

DATE: Wednesday, October 31, 2018

TIME: 4:09-5:27pm

LOCATION: A300

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

University of Houston - Downtown



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTE TAKER: Stephanie Yanez

SGA ROLL CALL:

Executive Board		Judicial Board	
Armita Tajadod	P/P	Ramiro Ojeda	A/P
Ignasio Hernandez	A/A		
Evelyn Garcia	A/A	Nathan Villarreal	A/A
Carlos Rodriguez	A/A	Nolan Otten	A/A
Miguel Sanchez	A/A		
Stephanie Yanez	P/P		
Marisol Kusick	X/P		
Bernard Knoppers	X/P		
Senate			
Dionesia Bardwell	P/P	Charles Scott	P/P
Gabby Contreras	P/P	Malcom Stowe	P/P
Rachel Gravlee	P/P	Shay Tatum	P/P

Ryan Hashem	P/P	Mario Alfaro Torres	A/P
Diana Platas	P/P	Reyna Valdez	P/P
Aileen Sanchez	P/P	Jorge Mendoza	P/P
Jason Lillie	P/P	Jason Allen	X/P
Alan Modrow	X/P		

AGENDA TOPICS

- 1) **Call to Order**
 - a) **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - b) **Roll Call**
 - c) **Quorum Check**
 - d) **Approval of minutes from previous General Assembly**
 - e) **Approval of the Agenda**
- 2) **New Business**
 - Legislative Board**
 - a) **Senate appointments: the senate will confirm newly proposed senators**
Senators
 - i. **Alan Modrow: Senator at large**
 - ii. **Jason Allen: Senator at large**
 - **Quorum reset**
 - **Bardwell motioned to adopt by consent, second by Gravlee**
 - **Lillie motioned to be added on agenda, second by Bardwell**
 - **Added Ramiro after Greek Yard proposal**
- B. Swearing in Ceremony**
 - i. **Alan Modrow: Senator At Large**
 - **Bardwell motioned to adopt Alan by Consent**
 - **Swearing in done by Speaker Tatum**
 - ii. **Jason Allen: Senator At Large**
 - **Bardwell motioned to adopt Jason by consent**
 - **Swearing in done by Speaker Tatum**
 - **Quorum reset**
- C. Committee Confirmations was skipped**
- E. Executive Board**

a. Executive Board Appointments: The senate will confirm newly proposed E-Board nominees

i. Bernard Knoppers- Treasurer

-Bardwell motioned to adopt by consent, second by Gravlee

ii. Marisol Kusick: Assistant to the president

-Bardwell motioned to adopt by consent, second by Gravlee

- **Bardwell motioned to reestablish Quorum, second by Gravlee**
- 3) **SGA Succession Bill: Senator Sanchez**
 - Propose an amendment for the constitution which follows UH constitution**
 - Today was the day to introduce the Bill**
 - Bill will be voted on Nov. 14**
 - Dean Santos suggested having a study group to update the constitution**
- **Ojeda will be heading the constitution committee**
 - Armita suggested announcement be sent out to everyone when its put out**
- 4) **Lab Coat Bill- provided by the SGA office**
 - Total cost: \$284.60**
 - Will include embroidered UHD SGA logo**
 - Will follow the same checkout system as the one in student activities center**
 - Can be checked out in the student activities center when no one is the the SGA office**
- **Tatum: office hours have been posted**
- 5) **Holiday SGA Reunion: Shay**
 - Gathering with previous officers**
 - Date TBD: before finals or week after**
- 6) **Senate Sustainability Report- Seat Covers and Survey**
- 7) **Greek Yard Proposal-Marquel Carl**
 - Other chapters, organizations that are willing to help fun, and the Greeks will fundraise themselves to fun this proposal**
 - Allen suggested setting up a committee**
 - Student will still be able to use this area**
- 8) **Open Forum**
 - Modrow asked if the proposal feasible and Tremain mentioned some parts are**
 - Ramiro's Bill was scratched out**
 - someone in crowd asked about the succession bill: will it be like the US Constitution?**
 - Senator Sanchez said it would be best to keep it like the US Constitution**
 - Tremaine's update- student referendum: over 2,000 voted around 74% were in favor**
- **Next Steps**
 - Munoz will be taking info to board of regions**
 - There will be focus groups to talk about SGA necessities. Email will be sent out on Wednesday in the afternoon**
- 9) **Senator Report Time**

-Platas: There will be an event to show support to students who don't feel safe in the city. Will take place on Nov.5 from 10-2pm in front of the mural area

-Lillie report: Socks and Blanket drive. Locations will be at shay and commerce and two in main from Nov. 5-30th.

10) Judicial Board Report Time

-Ramiro Ojeda: no report

11) President Report and Vice President Report done by Armita Tajadod

-Sustainability Report: met with UHD sustainability office to remove straws except from the fast food places or replace them with paper straws

-Ignacio is working on getting the details for the accessibility map and buttons

-PR in meeting report: gift card will be to promote SGA

12) Open Forum

-Diana Platas: tabling is open and the event is being sponsored by student affairs and SGA

-Armita suggested Ramiro Ojeda sends a mass email

-Constitution committee will be open to everybody on campus

