

UHSGA
Order of Business
57th Administration Agenda
7:00PM Wednesday, September 9th, 2020

Clause 1: Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

I. Opening call of the roll

- Senator Acosta
- Senator Ahmed
- Senator Ayokanmbi
- Senator Blakely
- Senator Davis
- Senator Diaz
- Senator John
- Senator Kelly
- Senator Kim
- Senator Medrano
- Senator Pineda
- Senator Taylor

Clause 2: Reading and approval of the Senate minutes from the previous meeting

Clause 3: Recital of the University of Houston Alma Mater

Clause 4: Special Reports

I. University representatives wishing to address the Senate

II. Students wishing to address the Senate

III. Guest speakers wishing to address the Senate

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

- Senator Aldulaimi: Hey everyone, I have no updates. Thank you!
- Senator Allen: No updates
- Senator Arias: Hey guys.
- Senator Chidester: Hey everyone, Hope your first few weeks of school are going well I don't really have any updates for today I just wanted to say that when my friends Maheen is up for confirmation today for the CSD committee so I just wanted to say I think she has some great ideas and a great perspective and she's been super helpful and all of the work that I've been on campus and I think she'd be a great addition to the committee along with me and Sasser I hope she can get approved today and yeah I hope we have a successful meeting and have a great rest of this week.
- Senator Darbin: no updates

- Senator Fulce: Over the past couple of weeks I've been going to my faculty undergraduate Senate committee meetings and they've been very successful in my first name my basically the chair taught people ropes of how to do things that this meeting was able to produce we were able to get through about six or seven bills which will be put up will be put up at the larger faculty undergraduate sitting committee meeting next week and I hope they fast so yeah and also wear your masks
- Senator Gil: Hey guys, I had an initiative that I wanted to kind of wanted to get pushed through regarding the upcoming election in turning the produce enter into a voting a second location on campus but didn't necessarily get the feedback that I wanted from higher ups and I didn't really get the support that I was hoping for from people outside of the organization so I'm going to add you know put in the group me or something to see if I can get somebody by support but other than that no new updates
- Senator Gomez: No updates, just hope everyone has had a good couple week of school.
- Senator Hamad: Good evening everyone. Hope everyone is staying safe and doing well. not really any updates. just ended academic affairs committee meeting 2 weeks ago and we had some great ideas coming up so look forward to that and stay safe and hope you have a great day take care
- Senator Hilton: Hope y'all first few weeks of class have been great. No new updates from me.
- Senator Jordan: no updates
- Senator Miles: I don't have any new updates besides I was already in talk with some people at the County Commission office.
- Senator Morgan: Hey everyone, So I'm going up for SFAC tonight and I'm looking forward to presenting to y'all. That's it from me.
- Senator Ortiz: Hey guys, I have a couple of things to talk about I hope everybody's doing well. I wanted to talk to you guys about a special committee that I just recently joined an is a brand new to the academic year the committee is called race and social injustice. It was created as a result of the evident injustices in around the world in recent times as to provide awareness and educate the public in certain topics. so now the committee is going to host 7 lecture series throughout the academic year it's going to be once a month these lecture series are going to be driven by a doctorate scholars speaking about topics such as the pandemic with relation to race which is the 17th of this month voting suppression and criminalization just to name a few I've spent the last few days contacting numerous organizations to get their cooperation and Flyers. if you know of any orgs that you were involved in or that they would potentially be able to post these on their socials, I would greatly appreciate it if you hit me up feel free to contact

me if you need to fire I'm going to drop the flyer into the chat so you guys can also distribute it in your socials I've also talked to professors and they've actually considered giving extra credit to their students if they go to these lectures so that could be something that you can bring up to your professor and that's it for me, thanks.

- Senator Robinson: Hey y'all. I see a lot of people are going out for committee appointments tonight good luck to all of you I'm really excited because you guys all looked highly qualified but that's it for me.
- Senator Sasser: good evening everybody hope everybody's doing great. I'm looking forward to hearing every single person that's running for a committee. I'm looking forward to hearing what y'all got to say what your ideas are. We're one step closer on the Hero 19 committee. the fellow people were getting another step closer on getting the scholarship up and running. Anyways, hope everybody's doing OK.
- Senator Shell: Hi guys. I don't have any updates however I do wish you all the best during these tough times and how schools going well for y'all too. other than that, glad to be here.

Clause 5: Executive, Speaker, Court, and Justice Department Reports

I. Report of the President

- Hey all, I hope everybody is having a good start of the semester. just a couple of things that we've been working on, I'm going to be working with Dr. Lee for some Third Ward initiatives I know that I ran wanting to support their boards so that's something that I'm going to start very soon. I also have a meeting with the Provost later this month to discuss the transfer student membership program as well as inclusive curriculums. so hopefully those will go well. also, I have two bills going up today. So, one is the fraternity and sorority inclusivity alliance. this past week I had a meeting with all of the leaders from all of the councils from fraternity authority life and essentially and I'll talk about the bill a little bit later on, but we wanted to brainstorm ways to having for having a more inclusive Greek life space. So, we decided that it would be a good idea to rename one of the old Greek life standing committee that SGA made 2 years ago into an inclusivity alliance that has representatives from each of the councils. so, they can brainstorm on initiatives as well as just to figure out ways that we can make a Greek life more inclusive moving forward and also connect Greek life with administration. so that's one of the one of the things that's going up today. we also have the budget bill going up so you guys can see how we're going to spend the SFAC money that SGA gets every year for fiscal year 21 so that should be interesting as well some other things that we're going to be working on now that we have our budget and stuff ready. I'm hoping to start a COVID-19 Relief Fund so we can buy meal vouchers for food insecure students as well as CAPS vouchers so people can go

and get whatever therapy they might need during this time and we're looking into parking citation relief as well as getting technology for students who may be in need during this time. so hopefully that goes well and we're able to do all of that I also mentioned that I wanted to invest in our third Ward community. So what that looks like is most likely trying to compile a list of historic third ward businesses and finding ways that we can promote their business businesses on the UH community and I'm also going to be meeting with housing sometime this month as well to talk about affordable housing and plans to renovate Moody and all of that. Lastly, we're going to be having our first food drive September 25th if football season doesn't get cancelled and we're going to be meeting 10 volunteers from the Senate. so, if you guys are from the Senate or the exec and are willing to come and volunteer in person at the stadium then we're going to collect food for keeps pantry. so, we can continue to help food insecure students on campus so that's pretty much all the updates that I have. I hope you guys are having a great semester if you need anything at all please don't hesitate to reach out to me, I'm here for y'all. any of the exec members are here for you as well so go ahead and reach out if you guys need anything and enjoy the rest of the meeting. One last thing I have four SFAC people going up for confirmation tonight so as you guys know SFAC student fees advisory committee they decide how your student fee dollars get allocated so it's really important please ask them good questions if you have any and with that enjoy the rest of the meeting.

