



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 1, 2018

TIME: 4:30PM

LOCATION: Travis Room

MINUTE TAKER: Miguel Sanchez

SGA ROLL CALL:

Faryal Gul	X/A	Ramiro Ojeda	X/A
Armita Tajadod	X/X	Jessica Delgado	X/X
Archie Gayle	X/A	Alan Modrow	X/X
Evelyn Garcia	A/A	Ignasio Hernandez	X/A
Penelope Arias	A/X	Diana Platas	X/X
Miguel Sanchez	X/X	Angela Dawson	X/A
Aileen Sanchez	X/A	Jesse Uppal	X/X
Deshunna Anthony	X/X	Irene Nuñez	X/A
Thomas Canny	X/A		
Shay Tatum	X/A		

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Call to Order

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- b. **Roll Call**

TAKEN BY: Miguel Sanchez

- c. **Quorum Check**

Discussion:

Meet quorum with

- d. **Approval of minutes from previous General Assembly**
- e. **Approval of the Agenda**

2. Open Forum

3. Old Business

- a. Report from #MeToo Solidarity
 - i. Working with Dean Guillory along with Say Her Name conference
 - ii. Solidarity walk from Business Building to the North Deck
 - iii. Thursday, March 22nd 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - iv. Amend by adding date to bill
 - v. Amend by decreasing shirts requested from 200 to 150
 - vi. Senate will consider passing bill
 - vii. Bill passes unanimously

4. New Business

- a. Tuition increase proposal (2019-2020)
 - i. Presented by Provost Hugetz and VP of Finance David Bradley
 - 1. End of Open Admissions & Adoption of Admission Standards
 - a. Fall 2013 – FTIC
 - b. Fall 2015 – Transfer Students
 - 2. Why?
 - a. Legislative disincentives to remain open admissions
 - b. Community college partnerships
 - c. Brand/reputation
 - 3. Awards/Recognition for Student Success
 - a. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board STAR Award (December 2017)
 - b. UH System Board of Regents Excellence Award (May 2017)
 - 4. Grow enrollments at the Graduate level
 - a. MBA, Masters in Non-Profit, Master's in Data Analytics
 - b. Graduate Headcount
 - i. Fall 2013 – 271
 - ii. Fall 2017 – 1,514
 - 5. To continue implementing the strategic plan, additional resources will be required
 - a. Adjust to decreasing levels of state support
 - i. Last session, almost all Texas universities saw reductions
 - ii. UHD did better than most but still lost \$1.6M in special item funding over 2 years
 - b. 2019 Tuition \$159.50 per hour to \$170. (\$10.50)
 - c. 2020 Tuition from \$170 to 181 (\$11)
 - d. Fixed – 2019 \$171 to 182 (\$11)
 - e. Fixed – 2020 \$182 to 193 (\$11)
 - 6. Presidential Directive – 2% Budget Reduction – \$1.5M
 - a. To be used to offset enrollment-related revenue shortfall in FY2018
 - 7. From the increase being proposed for tuition/fees – \$3.5M
 - a. Known FY2019 Budget mandates

- i. Total - \$1.78M
 - b. Non-mandates
 - i. Total \$1.68M
- b. International Education Committee and Office of Study Abroad Proposal
 - i. Presented by Dr. Faiza Khoja
 - 1. Increase the International Education fee from \$4 to \$8 per student per semester and these increases would go directly to study abroad scholarships
 - 2. The Gilman scholarships are only for students that will study for 10 weeks or more. This is highly competitive and restrictive to many students. This is why the increase is important. Otherwise, Study Abroad Office can't offer more study abroad programs
 - 3. Motion to vote by ballot
 - a. Y – IIIIIII – 7
 - b. N – IIII – 4
 - c. Passes
- c. SGA Elections 2018
 - i. Senate will consider a motion to approve the proposed Election Commission
 - 1. Election Commissioner \$300 Stipend
 - 2. Election Clerk \$100 Stipend
- d. Oath of Office Amendment to Constitution
 - i. Senate will hear a bill to amend the constitution
 - ii. The bill creates an official oath for the Student Government Association
- e. Civic Engagement and Voter Turnout Committee Resolution
 - i. Senate will consider a motion to approve proposed resolution
 - ii. Bill creates a standing committee for events such as Walk2Vote

5. President Report Time

- a. President: Faryal Gul
 - i. Adding 3 new charging stations for a total of 8
 - ii. Appointed to Gator Spirit and Pride Committee
 - iii. Snapchat Filter for UHD
 - iv. Concert is next Thursday March 8th 7PM-11PM

6. Executive Board Report Time

- a. Vice President: Armita Tajadod
 - i. Met with UHD Northwest to collaborate and include those students
 - ii. New ATM Machines
 - 1. 1 by financial aid
 - 2. 5th floor library
 - 3. Cafeteria
- b. Assistant to the President: Archie Gayle
- c. Chief of Staff: Evelyn Garcia
- d. Secretary: Miguel Sanchez

- e. Director of Student Engagement: Penni Arias
 - i. Talking with Ms. Debbie for Big Brother Big Sister mentoring program
 - ii. Star of Hope letter
 - iii. UHD Sigmas are doing a walk for AIDS on Sunday

7. Senator Report Time

- a. College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Shay Tatum & Ramiro Ojeda
 - i. Ramiro Ojeda
 - 1. Working to fix course evaluations
 - 2. UHD Speech and Debate Club
 - ii. Shay Tatum
 - 1. KnowYourStatus Event
- b. College of Public Service: Deshunna Anthony & Jesse Uppal
 - i. Deshunna Anthony
 - 1. Work with Houston Food Bank
 - ii. Jesse Uppal
 - 1. 2nd Safety Walk scheduled for March
 - 2. Working on Around the World
 - 3. Working on amendment to further specify how attendance works for officers
- c. College of Science and Technology: Ignacio Hernandez & Aileen Sanchez
- d. College of Business: Thomas Canny
 - i. Last weekend got to attend Global Engagement UN HQ in NYC – learn new ways to implement UN goals on campus
 - ii. Represent COB at Luncheon Marilyn Davies and Dr. Munoz for the future in the COB
- e. Senators-At-Large
 - i. Angela Dawson
 - ii. Jessica Plascencia-Delgado
 - iii. Alan Modrow
 - iv. Diana Platas

8. Judicial Report Time

- a. Chief Justice: Irene Nunez

9. Committee Report Time

- a. Campus Safety Committee: Jesse Uppal
- b. Constitution Committee: Irene Nunez
- c. Diversity & Equity Committee: Jessica Plascencia-Delgado
- d. Internal Affairs committee: Jesse Uppal
- e. Student Affairs Committee: Diana Platas
- f. University Advancement Committee: Ramiro Ojeda

10. Open Forum

11. Exiting Roll Call

12. Adjournment