanks the UH main campus senate for their support with DEI

Jonah

You should always be able to question things respectfully and thoughtfully

Things that are important and valuable should be able to be defended easily, people should be allowed to raise their disagreement, as that is productive

Mya Little

Did not mean to berate Caitlyn Foret, appreciates her and her work

Was initially denied their position, does not think that it shows integrity to not have other people go through that process

Appointments should be looked over closely

Saron