II. Report of the Vice-President

- Hello everyone. so couple of things first I just want to say I hope you guys are having a good couple of weeks of school and a lot of us are overwhelmed I know I am my eye bags that make up it looks like someone like punched me in the face is really bad so I know a lot of us are having a lot of trouble so if you guys need anything seriously like let us know we're all here for you and if you ever need anyone to talk to or need any help or we're all here for you. so, I have a bunch of people going up for committees as well and I just want to update you guys on how many seats are going to be left on these committees. so the bookstore advisory committee will have 0 seats left if everyone is appointed, the food services advisory committee will have 0 spots left and the CSD advisory committee will also have 0 spots left which is the Center for students with disabilities advisory committee, TPAC which is transportation and parking there will be two seats left and student media advisory committee which deals with like the coog radio, coog TV and I think a couple of other things, they will have two seats left. So yeah please apply to University committees. what happens a lot is I'll recommend a committee to someone and before they apply, someone else will apply and get that spot and then by the time the person realizes that I was right all along, and they apply but there's not a spot left. so please apply as soon as possible. check

your GroupMe check your email I probably like sent you a committee that I recommend and if not please let me know and I can definitely recommend one for you based on your interest yeah that's basically all my updates. I hope you guys have a great meeting.

III. Report of the Speaker

- I had a couple of people ask if they are still able to vote no on a bill that they sponsor. the answer is yes, you may vote no on a bill even if you were a sponsor on it. you are even allowed to revoke your sponsorship if you want to. You agree to put your name on something you can agree to get your name off of it. besides that I've been appointed as the chair of the international student mentorship program committee then we've got going on a couple of the senators and I have been putting together a couple of matches that we made so last week we matched I want to say about 8-9 mentors to mentees and I emailed all of them and they got into contact with each other and later on this week I'm going to put the ones that got back to me about reaching out to their people into a group chat. so they can kind of talk amongst each other and kind of you know mentor and mentee as a community and get them into the first couple of workshops that we've got set up for them so that's going OK and then once all that's kind of set in stone probably jasmines going to be emailing the director about how the program went, what we did this successfully saw the struggles we had any suggestions we have any like paperwork that's associated with it so that they can continue the program into the future. besides that I've got 3 Senate appointments going up Graduate at Large, CLASS and NSM if all of these passed and then I think there would be 2 Graduate at Large seats left, no CLASS seats left, no NSM seats left and then you know there's a couple other colleges they're still out there. I'm trying to reach out to Deans and advisors to kind of send out mass emails to the student body to try and get some people into our organization because I would love to have as many senators as I can. I want to have the biggest administration possible, that would be awesome. besides that, like jasmine earlier said, there's a food drive going on it's actually September 26th so we will need 10 volunteers from SGA anyone. I'll take any of y'all an hour before the game starts to 30 minutes after the game is over what we're probably going to be doing is bringing over a table and a tent and a table cloth over to the stadium, setting it up, waiting outside for people to donate canned goods and such and then probably moving those goods to wherever athletics needs us to move it. I believe that's what we're going to be doing but anyway along with that, Jessica has reserved some student center table things for us mostly Wednesdays so I'm going to try and make it here on campus and be able to sit down register people to vote and tell people about SGA and how they can get involved and what we're doing and such like that so if you're interested in that tabling with me or with anyone else who decides to go down to the table then

let me know the reservation is 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM I believe so it's like all day long and sit there but just email me or text me or GroupMe me and you know we can set up when we can meet and go table together but that's pretty much all of my updates there are still like I said there's still a couple Senate seats open so if you know anyone who can fill those seats reach out to them tell them to apply on get involved besides that you know ask the people who are going out for sending good questions and make sure that there are people you would want you know in in in the same positions that y'all are.

IV. Report of the Chief Justice

- Hi everyone it's really great to see some ago I know I apologize about missing the last Senate meeting I had someone that I had associate justice fill in for me but it's really great to see all y'all again now I have one thing I would have to report back is that I do have a justice that is stepping down later on today after this meeting so if anyone knows anybody that is willing to be a part of judicial branch please me or reach out to Jasmine and I will be able to move forward that's all I have to report

V. Report of the Attorney General

- Hello that's going to be me because unfortunately attorney general Austin can't make it but I wanted to make it known that she currently does not have access to her attorney general email account so right now all the emails that you'll be getting back from her are from her personal account so she's working on fixing it right now but she wants to avoid any confusion that might be brought up by handing with a personal account if you've emailed her attorney general accounts that's one thing the other thing I wanted to talk about is I've started a language mentorship initiative recently that I'm still working on it's going to start as an ASL mentor ship between students are hard of hearing on campus and students who are studying ASL or already fluent in ASL at UH so the mentor ship that brings students together and where they would need virtually once every two weeks or so just to you know bridge the gap between individuals on campus and make sure everybody feels included so if anybody who's part of the the disability center or anyone who's interested in general my initiative if you want to help me out with it I'd be more than happy to have some people in my team so thank you so much and have a fun Senate meeting

VI. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner

- Hey so hey everyone so with the getting the Fertitta center to be our voting location I know the UH Democrats were also interested in doing the same thing so I forgot who said I think was like justice and someone else that said it so if you're interested in working with the Dems on that I can get you in contact with their president I have deputy election commissioner interviews this week so at the next Senate meeting I will have a deputy election commissioner going up for a vote or

confirmation and I have some dates already for the election so the last state submit all candidate forms it's going to be February 3rd at 7:00 PM so I'm starting to say that early just so if anyone comes to me at 7:01 PM on February 3rd I'll be like no OK and also it's looking like the candidate seminar is going to be Monday February 8th at 8:00 PM and that's something that anyone interested in running SG election tasks to attend so mark that on your calendars if you are interested and I'm also looking to have a virtual space for parties and people who are running as individual candidates just so they can make sure their platforms because I know some parties and individuals can afford like a \$300 website so I just think having a space where people can see their platform and all the other platform shows in one area would be really beneficial and yeah I think that's all my updates

VII. Report of the Chief of Staff

- Hello that's me it's a pretty short the German team scholarship accessory saying kind of a on there the last little stretch pretty much done scholarship for essential workers medical field workers anybody who's working independent right now can sign up for the scholarship she is also still on this last stretch just waiting to hear back from somebody the rest of that is an emerging leader stuff but I'm going to sit over there get ready
- in terms of the emerging leaders program we're wrapping things up for applications on the 14th so that's next Monday so if you know anyone who is a freshman who wants to join they have until Monday September 14th we're finishing we're finishing the program or finalizing it if any committee chairs would like to be a mentor reach out to me or Sterling and if you have anything that you would like to teach our emerging leaders please feel free to reach out we'd love to hear your opinions but that's it

VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs

- So I've been working stuff I made more resources for the weather is I'm sending some examples of what I've been checking out as always voter's conference is coming up soon is actually going to be on September 26th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM that topic of that webinar will be voter suppression specifically in the Houston area pretty interesting done a lot of research contributed a lot to it would be really nice to me all showed up I'll be sending out more information probably in the group me a little closer to the actual date and then moving on from the voters conference I'll be meeting with a Narayan campus liaison from Cambridge Oaks soon to talk about possible collaboration on your voting or election events in the residence halls it's most likely going to be virtual but once I know more information along to all of you. Lastly for the US system SGA conference we will be picking up again soon so again more news coming with that in the near future

please and I guess as always if any of you need anything or interested in anything and I'm working on feel free to reach out I'd love to have your help your insight

IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations

- Hello again I'll be filling in for justice today because she unfortunately couldn't make it to this meeting but she gave me a list of a few things to update everyone on she wants me to let you all know that she will be continuing the exec review on Instagram she just posted sterling's post yesterday so if you haven't already please go like and comment an hyper upon that closed she's telling how much we all appreciate him and she will be continuing these posts throughout all of the executive cabinet and she is 1 coming up tomorrow as well so whoever gets posted make sure that you also go in like in comment on that one to John and I will be meeting with the director of caps on Friday to help Plan B in the stigma event so make sure you are looking out for that and also Lastly we want to start doing senator takeovers on the Instagram story so if you are interested and went to do an ID story take over where you'll just kind of talk about like your experience in SJ your experience at UH we would love to have you so I'll send justices email and the little chat box and just email her if you're interested in doing that take over yeah that's all for me thank you

X. Report of the Director of Outreach

- Can you guys hear me OK perfect so everyone I hope you all have been doing well and getting acquainted to the fall semester I'm up for confirmation for SFAC so please feel free to view my resume I won't be in attendance for Q&A as I must hop off this meeting right after this report in order to hop onto another meeting to select Hall council members for RHA but however this week I will be meeting with doctor Norman CAPS administrators to finalize plans for virtual End the stigma with Jasmine and Maddie. I also created a list of historically Asian student organizations for not reach projects so if you guys need anything please feel free to reach out, I'm always willing to help anyone here thank you.

Clause 6: Committee Reports

I. Reports of the Academic Affairs Committee

- Hey guys I don't believe Sabrina's at this meeting today so I will give the report for her basically our last meeting went really well and we together came up with an idea that we're going to talk more at our next meeting but basically we talked about how a lot of professors are not following the COVID accommodations for students in there just requiring some obnoxious things that students and it's not OK Kenneth actually tweeted about it and asked his followers for their opinions so if you are to see that tweet please engage with it because we would love to hear everyone's ideas and thoughts on how professors are handling accommodations for COVID but other than that that's it

II. Reports of the Internal Affairs Committee

- Hey all we had a pretty good meeting last we had we had a pretty good discussion and debate over the election close election code clarification act which I believe is going up today
- III. Reports of the Student life Committee
- Hello guys I'm OK so last week student life talked about potential social ideas that we could have in the future so I'm exploring those ideas specifically how they would work if we were to realistically do them we will discuss that in our next meeting so if you'd like to be a part of that feel free to reach out to me if anyone has any type of social idea that they have developed or just thought of don't hesitate to reach out I'm also aware that we have some emerging leaders on the call with us today so I just wanted to say that moving forward if you're an emerging leader and you have some type of idea that just pops in your head or you want help or guidance feel free to reach out to me or any chair any senator we're always here to help
- IV. Reports of the Administration and Finance Committee
- Hey guys so last week we had our first bill and we talked about Garcia's bill and we made a few tweaks on it but I think that it was just a well overall meeting thank you to everyone who showed up. take care!
- V. Reports of the Graduate and Professional Students Committee
- Regarding the graduate Bill of Rights, we're just waiting on general counsel's review of it so that we can get that document back and see where we go from there in terms of next steps. I recently had a meeting with the graduate representatives from UT-Austin and UNT to talk about their structure of graduate representation so we talked about that at the committee meeting and we're going to be doing some more research on that to see how other schools do their graduate representation stuff.

Clause 7: Unfinished Business

Clause 8: New Business

- I. Senate Appointment (Graduate At Large Senator) – Shiny John
- Hi, good evening everyone it's a pleasure to join you all. I'm humbly appreciative of being on this call with you all. my name is shiny John. I am currently in the College of technology, hoping to gain my master's degree in the next 2 years. I have an MBA from Texas women's University and a bachelor's in science from Midwestern State University. I have over 15 years of experience working in government between Harris County and now I work for the city of Houston. my roles were as a project manager for six years and currently I'm working as an operations manager overseeing for community centers on the northeast side in district B. so I work very closely with our council member in our state reps currently to implement different outreach activities for the community and look at

the needs and the gaps and we work to fulfill those gaps. I also am a single mom and I have a dog and I work full time so I'm excited about this opportunity to help serve the students at UH. I know that there's a lot of things that the students need and when I talked to Julian and I mentioned to him some of my passions really kind of like an interdisciplinary studies being able to bring that more to the forefront as a graduate degree an option because many times now in the workforce what we're seeing is that they need well rounded students and employees coming out into the workforce. with that mentioned the other component that I'm really looking to bring to the forefront is internships and volunteer opportunities and how we can work and collaborate with different public organizations like the city of Houston or even here is County to look at opportunities for students that are interested in political science or whatever avenue they're looking to accomplish their goals because believe it or not, skill set is important and as we all know sometimes we pick. I know I did when I was younger I picked a role you know or a career path that I thought that was going to be very interesting in theory is very different from experience so being able to work and collaborate with different entities to be able to provide those opportunities and not only that being able to be at the right place at the right time with the right people to voice those concerns and those opportunities and navigating through those different channels to be able to get what we need accomplished for the student government Association. so I'm looking forward and again I just expressed my interest in this position and that's really all I have to give and say and I will also add in you know just listening to the discussion I'm really excited about if, potentially, I get voted in to be able to help serve in the food drives. that's a passion of mine, to do outreach in the community and also you mentioned the mentorship program, I would love to be involved in that and again I just wanted to express my interest, thank you.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Senate appointment of Shiny John for Graduate At Large passes*

II. Senate Appointment (College of Liberal Art and Social Sciences) – Aderonke Ayokanmbi

- Good evening, my name is Aderonke, you can call me by Ade or Debbie and it's an honor to speak before you all. I am an undergraduate political science student hopefully in the next three years I would be getting my law degree. I've gained experience working with the congresswoman Bush with Jackson leading campaigning for her. Gained experience working with her with constituents spinning office. I've also had experience outside working in different organizations national leagues in the big businesswomen of Houston here in Texas. I've been involved in a lot of organizations and I've been the president of an SGA in my Community College which has sparked my interest to actually be

involved in this in SGA in the first Houston so using my experience I've gained from being involved in other organizations I would be honored to give it to work with you all in your actions and projects that you guys are working on mostly on the international student mentorship program I spoke with Julian about it and it really interested me because that is The part of the group that I advocate more for advocate for all students that's why there's an SGA lot more international students because they need a lot of needs and as the secretary of ISO international student organization learning about this experience learning about this mentorship program as maybe want to talk to them because a lot of students in international sterilization don't know about this so it'll be an honor to be a part of you guys and spread spit out the rise to advocate for students rise students' needs and everything else thank you and I'm honored to speak to all of you

