University of Houston - Downtown



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, 9/12/18 TIME: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM LOCATION: Milam/Travis

Minute Taker(s): Armita Tajadod & Ignasio Hernandez

SGA ROLL CALL:

Executive Board		Judicial Board	
Armita Tajadod	P/P	Ramiro Ojeda	P/P
Ignasio Hernandez	A/P	Angela Dawson	A/A
Carlos Rodriguez*	/P	Nathan Villarreal	A/A
Reva Benoit*	/P		
Senate			
Aileen Sanchez	P/P	Citlaly Rubio	A/A
Diana Platas	P/P	Ryan Hashem	A/A
Dionesia Bardwell	A/A	Shay Tatum	P/P
Mario Alfaro*	/P	Charles Scott*	/P
Gabby Contreras*	/P	Malcolm Stowe*	/P
Jorge Mendoza*	/P	Daniell Wilson*	/P
Reyna Valdez*	/P		

*Students sworn in latter part of GA

AGENDA TOPICS

- 1. Call to Order
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. Taken By: Armita Tajadod
 - c. Quorum Check
 - i. Not met at 4:30, referendum information presented until quorum met at 6:15
 - d. Approval of minutes from previous General Assembly
 - e. Approval of Agenda

2. New Business

Legislative Business

a. Speaker of the House Elections

The Senate will elect an official Speaker of the House for the academic year, following guidelines from the Constitution.

- i. Senator Tatum is nominated by Senator Platas
- ii. None against Senator Tatum
- iii. Voted in by consensus
- iv. Senator Tatum sworn in as Speaker

b. Referendum

UHD wants to hear from the students regarding the need for UHD to enhance current student life on campus. Student life typically includes both a Sports & Fitness Department where health and wellness opportunities are made available to the university community in the form of fitness classes, weight and cardio equipment, open recreation, intramural sports and club sports to name a few, as well as a Student Union where Student Activities, student organizations and Game Room activities are housed

- i. Referendum Introduced
- ii. Referendum passed, all for, none against

c. Senate Appointments

The senate will confirm newly proposed Senators

- i. Mario Alfaro Senior Senator College of Business
- ii. Gabby Contreras Senior Senator College of Public Service
- iii. Jorge Mendoza Junior Senator Senator at Large
- iv. Mandy Olivarez Junior Senator Senator at Large (Absent)
- v. Charles Scott Junior Senator Senator at Large
- vi. Malcolm Stow Junior Senator Senator at Large
- vii. Daniel Wilson Junior Senator Senator At Large
- viii. Reyna Valdez Junior Senator Senator At Large
 - 1. All attending voted in
 - 2. All attending sworn in

d. Swearing in of new officers

The senate will officially swear in the following SGA positions

Executive Board

- i. Chief of Staff Carlos Rodriguez (Sworn in)
- ii. Director of Community Outreach Reva Benoit (Sworn in)
- iii. Director of Student Engagement Navjot Dhadral (Absent, not sworn in)
- iv. Director of Public Relations and Marketing Evelyn Garcia (Absent, not sworn in)

Judicial Board

v. Associate Justice – No nominations

e. Budget Confirmation

The proposed budget will be presented, discussed, and the Senate may consider a motion to approve the budget.

- i. Budget is discussed by President Tajadod and Vice President Hernandez
- ii. Budget is voted on, 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstain
- iii. Budget passes

3. Open Forum

4. Senator Report Time

- a. College of Humanities & Social Sciences: Diana Platas & Shenaedra Tatum
- b. College of Public Service: Citlaly Rubio
- c. College of Science & Technology: Dionesia Bardwell & Aileen Sanchez
- d. College of Business: Ryan Hashem
- e. University College: Vacant
- f. Senator at Large: Vacant

5. Judicial Board Report Time

a. Chief Justice: Ramiro Ojeda

6. Executive Board Report Time

- a. President: Armita Tajadod
- b. Vice President: Ignasio Hernandez
- 7. Open Forum
- 8. Exiting Roll Call

9. Adjournment