



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

General Assembly

First Spring Session

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Academic Building – A300 (Houston / White Oak Room)

- I. Call to Order by Speaker of the House Mario Torres**
 - a. Opening Roll Call**
 - i. PRESENT:
 - Executive Board:** President Shay Tatum, Vice President Jason Lillie, Director of External Affairs Xiomara Herrera
 - Judicial Branch:** Attorney General Andre Solis
 - Legislative Branch:** Speaker of the House Mario Torres, Senator Jorge Mendoza, Senator Kassandra Aparicio, Senator Emerson Romero, Senator Ameena Rasheed
 - b. Quorum Check from Attorney General Andre Solis**
 - c. Approval of Previous General Assembly’s Minutes presented by Speaker of the House Mario Torres**
 - i. Motion to approve the minutes. Motion passes.
 - d. Approval of General Assembly’s Agenda presented by Speaker of the House Mario Torres**
 - i. Motion to approve the agenda. Motion passes
- II. Old Business**
 - a. Vote on Proposed Amendment (Speaker of the House Torres)
 - i. CA-40-001 –Constitutional Amendment (Junior Senator's Selection Amendment)
 - b. Recapitulation of Previous Events
 - i. Welcome Week (Multiple Speakers)
 1. Tabling Efforts
 2. Meet SGA
- III. New Business**
 - a. Legislative Branch – Nomination and Confirmation of newly proposed Senators
 - i. Samantha Mosley – Senator-at-Large
 - ii. Chalsey Nelson – Senator-at-Large

Members of the Senate asked several questions to the following candidates about their interest in the Student Government Association and why they are looking to be officers. Following questions from the Senate, candidate Mosley and Nelson were

sworn in by Attorney General Andre Solis to the positions of Senator-at-Large for the spring 2020 semester.

- b. Executive Board – Confirmation of newly proposed candidates
 - i. Elena Martinez – Department of Treasury
Members of the Executive Board asked candidate Elena Martinez several questions about her interest in the Student Government Association and why she wants to become an officer. Following those questions, Martinez was then confirmed to the role of Executive Treasurer by Attorney General Andre Solis.
- c. Executive Board – Promotion of Existing Officers to New Positions
 - i. Aameena Rasheed – Director of Secretariat

Senior Senator for the College of Science and Technology Aameena Rasheed was sworn in by Attorney General Andre Solis.

- d. An update on the search for a new Dean of Students was presented by President Tatum.
- e. An update on SGA budget and expenditures by President Tatum.
- f. Dates for Future General Assemblies for the Spring Semester presented by Speaker of the House Torres.
 - i. Monday, February 3rd – 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM – GSB307 (Milan / Travis Room)
 - ii. Monday, February 17th – 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM – A300 (Houston / Buffalo Room)
 - iii. Tuesday, March 3rd – 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM – A300 (Houston / Buffalo Room)
 - iv. Monday, March 16th – 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM – A300 (Houston / Buffalo Room)
 - v. Tuesday, March 24th – 12:00 AM until 2:00 PM – A300 (Houston / White Oak Room)
 - vi. Monday, April 27th – 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM – A300 (Houston / White Oak Room)
 - vii. Monday, June 1st – 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM – A300 (Houston / Buffalo Room)
- g. Update on the remodeling of the Office presented by President Tatum

IV. Open Forum

Representative of the U.S. Census came to address the student body and Student Government Association. Hiring for part-time positions and why it's so important to be a part of the U.S. Census.

V. Legislative Report Time and Plans for the Semester

- a. Marilyn Davies College of Business – Senators Camila Sandoval and Emerson Romero: Nothing to report
- b. College of Public Service – Senator Christina Glenn: Nothing to report
- c. College of Humanities and Social Sciences – Senators Jorge Mendoza and Illias Sotiriou: Nothing to report
- d. College of Science and Technology – Senator Rashel Garcia: On behalf of Senator Garcia, Aameena Rasheed gave an update on the College of Sciences and Technology building's new SciTech café that's available to all students.
- e. University College – Senator Kassandra Aparicio: Addressed the Senate about updates regarding the University College.
- f. Senators at Large – Nothing to report.

VI. Judicial Report Time

- a. Chief Justice Pablo David Cubillos: Nothing to report
- b. Attorney General Andre Solis

VII. President Report Time

- a. President Shenaedra “Shay” Tatum

Discussing how students should be part of the hiring process of professors. Touched on the discrepancy of hiring of professors that don’t reflect the ethnic backgrounds of the students who attend the University of Houston-Downtown. Working on the budget with our new Treasurer Elena Martinez.

VIII. Executive Report Time

- a. Vice-President Jason Lillie

Thanked those who attended the recent Gator Serve event. Notified everyone about the Women’s March coming up this Saturday.

- b. Executive Directors’ Report

IX. Open Forum

X. Exiting Role Call

Executive Board: President Shay Tatum, Vice President Jason Lillie, Executive Secretary Ameena Rasheed, Director of Treasury Elena Martinez,

Legislative Branch: Speaker of the House Mario Torres, Senator Jorge Mendoza, Senator Kassandra Aparicio, Senator Emerson Romero, Senator Chalsey Nelson, Senator Samantha Mosley

XI. Adjournment