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Senate appointment of Aderonke Ayokanmbi for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences passes*

III. Senate Appointment (Natural Science and Mathematics Senator) – Tasnuva Haider

- My name is Tasnuva Haider. I am a senior majoring in biochemistry. I plan on attending pharmacy school right after graduating from UH in the next five years. I see myself bringing a change in the field of scientific and clinical research with the skills that I am gaining all throughout my undergrad career as a student at your age. I have had numerous opportunities to get myself involved around the campus throughout the past three years of me being a cougar. these college experiences have shaped me into who I am today, helped me grow to be a well-rounded student and inspired me to represent my cougar pride everywhere I go as an active member of several organizations at UH. I have met great leaders who have always inspired me to be part of a greater change in the students' lives to positively impact student body and these experiences have really influenced me to make a huge difference around the campus I was an officer myself in like 2 different organization I was the president of NSCS which is national Society of collegiate scholars it's basically an academic organization slash Honor Society where I and like the other officers as a team or responsible for managing a lot of the academic and community service related events we hosted a resume workshop with the help from the career services interview workshop and like meditation workshop to cope up with college stress for the members we also collaborated with another huge organization called cougar tutors where the members volunteered to tutor middle school students in like the third Ward area we also hosted a blood drive in the beginning of the semester like last year and then volunteered in Houston food bank we also fundraise about like \$500 for mental health Awareness Week by participating in the active minds chapter I was also an officer in another organization BSA Bangladesh student Association where we

hosted like various cultural events collaborated with different cultural or it's like PSA for our socials like potluck events bowling socials and even like with SGA in the past or international mother language day and also like since my freshman year have always somewhat been a part of SGA like in my freshman year I shadowed Kim who was heavily involved with SGA since I was a freshman I remember and then I volunteered in other SGA related events such as like finals mania finals Fiesta I also performed in international mother language day in my sophomore year I also ran for the NSM Senate seat with the students united party last semester with the idea in mind that that's what I advocate for and the initiatives that you guys had really aligned with my interest as well last administrations NSM senators made it possible like for a lot of innocent students to borrow lab coats and goggles from STL I thought that was very helpful for a lot of innocent students and it really inspires me to bring the same changes in the future as a potential NSM senator some of the ideas that I have in mind are like collaborating with the NSM student leadership they host a lot of innocent student related events like finding internships research and it's like other way to help the innocent students by being initiate like creates more sense of unity among innocent students I was also thinking about maybe having dedicated region for like students to study like specially Edison students like Bauer has a dedicated students pays for their students to study so I was thinking maybe anything could have one too there's a lot of ideas in my head that I can implement if I get elected also like if I were if I were given the opportunity I would like to inform everyone about the student government Association pattern campus and get everyone actively involved in the student events happening around the campus. by becoming a part of the SGA, I just wanted inspire students and help that you each community thank you so much for listening

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *Senate appointment of Tasnuva Haider for Natural Science and Mathematics Senator passes*

IV. University Committee Appointment (Student Fees Advisory Committee) – Sakethram Desabothla

- Thank you very much Mr. speaker thank you everyone for being here and y'all are working extremely hard you know during all the reports really maybe proud of kind of body that I'm a part of um and you know I'm grateful to have been a part of it so far and I hope that you all will consider me for rush it's something that I have explored quite a bit I was able to have an interview with the president yesterday where I was able to ask more questions and I think it's wonderful that you know here on campus we have a body that students can have a voice in where they can have a share in where their student dollars go to you know I think that's very important in order to ensure constant cooperation and communication

student body I think it's great that we have a body it's something that I'm very happy with and I look forward to working you know I look forward to joining the committee and handling around a \$10,000,000 budget and being able to allocate that budget to different units based on a their previous budget be their new initiatives to engage the student body anymore and see the overall balance of funds you know I think this is something that's incredibly important to understand and after reviewing the previous fiscal year recommendation through doing parts of the bylaws I believe that I am in a good position to provide that kind of support that the committee needs I believe that at the end of the day for this committee it's important to have someone who one understands you know I'm finance major I've taken a variety of course work in finance and accounting and I know quite a bit about how to do cost allocation now I understand that money doesn't exist in vacuum that money taken from one unit that money that goes to 1 unit is always taken from another you know I know that there is always a balance of the budget that you need to maintain and you need to ensure that you can scrutinize the proposals you know this is something that I've been introduced to crop my variety of course work um second I believe that it's important to have someone who is open minded now I'm known for being the voice of scrutiny wherever I am I always ask questions I always try to understand everything it is that we were trying to do and there are many times where even within a group I will bring up a perspective that I may not share just so that we can have a better idea of what different argument are that could affect our current decision because even if I may not agree there is someone who shares those perspectives and it's important that we have those points is represented as well Lastly given that this is a body where we have different members working in a team together you need someone who's able to work in a team well you know I've been working in teams to my whole life I have known for being a mediator I'm known for trying to understand different perspectives and bring everyone together on common collective consensus so that we can end up making a decision that not only hears everyone's perspective but also takes them into account in the final decision and so with that in mind I think I really would be a great pick for this committee and I really hope that well confirm me if anyone has any questions feel free to ask.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *University Committee Appointment of Sakethram Desabothla for SFAC passes*

V. University Committee Appointment (Student Fees Advisory Committee) – Jack Morgan

- Alright so thank you for hearing my appointment as Julian said my name is Jack Morgan so little bit about me I am a junior in the Bauer College of business my majors are supply chain management and marketing and I am also minoring in finance and I'm originally from San Antonio TX So what is fact does Ram did a

good job of kind of highlighting this but I wanted to give some more information is a nine person committee so there are seven students and two faculty members and SFAC is responsible for recommending the funding allocations for the student service fee that Ram talked about paid each semester it's roughly about \$260.00 per student if you're taking over for six hours I wanted to kind of highlight some of the organizations that are fully funded you can see that for the right one of the organization not on there is SGA we are funded by SFAC so I thought that was important to remember so finally I wanted to talk about my qualifications so I have been a Bauer senator asked you for three administrations I've also been in the administration and Finance Committee over those three terms and I've written two bills along with a lot of help but I'm proud of my work here in SJ as well as that this summer I had work experience especially dealing with purchasing allocations I think that ties in directly to what SFAC does because I was able to see in a real company how working with a budget to replenish products that we're using which is what that report below deals with to see if we should purchase more of these products based off a usage based off of pricing based off of availability so it was really interesting to see that and have that experience and I think that that would be very relevant to what we do in SFAC of allocating funds to different organizations last year I was asked to fill an aspect position by former president Lawrence unfortunately I was not able to do this because I had scheduling conflicts but I was very interested so I made sure that my fall semester for this year would be free so that I could to the best of my ability be a member of this position if I was chosen and then finally I have a willingness to allocate funds to organizations that demonstrate how they can help the most students were kind of in an unprecedented semester with a lot of different things going on most of us are taking our classes virtually but I don't think that that means that these organizations that want funds should not be able to help students and I'm hoping to hear a lot of creative and unique solutions for how these organizations if allocated funds by SFAC will demonstrate how they can you know use our student fee that we all pay to help the most students that they can so that's it from me I wanted to kind of give a brief overview of who I was of why I felt I was qualified than what the organization was so I'm going to stop sharing and open it up to any questions you might have

