University of Houston - Downtown



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM LOCATION: Auditorium

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	A/A
Mustapha Nyallay	X/A	Hatziri Rancano	A/X
Mukarram Syedshah	X/X	Jovan Freeman	A/A
Jasmine Gallegos	A/A	Evan Howell	A/A
Mykal Peterson	X/A	Faryal Gul	A/A
Kimberly Weber	X/A	Irene Nunez	X/X
Armita Tajadod	A/A		

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Call to Order

Discussion:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call
 - -Taken by Elizabeth Bosquez.
- c. Quorum Check
 - -Do not meet quorum: only 3 senators present.
- d. Approval of Minutes from Previous General Assembly
 - -Minutes approved for General Assembly held on February 16, 2017.
- e. Approval of the Agenda
 - -Election Commissioner Confirmation moved to a future General Assembly.
 - -Agenda approved.

2. New Business

Discussion:

- a. Professor Koenig Addresses Student Body
 - -Professor in Communications department.
 - -Art Festival is for everyone.
 - -Starting in fall Arts and Communication will be its own department.
 - -Overview of events happening during art festival:
 - -There will be a sidewalk chalk drawing on the South Deck.
 - -Wants SGA involvement for chalk event.
 - -There will be jazz session in the art gallery.
 - -There will be a poetry event in the evening.
 - -Internship fair.
 - -There will be open mic and karaoke.

- -Wants to see if SGA or Student Activities would like to be involved in art festival.
- -Professor Koenig will email professors about providing extra credit to students for attending art festival.
- -Reached out to Asian Student Association for involvement.
- -Working on flyer for art festival.
- -Tremaine Kwasikpui: Bayou Bash will happen on March 22nd, 4pm-7pm, and there will be free beer and crawfish.

3. Judicial Report

Discussion:

- a. Chief Justice Mykal Peterson
 - -Election packets are available.
 - -Will be in charge of election process until election commissioner is confirmed.
 - -Signature petition forms are available in the Sports and Fitness Center.
 - -Make sure 900 numbers are legible on form.
 - -Training tomorrow for street team.
 - -Have to go to training to participate in getting signatures.
 - -Per Constitution, students need to say yes or no to put on ballot.

4. Senator Report Time

Discussion:

- a. College of Business Mukarram Syedshah
 - -Met with dean.
 - -Wants to create a survey for College of Business to see what they need help with.
- b. University College Kimberly Weber
 - -Parking sign issue.
 - -Signs need to be placed in front of meter about parking.
 - -There are signs that say parking is free after 6pm but they still charge until 11pm.
- c. At Large Senators Irene Nunez
 - -Looking for candidates for At Large Senator positions.
 - -Wants to work with E-Board to appoint college Senators.

5. Executive Board Report Time

Discussion:

- a. President Mustapha Nyallay
 - -On committee search for Vice President and Provost.
 - -Discussed with advisor and Interim President to put students on the committee.
 - -Came up with a solution to create a subcommittee of students to meet with candidates.
 - -Interim President offered to attend General Assembly.
 - -Ask Mustapha for more info on meeting new UHD President.
 - -Meeting with IT on March 3rd.
 - -Working on more involvement from students.
 - -Wants to create a university model in which students can relate to.
 - -Meeting with Council of Orgs.
 - -Career Service event on March 9th.
 - -Advisor working on inviting Aramark representatives to campus to discuss prices.
- b. E-Board Representative Hatziri Rancano
 - -Irene Nunez can look for college senators.
 - -Irene Nunez: Senators want breakdown of budget at senator meeting.
 - -Budget info always on back office.
 - -Budget is on excel sheet.

- -Treasurer resigned 3 months ago.
- -Does not have final financial info from December.
- -Using receipts to put together budget info.
- -We have no representation in shared governance committees.
- -Have to provide students with incentives to volunteer.
- -Wants amendment added to budget to allocate money for current stipend positions.
- -Administration changed the way stipends are paid.
- -Go Around the World event details:
- -Need money for Go Around the World event.
- -In Go Around the World event students will represent a country of their liking.
- -Wants to provide tables, food, and anything else they need for this event.
- -Quoting for 50 teams for this event.
- -Wants to provide a t-shirt for every student that participates.
- -Will invite people from outside orgs.
- -Wants to invite media to showcase our diversity.
- -Total price for the event is \$7,115.
- -Participants can provide a swap to students who visit their table.
- -Everyone who fills up passport gets a shirt.
- -Possibly have vendors set up outside.
- -Wants to invite Mi Familia Vota to show students how to voice their concerns.
- -Event is April 5th.
- -Each team has to make 100 swaps.
- -Wants to provide materials for making swaps.
- -There is \$500 in the budget for General Assemblies.

6. Open Forum

Discussion:

- -Irene Nunez: Senator meeting on Thursday, March 2nd, at 1pm in the SGA office.
- -Shay Hopper: Percy can make purchases through Sam's but go through Kwasikpui first.
- -Irene Nunez: Will have to call assembly to vote on election commissioner.
- -Irene Nunez: Next general assembly is on March 30th, location tba.

7. Exiting Roll Call

TAKEN BY: Elizabeth Bosquez

8. Meeting Adjourned