## **University of Houston - Downtown**



#### **General Assembly**

**Fourth Spring Session** 

Tuesday, March 3rd, 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, Chief of Staff Modrow, Secretary Rasheed, Treasurer Martinez, Director of External Affairs Herrera, Director of Health and Wellness Chavez, Chief Justice Romero, Speaker of the House Torres, Senator Sandoval, Senator Glenn, Senator Garcia, Senator Mosley, Senator Kanyabire.

- b. Ouorum Check
- 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)
  - CA-40-001 Constitutional Amendment (Junior Senator's Selection Amendment)
     Motion to vote by roll call from Senator Sandoval. Senator Mosley seconds the motion.
     Yay 5 | Nay 0 | Abstain 1
     Motion passes.
- b. Vote on Proposed Amendment (Speaker of the House Torres)
  - i. BA-40-004 Bylaw Amendment (Officer Hours Amendment)
     Motion to vote by roll call from Senator Sandoval. Senator Glenn seconds the motion.
     Yay 5 | Nay 0 | Abstain 1
- c. Recapitulation of Previous Events
  - i. Black History Month Women's Empowerment Brunch: Senator Mosley updates attendees on what happened at the Black Women's Empowerment Brunch hosted with the Black Student Association, which included appearances from several public figures, such as Jolanda Jones, Sheila Jackson Lee, Amanda Edwards, and more.
  - ii. Meet the Candidates + Walk2Vote Senator Kanyabire speaks on what happened at our annual Meet the Candidates and Walk2Vote events. Vice President Lillie applauded the efforts of the officers who helped with the events.

#### **III.** New Business

a. Legislative Branch – Promotion of Existing Officers to new Positions

### (Members of the Senate will be allowed to ask questions to the following candidates)

i. Meghana Karra – Senator at Large

Senator Sandoval motions to vote by ballot. Senator seconds the motion to vote by ballot.

 $Yay - 3 \mid Nay - 0 \mid Abstain - 2$ 

Meghana Karra voted in by the Senate to be a Senator-at-Large. Sworn in by Chief Justice Romero.

b. Legislative Branch – Promotion of Existing Officers to new Positions

### (Members of the Senate will be allowed to ask questions to the following candidates)

- Samantha Mosley Senior Senator to College of Public Service
   Senator Sandoval motions to vote by consensus. Senator Glenn seconds the motion. No objections from the Senate. Senator Mosley is sworn in by Chief Justice Romero.
- c. Know your Status President Tatum gives additional details about upcoming STD/STI testing event that SGA will be hosting.
  - i. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 A300 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- **IV. Open Forum:** Mr. Kwasikpui gives updates on the SGA elections and getting packets for running for different SGA offices.

### V. Legislative Report Time and Plans for the Semester

- a. Marilyn Davies College of Business Senator Camila Sandoval is working on doing an alumni panel with the College of Business.
- b. College of Public Service Senator Sam Mosley and Christina Glenn is working on concerns students are having about being forced to wait to walk in fall graduation when they only have one class left over in the summer. She wants to see if students can have to option to walk in the spring.
- c. College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senator Jorge Mendoza absent
- d. College of Science and Technology Senator Rashel Garcia
- e. University College Senator Kassandra Aparicio absent
- f. Senators at Large Senators Ilias Sotiriou, Chalsey Nelson, Aamir Merchant, and Zizi Kanyabare

### VI. Judicial Report Time

- a. Chief Justice Emerson Romero congratulated our new officers who were sworn in and promoted.
- b. Attorney General Andre Solis

### VII. President Report Time

a. President Shenaedra "Shay" Tatum mentioned the opening of the new study space and the student organization space, where UHD clubs can store their supplies. Earlier in the morning some UHD SGA representatives attended HCC's inaugural Walk2Vote event. President Tatum also reminds all the officers to attend the UHD Faculty Senate meeting, if they are available to help push to initiative of getting more faculty members of color and having students part of the search committee for new professors. In addition, Tatum points out the specifics of getting signatures to run for office in SGA.

### VIII. Executive Report Time

- a. Vice-President Jason Lillie mentions that University Relations is looking for people to help promote the school.
- b. Executive Directors' Report

Secretary Rasheed mentions possibly partnering up with Willowridge High School to speak with STEM students about attending UHD and building a pipeline of prospective students interested in our campus.

Chief of Staff Modrow mentions serving on the Mayor's Student Leadership Alliance and they are working to pass joint resolutions through different college's student governments to support refugees here in Texas.

# IX. Open Forum

### X. Exiting Role Call

President Tatum, Vice President Lillie, Chief of Staff Modrow, Secretary Rasheed, Treasurer Martinez, Director of Health and Wellness Chavez, Chief Justice Romero, Speaker of the House Torres, Senator Sandoval, Senator Glenn, Senator Garcia, Senator Mosley, Senator Kanyabire, Senator Karra.

## XI. Adjournment