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *University Committee Appointment of Jack Morgan for SFAC passes*

VI. University Committee Appointment (Student Fees Advisory Committee) – Victoria Teoh

- Hello everyone, my name is Victoria Teo. I am currently a sophomore Bauer honor student majoring in MIS and minoring in biology. so actually I have served on aspect committee before I started last year I was actually the emergency

appointment that filled Jack spot when he could not take the appointment so I definitely have the experience and that sort of aspect I was able to help build the entire thing last year and I also have qualifications that I am currently working at a cardiology private practice and I help with a lot of our budgeting especially with trying to find room in the budget to buy new supply specifically for COVID 19 such as gloves, hand sanitizer and everything like that I'm definitely really eager to hopefully get this appointment again I think it's really crucial that having returning members from as fact to help with different things that we may have learned that last year and really apply it to this year one of the crucial things is that last year we chose not to raise the student fees so I know that this year is going to be a little bit more complicated in that regard especially with Corona and everything so I think it's really crucial and I hope you guys will appointment today thank you

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *University Committee Appointment of Victoria Teo for SFAC passes*

VII. University Committee Appointment (Student Fees Advisory Committee) – Brittany-Anne Bonnete

- Hello I am Britney and bought it a I am your deputy attorney general I'm currently a sophomore double majoring in marketing and power and political science getting vehicle science so that's a little bit about me I'm also the secretary of the speech and debate team here I am the founder of a newspaper called this copper that investigates the investors to the systemic oppression you know in in the age in which we live and I'm also involved in a production club on campus so that is just a little a little bit of background the reason I want to join us back is because I feel like there is an insane amount of importance in our budgetary allocations in making sure that we uphold the students that want to make sure that like the University of Houston isn't inclusive and a safe campus for everybody so obviously there's different prioritizations that need to be made on budgetary platform but we also have to remember that SFAC is the reason we have the LGBTQ Resource Center and it's the reason you know we have I mean my speech and debate team is the reason we have counseling psychological services caps so a lot of these programs are I mean insanely important so I would love to take part in the in like helping budgetary allocations and such I think SFAC is such an important part of our University and it gives a lot of importance to making sure that everybody has the opportunity to receive funding if it is appropriate and it makes sure that everybody is kind of on an equal playing field which is relatively difficult to find you know that usually in high school and such you know the clubs that get the most funding usually tend to do the best but here we have the opportunity to give every single student opportunity to see opportunity to be equally represented on campus and I think that is insanely important some of my

experiences that are relevant to being on this committee are that as secretary of the speech and debate team and captain in high school I had to work on working on our tournament views so making sure that every student was able to travel making sure that that you know we allocated our budget and made sure that every student who had financial need received financial aid in order to keep because it it's so important for every student to have the same ability to do their best I also have to had to work on a lot of administrative work right now on campus I helped put together the cook tournament that we had in January so that is a lot of paying judges that is a lot of paying coaches that is a lot of receiving student fees and making sure that you know we cover all grants necessary I've also worked in many political campaigns where I had to work on how much to pay interns you know what materials we were going to buy when we went to mayoral forums so a lot of stuff like that I am not I am not new to this to this game I have a finance experience I've budget allocation experience and I would love to be part of S back and have the opportunity to give back to my campus as well as hear some students out to make sure that everybody feels equally represented on campus.

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *University Committee Appointment of Brittany-Anne Bonnete for SFAC passes*

VIII. University Committee Appointment (Bookstore Advisory Committee) – Julian Cheng

- I have been meaning to join a committee and this one definitely sparked my interest mainly because of my history with custom apparel sales. some of you might know that a time ago I used to be a T shirt salesman and I used to sell T shirts to college organizations matter of fact my first order was 1000 T-shirts to the student government Association. some of you might have those T shirts I helped and pretty much design those T shirts and they're the best sea shirts I have ever been created I also made the current sea tablecloths I helped I made an order for land in Delta psi Sigma Phi Omega the student nutrition Association pictures for I mean I made T shirts for a lot of different people and you know I always got them the best deals because more than anything I didn't really care about trying to make money or make my company money I just like clothes and if I made a sale that means I got a free shirt out of it so you know I try to get people the best deals I could you know I try to get my company to give them the best deals I could so that means I had to do a lot of compromises between the people I was selling to and the company that I was working for and besides that you know I also have a lot of experience with near field which is the company that deals with Collegiate Licensing so if you want to make custom apparel official custom apparel for a college you have to go to a lot of different universities or registered with this company called Learfield and basically they handle licensing so you have to get it approved through them and basically they just kind of they're basically a big filtration company that make sure you're not putting anything stupid on a T shirt

for a college and representing them terribly so like a lot of the a lot of different attorneys and sororities kind of do a similar thing where they have to uh they have to filter their designs through either Learfield or through their bigger chapters like the heads of their chapters or such not to make sure that they properly are representing their brand kind of thing going on anyway I like clothes and I like making sure that clothes look cool and that they feel good and that they are affordable and so I want to make sure that the bookstore has got good UH close because some of the stuff in there is not that great and I don't want any more below average clothes, I only want good quality clothes. So, if I can help advise them if I could help give them a little bit of my experience and shed a little bit of light what I think is good taste then I'd love to do that and they also deal with a bunch of other things I'm pretty sure the bookstore you know deals with textbooks and the pricing behind that and you know the equipment that you need the office supplies all the other you know they've got like even dorm stuff in there about all kinds of things that you know are pretty essential to most people and you know they don't take cougar cash so one thing which I think is interesting I'm not sure if that the upstairs take scooper cash but I know the downstairs for textbooks and such they don't take Cooper cash and you know I'd love to find out why they don't do that but you know I really like the bookstore I think it's a fancy place I think it's kind of bougie and so I would like to make it more affordable for you know the general population but please ask me away any questions ask me about my past experience with T shirts ask me about anything go ahead shoot away

