



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

General Assembly

Third Spring Session

Monday, February 17th, 2020

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Location: Academic Building – A300 (Houston / Buffalo Bayou Room)

I. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

PRESENT: President Tatum, Vice President Lillie (late), Executive Secretary Rasheed, Executive Treasurer Martinez, Director of Student Engagement Calagon, Director of Public Relations and Marketing Resendez, Director of External Affairs Herrera, Director of Community Outreach Valle, Speaker of the House Torres, Senator Sandoval, Senator Mendoza, Senator Garcia (late), Senator Aparicio, Senator Sotiriou, Senator Mosley, Senator Nelson, Senator Romero.

b. Quorum Check done by Secretary Rasheed

c. Approval of Previous General Assembly's Minutes

d. Approval of General Assembly's Agenda

II. Old Business

a. Vote on Proposed Amendment (Speaker of the House Torres)

i. CA-40-001 – Constitutional Amendment (Junior Senator's Selection Amendment):

Speaker of the House Torres mentions that we still don't have enough signatures to pass the amendment.

b. Recapitulation of Previous Events

i. Confirmation of New Officers: We confirmed Secretary Rasheed into her new position with the Executive Branch, as well as Treasurer Martinez into her role within the executive board. We confirmed Senator Mosley and Senator Nelson into the roles of Senator-at-Large.

ii. Update of the SGA Budget: President Tatum mentioned that we had, as of last month, \$11,109.00 spent. It's not including our stipends, which automatically come out of our budget. We have a few items pending, which is our Black History Month celebration with the UHD Black Student Association and Walk 2 Vote. Once we're finished with those items, President Tatum will then give us another budget update.

iii. Confirmation of dates of future General Assemblies and Past General Meeting: Speaker of the House Torres confirms the dates of the upcoming General Assemblies. He also

mentioned that we didn't have our planned second General Assembly because we did not meet quorum because a lack of senators.

III. New Business

- a. Proposed Bill/Amendment: Senator Nelson gives us more information about the bill that she has authored about SGA officers and office hours.
 - i. BA-40-004 – Bylaw Amendment (Officer Hours Amendment)
- b. Legislative Branch – Nomination and Confirmation of newly proposed Senators
(Members of the Senate asked questions to the following candidates)
 - i. Aamir Merchant – Senator at Large
 - ii. Zizi Kanyabire – Senator at Large
- c. Executive Board – Promotion of Existing Officers to New Positions
(Members of the Board asked questions to the following candidates)
 - i. Gerri Valle – Director of Community Outreach
 - ii. Emerson Romero – Chief Justice
- d. Swearing of Newly Confirmed Officers
- e. Presentation of the confirmation of Election Commissioner by SGA advisor Tremaine Kwasikpui. There needs to be a training and when we need to announce the beginning of elections. Mr. Kwasikpui shared that the Council of Organizations meeting that will be held before the upcoming SGA election is on April 4, 2020.
 - i. It was motioned and properly seconded that the Senate will vote for ratifying the election commissioner, which needs to be ratified by a two thirds majority. It was motioned and approved for a vote by roll call.

Votes: YAY (8) – NAY (0) – ABSTAIN (0). Unanimous decision.
Senators Votes: Senator Camila Sandoval (YAY), Senator Jorge Mendoza (YAY), Senator Kassandra Aparicio (YAY), Senator Illias Sotiriou (YAY), Senator Sam Mosley (YAY), Senator Chalsey Nelson (YAY), Senator Merchant (YAY), Senator Kanyabire (YAY).
- f. Black History Month Women's Empowerment Brunch discussed by President Tatum
 - i. February 18th, 2020 – Main Building N480 – 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- g. Meet the Candidates discussed by President Tatum
 - i. February 26th, 2020 – GSB 307 Milan Room – 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
- h. Walk2Vote discussed by President Tatum
 - i. February 26th, 2020 – Main Building Portico – 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

IV. Open Forum

Director mentioned that March 8th is going to be International Women's Day, so she mentioned doing something special for that event coming up. SGA advisor Tremaine Kwasikpui mentioned several events. On March 3rd there will be a ribbon cutting on the second floor 11AM-1PM for club and organizations is going to get a dedicated space. March 26th is the annual Bayou Bash. April 4th is a Sights and Sounds music festival. The kickoff will be at the Science and Technology building, which will be a great opportunity to get some students as volunteers. The College of Business is also having a Cinco de Mayo 5K run. One Main Event is on April 17th.

V. Legislative Report Time and Plans for the Semester

- a. Marilyn Davies College of Business – Senators Camila Sandoval and Emerson Romero
- b. College of Public Service – Senator Christina Glenn
- c. College of Humanities and Social Sciences – Senators Jorge Mendoza and Ilias Sotiriou
- d. College of Science and Technology – Senator Rashel Garcia

- e. University College – Senator Kassandra Aparicio
- f. Senators at Large – Senators Sam Mosley, Chalsey Nelson, Zizi Kanyabire, Aamir Merchant

VI. Judicial Report Time

- a. Nothing to report

VII. President Report Time

- a. President Shenaedra “Shay” Tatum: SGA is getting new office furniture and logos for SGA. The officers will be taking a training trip soon.

VIII. Executive Report Time

- a. Vice-President Jason Lillie: Emphasized the importance of doing office hours.
- b. Executive Directors’ Report

IX. Open Forum: SGA Advisor Tremaine Kwasikpui mentioned the promotion of the UHD Food For Change market. The University College (11 percent) and the College of Public Service (16 percent) have the lowest student usage rates.

X. Exiting Role Call

XI. PRESENT: President Tatum, Vice President Lillie (late), Executive Secretary Rasheed, Executive Treasurer Martinez, Director of Student Engagement Calagon, Director of Public Relations and Marketing Resendez, Director of External Affairs Herrera, Director of Community Outreach Valle, Chief Justice Romero, Speaker of the House Torres, Senator Sandoval, Senator Mendoza, Senator Garcia (late), Senator Aparicio, Senator Sotiriou, Senator Mosley, Senator Nelson, Senator Merchant, Senator Kanyabire.

XII. Adjournment