#### University of Houston - Downtown



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**ROLL CALL:** 

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2016 TIME: 2:30 PM LOCATION: A436

MINUTE TAKER:

Elizabeth Bosquez

Ruben Ruiz	X/X	Mukarram Syedshah	X/A
Hatziri Rancano	X/X	Olga Castillo	A/A
Peter Akinola	A/A	Alan Modrow	X/X
Nghia Nguyen	X/A	Jovan Freeman	X/A
Leonor Sevillas	A/A	Esperanza Martinez	X/A
Elias Santibanez	X/X	Evan Howell	X/X
Jessica Jaimes	X/A	Mobeen Azhar	A/A
Kourtney Chachere	A/A	Faryal Gul	X/A
John Locke	A/X	Kimberly Weber	X/A
Shay Hopper	X/A	Itunu Daramola	A/A
Mustapha Nyallay	X/X	James Kimeu	X/A
Yufei Geng	X/X	Irene Nunez	X/X
Miguel Bustamante	A/X	Raymundo Reyes	X/A
Mykal Peterson	X/X	Diana Platas	A/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 8 senators.

Approval of minutes from previous General Assembly
 -Motion to pass minutes.

-Motion passes.

e. Approval of the Agenda

-Motion to move A under New Business to Old Business.

-Motion passes.

- -Motion to add presentation by Weston G. above Hatziri's presentation.
- -Motion passes.

2. Old Business

a. SGA Cultural Sensitivity Bill – Faryal Gul

-Presented by Faryal Gul, Jessica Delgado, and Evelyn Garcia.

-Faryal Gul:

- -Training will happen in the beginning of the year after every officer is inaugurated.
- -Training is about 3-4 hours long.

-Questions and comments:

-Ruben Ruiz:

-Change wording on the bill from members to officers.

-Faryal Gul:

- -Will try to schedule a training in December or January.
- -Chief Justice should set up a date and time.
- -Training led by certified instructor.
- -Jovan Freeman:
- -Should set a deadline for receiving training once inducted.
- -Motion to vote.
- -Motion passes.
- -All in favor of bill passing: 7 in favor.

-Bill passes.

- b. Shay Hopper for Director of Student Engagement Presentation and Vote
  - -Presentation by Shay Hopper.
  - -Raymundo Reyes on stage with Shay Hopper.

-Motion to vote by ballot.

-Motion passes.

-Shay Hopper steps out of room.

-Mykal Peterson:

- -There was a successful mediation between Shay Hopper and Raymundo Reyes.
- -Shay Hopper enters room.
- -Vote in favor of Shay Hopper becoming Director of Student Engagement.
- -Shay Hopper sworn in by Mykal Peterson.

#### 3. New Business

#### **Discussion:**

a. Presentation – Weston G.

-Looking for people interested in green initiative.

-Will need SGA's help with marketing.

b. Presentation – Hatziri Rancano

-SGA main focus:

-Focus on student leaders.

-Working with council of orgs.

-Using GatorSync.

-Start logging in hours in GatorSync.

-How to log in hours: Click on name (far right corner), click on involvement, enter hours.

-Peter Akinola will train you on entering hours on OrgSync.

-Build a stronger organization:

-Represent SGA with pride.

-Increasing communication.

-Office 365 share drive.

-Each department of E-Board has created a folder on share drive.
-Reach out to Secretary to add you to share drive.
-Can find SGA events on share drive.
-Encouragement for logging in hours:
-Will receive a polo and graduation stoles.
-Created 2 applications on OrgSync: 1 for polos and 1 for graduation stoles.
-Need to enter 40 hours on OrgSync for polo.
-Must fill out polo application.
-Once your hours are in you will be awarded a polo shirt.

#### 4. Senator Report Time

#### Discussion:

- College of Business: Yufei Geng & Mukarram Syedshah
   -Report given by Yufei Geng.
- b. College of Humanities & Social Sciences: No Senators
- c. College of Science & Technology: Evan Howell & Mobeen Azhar -Evan Howell:

-Working on federal grant for middle school.

d. College of Public Service: Jovan Freeman & Esperanza Martinez
-Jovan Freeman's report read by Irene Nunez:
-Promoting Northwest campus event.

-Working with marketing team at Northwest campus.

- -Recruiting students from Lonestar.
- e. University College: Faryal Gul & Kimberly Weber -No report.

#### f. At Large Senators

-Irene Nunez:

-Wants an open forum for each individual college.

-Get with Elias Santibanez for flyers.

-Will be holding town hall meetings.

#### 5. Judicial Report

#### Discussion:

a. Student Defender: Raymundo Reyes

-E-Board has not upheld the constitution. -Resigned.

b. Pro-Temp Chief Justice: Mykal Peterson
-Working on trying to implement presidential volunteer program.
-Goal is to institutionalize it.
-Information on positions open in SGA.
-Want to get open SGA positions filled by spring.

# -Reach out to Mykal Peterson for mediations.6. Executive Board Report Time:

### Discussion:

- a. President: Mustapha Nyallay
  -Apologized for any misunderstandings.
  -Walk 2 Vote.
- b. Vice President: Hatziri Rancano

-Need senators to sign up for Shared Governance Committees.
-Will resend Shared Governance Committees.
-Sign up for 2 committees but will only attend one.
c. Chief of Staff: Ruben Ruiz

- -Working on graduation stoles.
- -Working on design for stoles.
- -Getting new computers in the office by next week.
- -Met with Dr. Gulati who is working on grant to unite Rice, UHD, UH Main, and HCC.
- d. Assistant to the President: Peter Akinola
  -Report given by Hatziri Rancano:
  -Training how to log in hours on OrgSync.
- e. Treasurer: Nghia Nguyen
  -Report given by Hatziri Rancano:
  -Spent \$7000 on Walk 2 Vote.
  -Spent \$97.16 on Speak Out event.
  -Spent \$217 on ink replacement.
- f. Secretariat: Elizabeth Bosquez
   -Let know by Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, if you are graduating in December or May 2017.
   -All SGA officer's email addresses will be on OrgSync.
- g. Director of Student Engagement: Shay Hopper
  - -Working on training for volunteers.
  - -Working on Safe Zone training.
  - -SGA annual Christmas party will be on December 1st.
  - -Bring a \$20 gender friendly gift.
  - -Will be held in N420.
  - -Ice Skating on January 7th at Discovery Green.
  - -Jumping on January 26th, 7pm-9pm.
  - -Town Hall meetings will be held on February 8th and March 8th.
- h. Director of P.R. and Marketing: Elias Santibanez
  - -Working on collaboration with the orgs.
  - -Launched "This week at UHD" flyer.
  - -Gave a presentation on Friday.
- Director of Community Outreach: Jessica Jaimes
  Recently volunteered at non-profit.
  Collaborated with BSA to paint a house.
  Created a Community Outreach flyer.
  Will start tabling next week.
  Will have trifold for tabling.
- j. Director of External Affairs: John Locke
  -Spoke at TSU for anti-bullying campaign.
  -Estimated 1300 plus participants at Walk 2 Vote.
  - -1000 plus people marched to the polls.
  - -Went to meeting for UHD presidential candidates.
  - -Need a UHD student regent.
  - -Robert's Rules of Order.
  - -Mediations.

## 7. Committee Report Time:

#### Discussion:

-No reports.

## 8. Open Forum

#### Discussion:

- -Ruben Ruiz
- -Rachel Gravlee
- -John Locke
- -Elias Santibanez
- -Hatziri Rancano
- 9. Exiting Roll Call

## Taken by:

- y: Elizabeth Bosquez
- **10. Adjournment**