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *University Committee Appointment of Julian Cheng for Bookstore Advisory Committee passes*

IX. University Committee Appointment (Bookstore Advisory Committee) – Daniel Padron

- Hi, I hope you're doing well. what I want to change about it is the like what Julian said I want to know why we don't accept cougar cash I understand maybe textbooks is a little out there but like for things such as like pencil's school supplies anything small and easy to buy like I think we should be allowed to use cougar cash stuff like that you know and so I'm very interested to figure out why it's at an maybe we can try and come up with a solution for it.
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
- *University Committee Appointment of Daniel Padron for Bookstore Advisory Committee passes*

X. University Committee Appointment (Food Service Advisory Committee) – John Nguyen

- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*

- *University Committee Appointment of John Nguyen for Food Service Advisory Committee passes*
- XI. University Committee Appointment (Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee) – Suraj Patel
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
 - *University Committee Appointment of Suraj Patel for Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee passes*
- XII. University Committee Appointment (Center for Media Student Advisory Committee) – Iqra Khan
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
 - *University Committee Appointment of Iqra Khan for Center Media Student Advisory Committee passes*
- XIII. University Committee Appointment (Center for Students with Disabilities) – Maheen-Naaz Ukani
- *Motion to move to previous question; passes*
 - *University Committee Appointment of Maheen-Naaz Ukani for Center for Student with DisABILITIES passes*
- XIV. SGAB – 57010 – FY21 Budget Bill (First Read)
- So, this is pretty straightforward y'all. this is just how we're going to use the SGA budget so you guys can see how much each Department is getting because we are going virtual this semester. this year I wanted to give PR the majority of the money so that way that they could produce signs for us they could get the SGA T-shirts and the polos that I know that you guys are really anxious to get as well as the graduation stoles. so that's why they have the majority of the budget everyone else has a pretty standard budget \$2000.00 for the banquet outreach has \$2000.00 for their virtual fence in case they want to buy any like social media ads or in case they want to have any signage on campus as well as any giveaways the office of the president I will say that I know that I will allocate my funds towards buying food vouchers for food insecure students as well as getting CAPS vouchers if we are able to if we are able to purchase technology like laptops for people who may not have them during this time that we're going virtual that will come out of my budget as well but this is pretty straightforward I used the last two administrations budget as kind of a guide for how I wanted to use my budget and as you guys can see all of the red that you see on the budget is things that were not able to control so those are pretty fixed those are student wages as well as our office coordinators wages miss love who does a lot of good work for us and will help us to purchase any of those polos and other marketing items that we may have so yeah as soon as we approve this budget we're going to be able to get you all the merge that you guys I know are waiting for graduation stoles polos T shirts and whatever else you guys want so I yelled the rest of the time for questions there are any.

- *Motion to send to Internal Affairs; passes*
- XV. SGAB – 57011 – Fraternity and Sorority Life Inclusivity Alliance Act (First Read)
- One so this is an initiative that I started when I was a senator essentially I had somebody come to me and tell me that they felt like their rushed or recruitment experience wasn't super inclusive so because of this I decided that we would rename an old standing committee that was created so two years ago one of our great senators he was also a member of SFAC senator Brian started a bill or a standing committee that was the Greek life standing committee and it was supposed to be members of each of the councils on Greek life to kind of connect them to SGA but there wasn't a whole lot of follow up on that initiative so we didn't really have a very active standing committee so I decided that in the light of the black lives matter movement and all of the outreach that we've seen in the social justice movement that we renamed the standing committee the fraternity and sorority life inclusivity alliance and so this is kind of modeled over what Vanderbilt has which is very similar they essentially have members from each of the committees that are committed to inclusivity initiatives so that's what I kind of decided to do so I had a meeting with all of the leaders of Greek lives including some of the administrators and I presented the idea for the bill and none of the leaders had any opposition to it they were in support of it so I decided to go along with this initiative and rename the current standing committee that we have the fraternity and sorority life inclusive the alliance and have two members from each of the five governing councils to be on it as well as a staff member or their designee and so the goal of this committee is to one connect Greek life to administration so we saw the NP HC petition happened over the summer for those of you who might not know what that is NPHC is one of the Greek councils that we have at you age and they were they had some concerns about over policing of their organization on campus so we were able to create a committee that director of outreach when was on an also due to staff white was on to kind of combat that and they actually standardize the process for how many security officers we would have at Greek events which is really great but this was something that N PhD was trying to work on for a very long time and they really had no traction on it so I figured if we created this alliance not just to promote inclusivity initiatives but also connect Greek councils to administration they could streamline any concerns or grievances that they might have with the way that things are run so that way we could not have to wait you know 2-3 years for things to actually happen for things to change because we saw that when we have a connection to administration it's a lot easier for initiatives to get done so I figured not only is renamed this and trying to get it more active away that people are able to grieve or people are able to kind of voice their concerns but they are also able to maybe create some initiatives that benefit the Greek community as a whole because I

know that I served on the panhellenic exact last year and that was one of the goals that I had was to how do we how do we Unite Greek life how do we Unite all of the Greek councils that we have so I told them a few initiatives I'll give you one example just so you guys know one initiative that I thought that maybe this council could work on was creating a kind of cougar closet of sorts for people in Greek lives not everyone in Greek life is able to afford all the clothes that are needed for formals or fair maybe recruitment or initiation so I figured that maybe one of the things that the council could work on is maybe creating a closet of borrowing closet of swords where people who may have old formal dresses or suits they could leave those at the CFL office and then people who can't afford them could maybe borrow them for those events so they don't have to go and purchase new clothing because I know that was a problem that I had in my time in Greek life and so that was one of the examples we had other ones as well but essentially what this bill does is renamed the current standing coming that we have and make it more active so the next steps after hopefully this gets passed in two weeks is to create an application and send that out to all of the Greek councils and I have gotten no verbal confirmation from all of the leaders that they'll advertise it an A few have told me that they already have some people in mind for the council so I have talked to Greek life about this before.

- *Motion to send to Student Life; passes*

XVI. UB – 57003 Contractor and Subcontractor Employee Protections Act (Vote)

- Discussing this bill for a couple of meetings now but for those senators who are new just for context there is an issue between employees of subcontractors and contractors that were working on the new quad residence project that is now completed on campus where they were there was a dispute about wages an initial group of nine of those employees brought a claim against the contractors and it took almost a year for that to be resolved but now that those nine have gone in the settlement on their claim there's now more people who are coming forward regarding wage disputes as well and it's like a lot of people and so this bill essentially started as a resolute resolution saying we stand with those workers and that we want to support them in every way that we can thanks to our faculty sponsored Keith we were able to get a meeting with general counsel to talk about how we can make concrete steps towards something productive and so this build essentially outlines that there's going to be a work group that's formed between workers students contractor representatives you each administration and what not to see what internal policies on the University level we can implement so that we do not have a situation like this happen again where there has to be all this publicity just to resolve an issue of our wage dispute and so that whenever complaints are filed that there's actually an effective process for dealing with those complaints and resolving them so that's what this bill does an IA we kind of

tweaked it from the last time but there are very minor tweaks it mainly just specified that there would be students on this work group and then also established a timeline for 30 days after the resolution is sent to the appropriate admin or administrators that within the 30 days the workgroup would have its first meeting and we would start the process for all that stuff so yeah you should have received the language of that.

