University of Houston - Downtown



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: A436

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

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Call to Order

Discussion:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call
 - -Taken by Elizabeth Bosquez.
- c. Quorum Check
 - -Met quorum with 4 senators present.
- d. Approval of minutes from previous General Assembly
 - -Minutes approved for General Assembly held on March 2, 2017 by consent.
- e. Approval of the Agenda
 - -Agenda approved by consent.

2. UHD Interim President Dr. Olivas

Discussion:

- -Last day at UHD is April 14th.
- -New UHD president will start on April 17th.
- -Will be returning to law school at UH.
- -UHD bought 17 acres of land last year.
- -Wants to buy more land for parking.
- -Possibly have STEM building by Fall 2019.
- -UHD will soon have nursing classes in the medical center.
- -Will offer more classes at Northwest center.
- -UHD will be starting a data analytics program.
- -College of Business has been named Davies College of Business.
- -10 million donated to College of Business.
- -Ms. Hattie passed away last week.

- -Working on picking one of the three candidates for V.P. of Student Affairs and Dean of Students.
- -Met with commissioner on getting more bike paths around UHD.
- -Chose to go with faculty and staff only for search committee for Vice President.
- -Vice President is more on the academic side.
- -Governor Bill Richardson will speak at UHD graduation this year.

3. Old Business

Discussion:

- a. Diversity Day Bill Vote
 - -Presented by Hatziri Rancano.
 - -Administration will help with \$1500 for food.
 - -Will have confirmation from administration tomorrow.
 - -Need a total of \$3000 for food.
 - -Food must be prepared at UH and brought to UHD.
 - -Lost Treasurer because of stipend issue.
 - -Hatziri finished the budget.
 - -Contingency fund close to \$6000.
 - -Might still have Ed's Bayou clean up event.
 - -Still have \$11,000 that cannot be touched.
 - -Senate stepped out to discuss bill in private.
 - -Senators requesting to remove t-shirts from bill.
 - -Money for t-shirts reduced to \$625.
 - -Vote by consent.
 - -Diversity bill passed.
- b. Thank You Day Event
 - -Will need about \$1500 for this event.
 - -Will have coffee, doughnuts, and thank you cards for the event.

4. New Business

Discussion:

- a. Felishi Jordan Community Outreach Vote/Confirmation
 - -Introduction.
 - -Questions and answers:
 - -Faryal Gul, Irene Nunez, and Mukarram Syedshah.
 - -Voting by ballot.
 - -Felishi Jordan voted in for Community Outreach Director position.
 - -Sworn in by Chief Justice, Mykal Peterson.

5. Senator Report Time

Discussion:

- a. University College Faryal Gul
 - -Meeting with Dr. Birchak and Dr. Hudson.
- b. College of Business Mukarram Syedshah
 - -Working with Landon and IT department.

6. New Business

Discussion:

- a. Amendment to the Constitution Bill Presented by Mykal Peterson
 - -Bill can be voted on in the next General Assembly.

-Motion to move voting to the next General Assembly approved.

7. Executive Board Report Time

Discussion:

- a. President Mustapha Nyallay
 - -Part of search committee for V.P. of Student Affairs and Dean of Students.
 - -Petition for new Sports and Fitness building has been completed.
 - -Met with Aramark.
 - -Contract with Aramark terminated.
 - -Search committee for new food contract needs students.
 - -High school students will possibly come to the next General Assembly.

8. Open Forum

Discussion:

- -Irene Nunez:
 - -Next General Assembly on April 20, 1pm-3pm, A436.
 - -Looking for SGA volunteers for chalk event on Tuesday, March 28th, 10am-2pm.
 - -Will be giving out 8 Starbucks cards at chalk event.
 - -SGA will have a table at chalk event from 11am-2pm.

9. Exiting Roll Call

TAKEN BY: Elizabeth Bosquez

10. Meeting Adjourned