University of Houston - Downtown



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, September 1, 2016

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: A436

MEETING CREATED BY: Esperanza Martinez MINUTE TAKER: Elizabeth Bosquez

ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Mustapha Nyallay	X/X	Elizabeth Bosquez	X/X
Hatziri Rancano	X/X	Ruben Ruiz	X/A
William Paul	A/A	Peter Akinola	A/X
Nghia Nguyen	A/A	Leonor Servillas	A/X
Elias Santibanez	A/X	Jessica Jaimes	X/A
Kourtney Chacherre	A/A	John Locke	X/X
Mykal Peterson	A/X	Yufei Geng	X/A
Mukarram Syedshah	X/X	Matthew Garcia	A/A
Richard Jones	A/X	Jovan Freeman	X/X
Esperanza Martinez	X/X	Evan Howell	X/X
Mobeen Azhar	A/A	Faryal Gul	X/X
Kimberly Weber	X/X	Itunu Daramola	A/A
Jessica Delgado	X/X	Christiana Tegethoff	X/X
Irene Nunez	X/X	Aaron Burgess	A/A
Evelyn Garcia	X/A	Kayley Bolden	A/A
Patricia Sepulveda	X/X	Miguel Bustamante	X/A
Osama Akrabi	X/X	Rachel Gravlee	X/X

AGENDA TOPICS

- 1. Call To Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call

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4. Approval of Minutes from Previous General Assembly

Discussion:

- -10 in favor.
- -Minutes approved.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Discussion:

- -Add marketing bill.
- -Motion to move new business to old business, switch 2 and 3 on the agenda.
- -Motion to approve agenda change.
- -Motion approved.
- 6. New Business

Discussion:

- a. Voting on Speaker of the House.
- -Motion to add Kimberly Weber as Speaker of the House candidate for voting.
- -Motion passes.
- -Esperanza Martinez stepped down appointed Faryal Gul to be temporary Speaker of the House.
- b. Changes to the agenda.
- -Add Evelyn Garcia and Patricia Sepulveda as Associate Justice candidates.
- -Evelyn Garcia will be inducted after voting on Speaker of the House.
- -Put open forum at the beginning of the agenda.
- -Those in favor of changes to the agenda: 9 in favor.
- -Motion passes.
- -Add Student Engagement bill to be presented after ASGA bill: not passed.
- c. Voting on Speaker of the House.
- -Motion to open debate.
- -Motion passes.
- -Opening statements: Irene Nunez, Kimberly Weber, Esperanza Martinez.
- -Open debate to any questions.
- -Elias Santibanez: What qualifications do you have for this position?
- -John Locke: Explain key role of being speaker of the Senate?
- -Hatziri Rancano: What are your goals in how to be a team player?
- -Jessica Delgado: How familiar are you with Parliamentary procedures?
- -Elias Santibanez: What is your perspective in our motto, "united we stand," and how will you implement them?
- -Rachel Gravlee: Who is Parliament during the General Assembly?
- -Faryal Gul: What is your availability?
- -Questions answered by: Irene Nunez, Esperanza Martinez, Kimberly Weber.
- -Motion to close debate.
- -Motion passes.
- -Chair smiles upon to open election process.
- -Motion to open election.
- -Motion passes.
- -New permanent Speaker of the House: Irene Nunez.
- -Motion to have final numbers.
- -Motion passes.
- -8 in favor of Irene Nunez, 5 in favor of Kimberly Weber, 1 in favor of Esperanza Martinez.
- -Irene Nunez sworn in by Christiana Tegethoff, Chief Justice (Pro Tem).
- d. Voting on Associate Justice
- -Motion to debate.
- -Motion passes.
- -Faryal Gul: What does an associate justice do and how familiar are you with parliamentary procedure?
- -Evelyn Garcia.
- -Elias Santibanez: Why do you feel you deserve this position?
- -Evelyn Garcia.
- -Mustapha Nyallay: Are you ready to be a part of Student Government and willing to serve in your position unbiasedly?
- -Evelyn Garcia.
- -Motion to close debate and go to voting.
- -Motion passes.