- *Motion to previous question with roll call vote; passes*
- *UB – 57003 Contractor and Subcontractor Employee Protections Act passes*

XVII. SGAB – 57009 – Election Code Clarification Act (Vote)

- That's when you status as she wanted to so you can explain the answer making sure he guys so thank you to everyone who would be able to have dialogue with us about the spell you know so it's very important for us to understand what the provisions mean but the motivation is and you know the real impact that it will have and you know we reached out to a lot of people as well as the Senate and we're glad that we were able to have a lot of dialogue about it and then replied very able to get vitamin sponsorships so basically what this bill does is it doesn't change a legal provision that exists all it does is it takes existing off that already applies that she is bound by and it puts it in the election code so that candidates who may not know about it won't fall victim to a lot it's important to understand that these are legal provisions that are already in law that SJ has to follow its in RSA constitution as well we have our own Bill of Rights in our constitution and the first provision in that says that it is required to follow all applicable federal and state law including the US constitution to Texas State so that already exists all we're doing is given that certain legal rulings were made in the past election we're putting it in the election code so that people know about it a vote yes to this bill is a vote yes to ensuring that people can know about the provisions about note to this bill doesn't change the law all it does is it makes it so that the law is now in different places but this was still exists right on the Supreme Court website all of our opinions are there the only thing is given that you have opinions and you have the election code and you have the bylaws and whatnot it's best to ensure that they are as consistent that's all we're trying to do now we do understand that there are some individuals affected and I think it's very important that we address that we're glad that most individuals are reached out to us and had good dialogue for those of us couldn't find there are some who are worried that this bill will promote hate speak and that is not true for a few reasons first all this does is it details existing framework that already exists for how individuals can prosecute different speech right neither it doesn't promote hate speech and it doesn't even say that hates because legally protected because that's not true either we layout certain provisions for when speech can be enforced speech that is libelous slanderous defamatory or containing imminent threats bodily harm or within the scope of

someone acting as an agent of SGA is within the scope of SGA's regulation meaning of hate speech falls under these categories that is actionable but with that in mind we also I think it's important that everyone you know is comfortable you know I know that some individuals had concerns that voting yes to this bill might make it seem like SGA condone certain things and although this bill doesn't do that and although we have other provisions in our current election code and constitution that are exactly what we're doing here we do understand that that's a legitimate concern and So what we propose is we definitely support SGA's effort wants to pass a resolution now or closer to the election this position any credibility that way you have illegal clarification so that new candidates and don't fall victim to a lot they don't know because you know I've been in three administrations this is really been recurring issue important to have as much clarity as possible so you ensure that that happens while also ensuring that SGA's position is unequivocally against speech that you know hurts anybody so I wouldn't mind bill it's just specifically genuine clarification of our election code for future candidates and president candidates so we hope you champion the cause of verification and the free access of information questions

- *Motion to move to previous question with a roll call vote; passes*
- *SGAB – 57009 – Election Code Clarification Act fails*

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

I. Comments and announcements of the Officers

- President: Thanks everyone, great meeting! thanks to everybody who voted no on the bill just because we don't want to protect any hate speech and I really appreciate ambiguity when it comes to the election code just because we're able to open it to interpretation depending on who's on the court that year thanks again for sending my bills to committee I look forward to discussing them with y'all and I hope you guys have a great semester
- Vice President: Everyone stay safe and have a great night get some rest this was a long meeting.
- Speaker: biggest agenda I've ever seen with 17 items along with the biggest Senate I've ever seen. thanks for passing my appointments they're going to make great senators just as you all are great senators. I appreciate you all for coming to these meetings attending, these meetings. there's still a couple of spots left open, I believe, there's still two associate or there's an associate justice spot open. there are still those University committees that you can join so there are plenty of opportunities to be involved not only in this organization but in other all across this University. I appreciate your offer to come in. remember if you're interested in the food drive which is going to be at our first football home game on the 26th then just send me an email or GroupMe or a text message, I'll put you on a list

first 10 people I get open contact with y'all will meet up probably here or the stadium and will do food drive collection some good old volunteer and if you're interested an voter registration I'm going to try and do these tabling's every Wednesday so reach out to me about that and I'll try and you know we can set up something so we can meet up at the same time and table so we can talk to the passerby students about voter registration that is an election year and talk about sea and the different things in SGA that's going on pretty

- Chief Justice: Anne thank you Julian for giving my report about the associate justice yes it let you know there is associate justice position that is up for grabs and soccer team is dropping him he is leaving us so he is preparing for the last so I fully support that I fully support any decision that he's willing to make the other thing is to please let the courts know me or the any of the justices no y'all want us to be involved in anything please let us know we can't be able to do something if we don't get told of what we need to be helpful with OK but that's all for my report
- Attorney General: Hi everyone Jack sorry I got confused hi everyone I think this is the first time some of y'all got to see me as attorney general but I have already met most of y'all whenever I was deputy attorney general it's a great to see all and we excuse me and I wanted to go ahead and thank Brittany for giving my report at the beginning of this meeting and then I did want to let you all know that at least for the first half of the semester Britney is going to be giving my reports at the beginning of meetings. I think that's all we have hope you have a great week
- Chief Election Commissioner: Good meeting y'all!
- Chief of Staff: Hello that's me something I forgot to mention in my report is that I'm looking into a few classes that were supposedly supposed to be Hyflex but the professor told their students that the classes are online completely and there is no meeting in person so this is happening you reach out to me let me know what class it is with yes it is because you know you pay for certain thing and then you don't get it and that's not cool you know it's a lot of money anyway that all being said amazing meeting loved it all.
- External Affairs: good meeting everyone and have a good night!
- Public Relations: congratulations to everybody who got appointed today. that's really exciting and I'm excited to work with y'all. I'm sure justice will be really excited that the budget is getting closer to being approved, so we can get all of merch ordered. don't forget to email her if you're interested in doing an Instagram takeover that includes the people who just got appointed today too so yeah thanks and great meeting!
- Senator Morgan: just wanted to say Thank you to everyone who appointed me too as fact tonight I'm really looking forward to working with ram and Victoria and Brittany and the rest of the committee and hopefully we do a really good job and

learn a bunch and you know allocate your student fees responsibly so thank you again

