



DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Travis Room/Welcome Center

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MEETING CREATED BY: Irene Nunez

MINUTE TAKER: Elizabeth Bosquez

ROLL CALL:

Alan Modrow	A/A	Joly Fahim	A/A
Oscar Sanchez Vegas	A/A	Shay Hopper	X/A
Mustapha Nyallay	X/A	Hatziri Rancano	A/X
Mukarram Syedshah	X/X	Jovan Freeman	A/X
Esperanza Martinez	A/A	Evan Howell	X/X
Mobeen Azhar	A/A	Faryal Gul	X/X
Kimberly Weber	X/X	Irene Nunez	X/X
Mykal Peterson	X/X		

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Call to Order

Discussion:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call
 - Taken by Elizabeth Bosquez
- c. Quorum Check
 - Met quorum with 5 senators present.
- d. Approval of Minutes from previous General Assembly
 - Minutes approved for General Assembly held on November 10, 2016.
- e. Approval of the Agenda
 - Agenda approved.

2. New Business

Discussion:

- a. Election Commissioner Confirmation: Iliana B.
 - Not present.
- b. Election Clerks Confirmation: Rolanda F., Ashley S., Daisy G., & Latricia W.
 - Moved to after judicial report.
- c. Sports and Fitness Bill – Mykal Peterson and Irene Nunez
 - Presented by Mykal Peterson:
 - Working on referendum to put on election to vote for new Sports and Fitness building.
 - Bill needs to get passed by legislative branch.
 - Once passed, team will get signatures and then it will go to the election commission.
 - Need 5% of student body signatures.
 - Student body will then vote on using student fees to build building.
 - Have acquired 17 acres of land for building.

-There will be town hall meetings that will discuss Sports and Fitness building.

-Questions and comments:

-Faryal Gul: Amend first line of bill.

-Mykal Peterson: SGA in charge of getting signatures.

-Director of Sports and Fitness:

-Survey about building still active.

-University Center fee funds fitness center.

-Faryal Gul: Add percentage of student fee to the bill.

-Voting:

-Vote by consensus.

-Bill passed.

d. Chief of Staff Confirmation – Alan Modrow

-Alan Modrow: Introduction.

-Questions and comments:

-Has previous experience in marketing and was in multiple organizations in high school.

-Voting:

-Voted in as Chief of Staff.

-Sworn in by Mykal Peterson, Chief Justice.

e. Treasurer Confirmation – Oscar Sanchez Vegas

-Oscar Sanchez Vegas: Introduction.

-Questions and comments:

-Has experience with finance.

-Has experience in oil and gas industry with record keeping.

-Voting:

-Voted in as Treasurer.

-Sworn in by Mykal Peterson, Chief Justice.

f. Election Clerk Confirmation – Rolanda Franklin

-Rolanda Franklin: Introduction.

-No questions.

-Voting:

-Voted in as election clerk.

-Other election clerks will be voted in at future General Assemblies.

3. Judicial Report

Discussion:

a. Chief Justice – Mykal Peterson

-Will leave petitions in office for people interested in getting signatures.

-Election packets will be coming next General Assembly.

-Questions about petition can be answered at town hall meetings.

-Irene Nunez: A couple of edits will be done to the petition.

4. Senator Report Time

Discussion:

a. College of Business – Mukarram Syedshah

-Focus should be on freshmen.

-Wants College of Business to represent SGA more.

-Wants to bring more people in to SGA.

b. College of Science & Technology – Evan Howell

- Getting new building.
- Getting new AI room and working with facilities to have it on the 8th floor.
- Computer Science Club hosting workshops.
- c. College of Public Service – Jovan Freeman
 - Working with Northwest campus.
 - Having informational sessions.
 - Needs liaisons for Northwest campus orgs.
- d. University College – Faryal Gul
 - Speaking to student leaders about how SGA can help them.
 - Wants to set up a meeting in march for all org leaders to talk about issues they have.
- e. At Large Senators – Irene Nunez
 - Working with College of Humanities.
 - Fine arts fair is for entire university.
 - Wants SGA's help with a chalk event.

5. Executive Board Report Time

Discussion:

- a. President Report – Mustapha Nyallay
 - Sent out a mass email about things happening on campus.
 - President Search Committee chose a president.
 - We have a new police chief.
 - Partnership with HCC on transfer program.
 - Students from Japan visited our campus.
 - Visiting students in their classrooms to work on student engagement.
 - Gatorpool survey sent out last week and will email results to SGA officers.
 - Collaborated with Center for Community Engagement on MLK parade.
 - Welcomed refugee family from Afghanistan at the airport.
 - Working on getting housing for UHD students.
 - Visited an apartment complex to talk about housing.
 - On the search committee for Vice President of Student Affairs.
 - Working on launching diversity week.
 - Collaborated with University College for Fall in Love with your Major event.
- b. E-Board Report
 - Hatziri Rancano: Thank you to everyone for being present.
 - Shay Hopper:
 - i. Diversity Day
 - Diversity Day will be on April 5th in A300.
 - Participants will decorate tables based on their culture.
 - Prizes will be given out.
 - ii. Gatorpool Survey
 - Still need more responses.
 - Working in liability portion.
 - iii. Jump 4 Fun Event
 - Will be February 24th.
 - Must sign release forms by today.
 - Will be at Sky High Sports on Beltway and Westview.
 - iv. Stress Relief Day

- February 28th.
- Students can play games with SGA in A300.
- Will have snacks and drinks.
- v. Welcome Week
- SGA team wrapped up and gave away notebooks during Welcome Week.
- vi. Welcomed Refugee Family
- vii. Participated in MLK Parade
- viii. 3 Step Training
- Training is to increase involvement of students with SGA.
- Introduction of new volunteers.

6. Open Forum

Discussion:

- Hatziri Rancano:
- Ed's Bayou Cleanup has been canceled because of safety regulations with construction.
- Not happy with previous turnout of Ed's Bayou Cleanup.
- Working on diversity event.
- Will create bill for diversity event to be presented at next General Assembly.
- Irene Nunez:
- Senate meetings will not be back to back.
- Already had two senate meetings.
- Next General Assembly will be in auditorium.

7. Associate Justice Confirmation – Armita Tajadod

Discussion:

- Armita Tajadod: Introduction.
- Questions and comments:
- Was previously an associate justice and briefly Chief Justice.
- Voting:
- Voted in as Associate Justice.
- Sworn in by Mykal Peterson, Chief Justice.

8. Exiting Roll Call

TAKEN BY: Elizabeth Bosquez

9. Meeting Adjourned