



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**General Assembly**

**Fifth Spring Session**

**Monday, March 30th, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

**Location: UHD Zoom**

**I. Call to Order by President Tatum**

a. Roll Call

PRESENT: President Tatum, Vice President Lillie, Chief of Staff Modrow, Secretary Rasheed, Treasurer Martinez, Director of Public Relations and Marketing Resendez, Director of External Affairs Herrera, Director of Health and Wellness Chavez, Director of Community Outreach Valle, Chief Justice Romero, Attorney General Solis, Speaker of the House Torres, Senator Sandoval, Senator Glenn, Senator Aparicio, Senator Mosely, Senator Merchant, Senator Kanyabire, Senator Karra.

b. Quorum Check by Secretary Rasheed

c. Approval of Previous General Assembly's Minutes led by Speaker of the House Torres  
Senator Karra motions to approve the previous General Assembly's minutes. Motion seconded by Senator Mosley.

d. Approval of General Assembly's Agenda

Senator Kanyabire motions to approve the agenda. Senator Glenn seconds that motion.

e. Organization of the Meeting (Instructions)

Speaker of the House Torres goes through the rules and general guidelines for the first SGA General Assembly of the year.

**II. Old Business**

a. Recapitulation of Previous Events led by Speaker of the House Torres

i. Know Your Status

Senator Karra gives feedback and information about the Know Your Status event.

President Tatum mentions that SGA was able to test over 125 students, which is the highest number on record.

**III. New Business**

a. Legislative Branch – Senate Voting

i. Update to the Constitution (Vote to include in the Election Ballot)

The Legislative Branch will vote to have a copy of the updated Constitution added to the ballot in the upcoming SGA election. Senator Glenn motions to vote by roll call. Senator Karra second the motion to vote by roll call.

Secretary Rasheed proceeds with roll call for voting

Votes: Yay – 7 | Nay – 0 | Unanimous decision

Motioned and approved that the updates to the SGA Constitution will be on the ballot.

- b. Updates on future of General Assemblies (Speaker of the House Torres)  
Speaker Torres shares that future GAs will be online.
- c. Information for the students about updates with the university (Speaker of the House Torres)  
The university has moved classes to an online environment, and everything will be accessed online. The students are now able to utilize a special Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory grading option. The university is also providing partial refunds for parking for the spring semester.
- d. SGA Plans for the Rest of the Semester (President Tatum)  
President Tatum mentions that Breakfast of Champions will still happen, but it will look a bit different. SGA is looking to send out certificates and possibly give out breakfast coupons.

#### **IV. Open Forum with the help of volunteer Kelsi Rios**

**Volunteer Rios asked two questions on behalf of the student body via the Zoom meeting chat:**

1. Will registration be on the same day for fall classes?  
President Tatum confirms that registration will be the same for the most part with a few slight changes. Reminds students to check in on the updates from Chancellor Khator about financial aid.
2. Should students still register the same way even though they would like face-to-face classes.  
President Tatum confirms that the fall semester classes will go on as planned for the time being, so students should still register.
3. If you keep the grade you earn, will your GPA adjust?  
Speaker of the House Torres confirms that the student's GPA will adjust to reflect the grade that they earned. President Tatum reminds students that the last day to drop a class is on the last day of the class.
4. Can students still keep the letter grade of "D" if needed?  
President Tatum confirms that the grade option is "opt-in" only. If a student elects not to utilize this option, then they will just get the grade they earned.

Briana Drisdale stopped by the meeting to remind everyone to respond to the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census is now online for the first time ever.

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

- a. Marilyn Davies College of Business – Senator Camila Sandoval shares her experiences with professors going virtual and she hosted a "Study Break" Instagram Live with Director Chavez to help engage students. They're thinking of doing that every Tuesday to engage students to engage students in a laid back way.
- b. College of Public Service – Senators Christina Glenn and Samantha Mosley are working on a webinar workshop for students in CPS called Gator TAILS talking about the importance of learning. Discussing the impact of ethics and race and culture and how it plays into social work, criminal justice, and education. It will be a three-day, one-hour workshop. Students can get a certificate for participating.
- c. College of Humanities and Social Sciences – Senator Jorge Mendoza. Absent, nothing to report

- d. College of Science and Technology – Senator Rashel Garcia. Secretary delivers Senator Garcia’s report about how the College of Science and Technology is advising students via email. Contact the advisors via [cstadvicing@uhd.edu](mailto:cstadvicing@uhd.edu). Dean Uzman April 17<sup>th</sup> Student Research Conference will still be happening. It will now be online.
- e. University College – Senator Kassandra Aparicio discussed the tips and tactics she’s using to help her fellow students and advised her fellow SGA officers to do the same. She’s been offering tutorials to help some of her older classmates learn to navigate around some of the new online tools that they’re using in their classes.
- f. Senators at Large –
  - Aamir Merchant: Senator Merchant shares how he is studying with classmates in different classes by using Facetime and GroupMe.
  - Zizi Kanyabire: Senator Kanyabire gives her experience on transitioning to online courses with her classmates and how she’s utilized technology, such as Zoom and Facetime to speak with her classmates. Calls special attention to wanting to engage the student body in the area of mental health and wellness through meditation. Also looking into donating blood because the Red Cross and Memorial Hermann are really looking for people who are healthy and can donate blood, which she encourages the student body to also do.
  - Meghana Karra: Senator Karra and Senator Merchant did an Instagram Live video on the SGA Instagram page to talk with students. Karra also spoke with Dean Guillory and shared that registration for classes will begin on April 6<sup>th</sup>. She also commends Volunteer Rios on her Zoom meetings she’s started for students to hang out and the Thursday therapy sessions Kelsi’s doing.

## **VI. Judicial Report Time**

- a. Chief Justice Emerson Romero gives an update on the upcoming SGA election. The election commission has given the green light on candidates using their own social media platforms to promote themselves. Romero also encourages students to continue to look at their Gatormail email inboxes for more updates regarding elections and COVID-19.

## **VII. Executive Report Time**

- a. President Shenaedra “Shay” Tatum thanks the audience for attending. The school is actively listening to the students’ concerns. Tatum is bringing them up to administration weekly to get them addressed. Email her at [sgapres@uhd.edu](mailto:sgapres@uhd.edu) for all concerns.
- b. Vice-President Jason Lillie thanks everyone for attending the General Assembly and urges everyone to keep our peers in our thoughts and prayers. Mentions UHD Sports and Fitness for keeping students actively engaged. Reminds everyone to keep using the #UHDGatorsTogether and #UHDGatorsCheckIn hashtags on social media. Lillie also invites advisor Tremaine Kwasikpui to speak. Mr. Kwasikpui addresses those on the Zoom meeting.

## **VIII. Exiting Role Call**

- IX. PRESENT: President Tatum, Vice President Lillie, Chief of Staff Modrow, Secretary Rasheed, Treasurer Martinez, Director of Public Relations and Marketing Resendez, Director of External Affairs Herrera, Director of Health and Wellness Chavez, Director of Community Outreach Valle, Chief Justice Romero, Attorney General Solis, Speaker of the House Torres, Senator Sandoval, Senator Glenn, Senator Aparicio, Senator Mosely, Senator Merchant, Senator Kanyabire, Senator Karra.

## **X. Adjournment**