

Student Government Meeting Minutes

September 5th, 2018

Main motion; All for

Clause 1: Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- Present: Senator Lorine, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Pham, Senator Upma, Senator Vicklund, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang

Clause 2: Recital of the Alma Mater

Clause 3: Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Minutes from August 29th, 2018

Motion to approve the Minutes; All for

Clause 4: Special Reports

II. Students wishing to address the Senate

Dr. Walker

- Supports Fee Cap Increase
- Fee Cap increase does not mean Fee will be immediately increased
- Students are highly involved in Fee increases
- Fee Cap increase will give more wiggle room

Flores

- Represents company building Houston to Dallas bullet train
- Trains will leave every 30 mins
- Facing backlash from farmers, but working with them individually to buy land at higher than market price
- Company had studies done on flooding

Motion to extend Q&A time by 3 minutes::: Motion Passes

David

- Wants SGA to launch a social media platform solely focused on parking

III. Two-minute speeches by the members of the Senate

Senator Upma

- There is a career fair on September the 6th

Senator Ajrami

- Working on increasing involvement in Service Learning

Senator Moiz

- Working on Career fair, will send surveys for feedback

Clause 5: Executive and Speaker Reports

I. Report of the President

Only \$500+ expense was meal plan cards. If anyone needs advice on running, ask him. Looking for Student Regent Applications. Weeks of Welcome volunteering was a success.

II. Report of the Vice-President

Working on getting Panda Express to be Styrofoam free. Working on academic honesty policy involving Group Me.

III. Report of the Chief of Staff

Emerging Leaders application ends in two days. SGA will be at tailgating on Saturday.

V. Report of the Speaker

Working on Career Fair

VI. Report of the Director of External Affairs

Will be tabling for Voter Registration and T-shirt Exchange.

VII. Report of the Director of Outreach

If you are in an organization please reach out.

IX. Report of the Chief Justice

If you are the author of legislation being voted on and you hold proxies, you can still vote for your proxies, you just can't vote for yourself.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

- Talking to provost
- Finalizing dead days proposal

III. Report of the Student Life Committee

- Working on Straw initiative

IV. Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

- We came to an agreement on Fee Cap increase amount

Clause 8: New Business

I. Appointment of Chiamaka Chukwu to the Activities Funding Board Hearing Board

- Environmental Science Major
- Interested in Fee usage, but Student Fee Advisory Committee was full

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion passes

Appointment of Chiamaka Chukwu to the Activities Funding Board Hearing Board; Appointment Passes

II. Appointment of Darren Campbell to the Activities Funding Board Hearing Board

- Political Science Major
- Previously appointed to University Hearing Board.
- Wants to be more involved in Fee distribution and campus leadership

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Appointment of Darren Campbell to the Activities Funding Board Hearing Board; Appointment Passes

III. “Removing The Confirmation Process for University Committee Appointments”; SGAB-55006 (First Read)

- Removes Senate Confirmations for most Committee Appointments.
- Makes most appointments the sole responsibility of the Vice-President
- Not all Committee Appointment Confirmations will be removed
- Makes SGA work more efficient

Motion to send back to Internal Affairs Committee in order to be further reviewed ::: Motion Passes

IV. “Standing Rules”; SGAB-55007 (First Read)

- Rules for Senate Chamber
- Designed to make Senate meetings quicker, more efficient and fairer
- Puts to paper things that had already been done by Speaker
- Focus on prefacing, bans real life context and events from questions to make questions more fair

Motion to extend Q&A time by 3 minutes::: Motion Passes

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Motion to send back to Internal Affairs Committee to be further reviewed::: Motion Passes

V. “Supporting Higher Wages for Lower-Income Campus Staff”; SGAR-55006 (First Read)

- Shows SGA support for increasing wages for low income Staff
- Pay scale review happens every five years
- University has lower minimums than nearly every other Tier One University

Motion to send back to Administration and Finance Committee for further review::: Motion Passes

VI. “Supporting the Expansion of the Urban Experience Program”; SGAR-55003 (Vote)

- Shows SGA support of expansion of Urban Experience Program

Motion to move to previous question::: Motion Passes

Motion to enact SGAR-55003::: Motion Passes

VII. “Calling for the Creation of a Graduate Bill of Rights”; SGAR-55004 (Vote)

- First step in creation of a Bill of Rights for Graduate Students
- Many Universities have a Graduate Bill of Rights
- Makes living wages more acceptable

Motion to move to previous question ::: Motion Passes

Motion to enact SGAR-55004::: Motion Passes

VIII. “Supporting the Creation of a Transit Fee”; SGAR-55005 (Vote)

- Aims to alleviate increase in parking pass prices
- Does not create Fee, only supports its creation
- Parking prices can only go up due to expansion, not because of shuttle service

Motion to extend Q&A time by 5 minutes::: Motion Passes

Motion to move to previous question::: Motion Passes

Motion to enact SGAR-55005::: Motion Passes

IX. “Review and Action on the Student Service Fee Cap ”; UB-55011 (Vote)

- Raises Student Fee Cap from \$270 to \$300
- Fee is based on financial status and hours a student is taking
- Some of the Fee funds Student Orgs

Motion to move to previous question::: Motion Passes

Act Passes

X. “Improving the Student Center Hilton Sidewalk Infrastructure”; UB-55012 (Vote)

- Aims to repair sidewalk to make campus more welcoming
- Aims to make sidewalk easier to use
- Approved by administration

Motion to move to previous question::: Motion Passes

Act Passes

XI. “The Better SGA Act”; SGAB-55005 (Vote)

- Constitution Changes
- Last step in in SGA overhaul
- Will go to Student Elections
- Will take effect following administration immediately after election
- New Senate Seats will be appointed by next President

Motion to extend Q&A time by 5 minutes::: Motion Passes

Motion to move to previous question::: Motion Passes

Act Passes

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and Announcements from Officers

Senator Syed

- Will need volunteer assistance for career fair

Speaker Trinh

- Will also need assistance for CLASS graduate career fair

II. Open Forum

III. Closing Call of the Roll

- *Present: Senator Lorine, Senator Adkison, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Pham, Senator Upma, Senator Vicklund, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang*

Roll Call Votes

“Supporting the Expansion of the Urban Experience Program”; SGAR-55003:::

VOTING RESULTS

FOR: Senator Mehra, , Senator Lorine, Senator Gomez, Senator Terrier, Senator Seernani, Senator Akil, Senator Ajrami, Senator Caceres, Senator Pham, Senator Upma, Senator Vicklund, Senator LaCourt, Senator Syed, Senator Marin, Senator Pedro, Senator Esponda, Senator Veeramachaneni, Senator Pen, Senator Bryan, Senator Berger, Senator Estifanos, Senator Joslin, Senator Carillo, Senator White, Senator Lamonte, Senator Chang

AGAINST: None

“Calling for the Creation of a Graduate Bill of Rights”; SGAR-55004::: VOTING RESULTS

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AGAINST: None

“Supporting the Creation of a Transit Fee”; SGAR-55005 (Vote)::: VOTING RESULTS

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AGAINST: Senator Ajrami

“Review and Action on the Student Service Fee Cap ”; UB-55011::: VOTING RESULTS

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AGAINST: None

“Improving the Student Center Hilton Sidewalk Infrastructure”; UB-55012:::
VOTING RESULTS

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AGAINST: None

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AGAINST: None