- -Motion to vote on her by consent.
- -Motion passes.
- -Evelyn Garcia approved, no objections.
- -Evelyn Garcia sworn in by Christiana Tegethoff, Chief Justice (Pro Tem)
- -e. 2016-2017 SGA budget proposal Nghia Nguyen & Mustapha Nyallay
- -Christiana Tegethoff: Want to see student housing award, Senator parking bill, PR and marketing budget that was passed.
- -Suggest to vote no on bill and go to a committee.
- -Motion to end debate and present to a committee.
- -Motion passes.
- -Motion to approve budget.
- -Budget not passed.
- f. ASGA leadership training
- -Bill cannot be passed but can be presented by Esperanza Martinez.
- g. Ad Hoc Committee Events Committee
- -Presented by: Esperanza Martinez.

7. Old Business

Discussion:

- a. Volunteer sign-up sheets from Welcome Week and Solidarity Walk
- -Presented by: Mykal Peterson.

8. President Report Time

Discussion:

- a. Mustapha Nyallay
- -Report given.
- -Peter Akinola yield report time to Mustapha Nyallay.
- -Motion to give Mustapha Nyallay 3 minutes.
- -Motion passed.

9. Executive Report Time

Discussion:

- a. Vice President: Hatziri Rancano report given.
- b. Director of Student Engagement: Mykal Peterson report given.
- c. Director of Secretariat Department: Elizabeth Bosquez report given.
- d. Director of External Affairs: John Locke report given.
 - -Motion to add 2 minutes to John Locke's report.
 - -Motion passes.
- e. Director of Treasury Department: Nghia Nguyen report given.
 - -Christiana Tegethoff: Stipends and any other funds need to be approved by the Senate.
 - -Mukarram Syedshah yield report time to Nghia Nguyen.
 - -Motion to give report time to Nghia Nguyen.
- f. Director of P.R. and Marketing: Elias Santibanez report given by Elizabeth Bosquez.
- g. Director of Community Outreach: Jessica Jaimes report given by Elizabeth Bosquez.
- h. Assistant to the President: Peter Akinola report time was yielded to Mustapha Nyallay.

10. Judicial Report

Discussion:

- a. Chief of Justice: Pro Tem: Christiana Tegethoff report given.
 - -Yielded remaining time to Attorney General.

- b. Attorney General: Rachel Gravlee report given.
 - -University Advancement report:
 - -First meeting next Wednesday, 3pm-4pm.
 - -Reports given on the 18th.
- c. Student Defender: Raymundo Reyes report given.
- d. Associate Justice: Evelyn Garcia no report.

11. Senator Report Time

Discussion:

- a. College of Business: Yufei Geng & Mukarram Syedshah no report.
- b. College of Humanities & Social Sciences: Matthew G. & Richard J. report given by Richard Jones.
- c. College of Science & Technology: Evan Howell & Mobeen Azhar report given by Evan Howell.
- d. College of Public Service: Jovan Freeman & Esperanza Martinez no report.
- e. University College: Faryal Gul & Kimberly Weber report given by Faryal Gul.
- f. At Large Senators Patricia Sepulveda report given by Jessica Delgado.

12. Committees Report Time

Discussion:

- a. University Advancement report given during Attorney General report time by Rachel Gravlee.
- b. Student Affairs no report.
- c. Internal Affairs no report.
- d. Walk 2 Vote Committee report given during External Affairs report time by John Locke.

13. Open Forum

Discussion:

- -Mustapha Nyallay.
- -Kimberly Weber.
- -Nelandon Gregory.
- -Alan Modrow.
- -Next General Assembly: September 22nd.
- -Motion in favor to end meeting.

14. Exiting Roll Call

TAKEN BY: Elizabeth Bosquez

15. Adjournment