- Senator Gil: Hey guys just wondering if you would like to help me with my initiative to make me and justice initiative to make the Fertitta center or second voting location just let us know I'd also like to say I know the secret ballot thing was kind of weird it probably comes from a good place but I think that it's important as you know public service to the University that was transparent with our constituents as possible as part of the student body as possible and that's just to hide any you know biases or prejudices that we might have toward the situation because we don't want to allow that you know so we're protecting against those types of things and we want to be very inclusive and we want to support everybody then we need to be that in every which way we run this organization so good job today guys I'm really proud of everybody welcome all the new senators open SGA guys.
- Senator Debbie: Thank you all once again for pointing me to be the senator of the CLASS and I'm really humbled and honored to be a part of y'all, and I can't wait to work but you got it I have a great evening.
- Senator Miles: if any of you are interested in joining us on our little initiative please let us know. of course, my bill that Ram and I had proposed didn't pass today which is OK. Do want to clear the air though unlike what was said earlier it was not about hate speech, it was specifically about everyone at University expressed their ideas as they are guaranteed to by the constitution of both the United States and this organization, and I find it disappointing that we didn't go in favor of that but it's OK it's still on the books As for the court so nothing gained nothing lost
- Senator Sasser: Just want to say welcome and what a meeting for all the new senators and other positions they truly got in the experience this was truly a good meeting and also who is the whole secret ballot again and where we're all going through everything we have so much going on our emotions are a little bit hyped up some of y'all may disagree some of y'all may agree but the reason why I did the secret about it is because I feel like you should not judge somebody just because of voting of about it or just because of that it doesn't mean that you disagree with a bill or anything that this person stereotyping them but they're terrible people or anything like that they have different point of views of life like I know for sure none of you have lived my life or the same time I know for sure I've never lived any of y'all left but really I'm looking forward to see what we do in the rest of this semester and year. Y'all have a great one!
- Senator Ortiz: Hey guys, so I just wanted to remind you all of the race and social justice committee that I mentioned in the beginning. if you are at all interested do reach out, I think it's really important especially in these times where everything

is becoming very transparent and everyone's really showing their true colors in the world. please spread the word an attendee's lecture series are going to be very informative and welcome everyone to extreme. thank you!

- Senator Taylor: Hey everybody, I just wanted to take a minute just to apologize for my tardiness. I'm up in Austin right now, we had some meetings this morning and this afternoon with commissioner Bush and it ran a little bit long, so I apologize. I'm sorry that I missed out on some of the appointments, but I just wanted to apologize and say I am thrilled to be here, so everybody has a good night and thank you guys
- Senator Darbin: I want to welcome the new appointees and I want to thank Sakethram and justice Miles for keeping it professional and I wish you best of luck.

II. Open Forum

- Sakethram Desabothla: Hey guys I just want to say like I mean I have tremendous respect for all you know I mean this was a really packed agenda and got through it before 10:00 o'clock you know it's amazing it was talking to Madam President yesterday during her spec interview I was talking about you know I've been part of three administrations and the energy that I see here you know from from the exact from the Senate from the judiciary something that I have great respect for and you know ultimately you know even though that that vote may not have gone as we wanted it I respect the fact that every single one of you were able to have good conversations with us you know I mean if nothing else had justice and I became much better lobbyists as well as a result of this you know we had great conversations and we're glad that you know at the end of the day everyone has a much better understanding of each other's position of the law end of SJS functioning's and SBS scope as well you know I'm very grateful to all of you who voted because I know that irrespective of how you voted you all rational Ava rational basis for your system and I'm glad that you all voted your conscience and yeah I'm just like really happy that everything happened the way it happened but with that in mind like I mentioned I am resigning and I don't want to share a few things about like some things I'm doing just you know let you all know I am studying for the LSAT as the Chief Justice mentioned I'm also trying to apply for different internships and think tanks and whatnot but Furthermore I'm also doing 2 initiatives the first one involves ancient Indian philosophy creating a space on campus where individuals who wish to learn more about it can engage with guru and have discourse with that group and on how we can better live a meaningful and peaceful life that is in pursuit of our higher goal a second I'm doing an initiative actually related to discourse I think specially right now you know ever since the election and maybe before that our nation has been divided up a recent poll from July says that 62% of Americans currently have political views that they

are afraid to share they are afraid to have discourse with people about ideas that we all should be talking about because they're afraid of how people will perceive that are afraid of being attacked they're afraid of being labeled and this happens on both sides right I mean if you support Bernie Sanders people call you a communist but you support trump people call you a big without really getting to the bottom of why individuals have different views and how we can learn from each other's experiences So what I'm doing is I'm working with the professor I mean we're doing an initiative that seeks to implement the curriculum where we can better understand why our minds are so resistant to having productive digital and in the process of doing that we hope to get better at it you know we have we're doing a pilot program right now we have a group of about 7 extremely talented students who all have different ideas and beliefs we're going to we're getting together and collectively exploring these ideas and administration is watching us as well and so ultimately you know if that ends up becoming bigger I'll let y'all know I hope it does but that's really what I'm trying to do you know and with that in mind I do want to leave you guys with a few parting thoughts um there's been really a lot that I've learned from working with different administrations and I would say the three biggest things that it's important for any effective administration for our operation humility and selfless action cooperation means you see each other as intelligent individuals irrespective of how different your user you know it's when you ask why different individuals disagree instead of projecting what when you can work together speak with each other not at each other and show respect for each other respective of how contentious the issues second as members of SG all of you are I would say servants which servants to a higher cause your servants to the student body and the key attribute of a servant is humility being able to put everyone else first recognizing that students are not accountable to you are accountable to them recognizing that they controlled you not the other way around recognizing that every action you take is in service of them not the other way around and I think that's something you all everybody greatly Lastly it's important to work for the sake of work itself you know success and failure are really things that are going to happen in life right like going into this today you know we knew that there's probably a good chance that bill wouldn't pass and we're grateful that actually got as much support as it did you know we're grateful that we had those conversations but ultimately success and failure a lot of times aren't going to be in our hands so we just have to ensure that we put in the work that we can the best we can and leave the result up to our environment um and not let it affect our mental health and our and our mental stability you know with that in mind I respect every single one of you are doing great have great leaders in this committee and I look forward to seeing you all accomplished that might take care before speaking with you guys more in the

future I'm interpersonal level if anyone wants to ever hang out then message me on GroupMe goodnight.

- Senator Sasser: All I wanted to say is Congrats for HIPAA for being one heck of a speaker today as well I just wanted to say man Julian you may want to watch out she could easily take your job now I'm just saying butter where is your water meeting everybody's amazing here I love working with every single one of you all and I hope everybody is having a great week at least I've agreeable and everybody is it.

III. Closing Call of the Roll

- Senator Acosta
- Senator Ahmed
- Senator Blakely
- Senator Castro
- Senator Davis
- Senator Kelly
- Senator Kim
- Senator Medrano
- Senator Pineda
- Senator Shuping

Clause 10: Adjournment