# Order of Business 59th Administration Agenda UC North Senate Chamber, 7:00 PM Wednesday July 27, 2022

### **Clause 1:** Call to Order by Presiding Officer

- 1. Opening call of the roll
  - The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.

#### **Clause 2:** Recital of the Alma Mater

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

#### **Clause 4:** Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
  - A. There are no University Representatives wishing to address the senate.
- **II.** Students wishing to address the Senate
  - A. LaVonte Holt visited the senate to speak about his concern with strangers approaching UH students to convert the students or remove them from the university. He asked the senate to look into taking action against these practices.
- III. Guest Speakers wishing to address the Senate
  - A. There are no Guest Speakers wishing to address the senate.
- **IV.** Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate
  - A. Senator McGrew spoke about meeting with a UH representative for Homeland Security about a safety project that would provide emergency communications to the Houston community. She is asking senators interested in communication to reach out to her.

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

- I. Report of the President
  - A. President Martin acknowledged the senate and wished them a great summer. He spoke about being proud of the amount of engagement with Cougar Carnival. He encouraged senators to continue to get applications for the Emerging Leaders Program. He spoke about Community Clean Up Day and asked the senators to sign up if they haven't already. He added that SGA will be giving out hand sanitizers for students on August 18th, 19th, and 20th. He spoke about VDVR training and encouraged the senate to be ready to assist in upcoming voter registration events. Lastly, he spoke about working with various campus professionals to get the Full Support Partnership highlighted on campus.

## II. Report of the Vice-President

A. Vice President Layne mentioned that he is almost done with the changes made to the University Committees. He is looking for students interested in acting or screen writing to reach out to him for an upcoming project in collaboration with UH Athletics and UH Parking. He addressed LaVonte's concerns by saying that he has contacted the university administration. He also brought attention to the fact that the organization that LaVonte mentioned is a registered student organization at UH.

## **III.** Report of the Speaker

A. Speaker Azizi spoke about loving to see students physically present at senate meetings. She touched on the senate schedule by saying that the website has the senate schedule up to August 10th but she will update it soon. She ended by highlighting that the last summer senate meeting is on August 17th and regular senate meetings resume on August 24th.

# **IV.** Report of the Chief Justice

A. Chief Justice Munoz reminded the senate that there are three vacant seats on appeals court. He encouraged the senate members to direct any interested applicants to him.

## V. Report of the Attorney General

- A. Attorney General Gordon spoke about how her bill that alters the expenses procedure will be touched on later in the night. She then gave the rest of her report time to Auditor Tony Kehl.
- B. Auditor Kehl reported that there were no recent expenses made by the speaker or the executive branch. He ended his report by promoting the use of funds for initiatives.
- **VI.** Report of the Chief Election Commissioner
  - A. There is not a Chief Election Commissioner at the moment.
- VII. Report of the Chief of Staff
  - A. Chief of Staff Carter was not present at the meeting.

# VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs

A. Director of External Affairs Beafneaux will be sending an important message in the Administration GroupMe later.

## IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations

A. Director of Public Relations Foret spoke about the marketing of SGA, promoting the instagram and twitter accounts. She asked senators to engage with posts to promote upcoming events and the overall image of the organization.

## X. Report of the Director of Outreach

A. Director of Outreach Hayes acknowledged LaVonte and asked him to reach out to him to handle his concerns. He mentioned that he is excited

for the upcoming semester and the opportunities that it will bring for the organization to get connected with the community.

## XI. R Report of the Director of Multicultural Affairs

A. The Director of Multicultural Affairs Castro was not present at the meeting.

### **Clause 6:** Committee Reports

- I. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee
  - A. Chair McGrew had nothing to report.
- II. Report of the Internal Affairs Committee
  - A. There is not a chair for the Internal Affairs Committee at the moment but there is nothing to report for the committee.
- III. Report of the Student Life Committee
  - A. Chair Benedict had nothing to report.
- **IV.** Report of the Administration and Finance Committee
  - A. Chair Westerbeck had nothing to report.

#### **Clause 7: Unfinished Business**

#### Clause 8: New Business

- I. Full Support Act Final Read
  - A. President Martin thanked the people who sponsored the Full Support Act. He said that the Full Support Act will show the university that the senate is serious about helping students. He mentioned meeting with the Dean of Students to partner with the Women and Gender Studies to create programs that will educate students about the Full Support Partnership. He stated that he plans on putting resources on all campus syllabi and the faculty senate will be voting on making that happen soon. He mentioned meeting with university stakeholders to get the Full Support Partnership onto Cougar Cards. He expressed a deep passion for this act and said that if passed, it will contribute to making UH a top 50 university.
  - B. McGrew motioned to move to previous question. The motion carried.
  - C. The Full Support Act was passed.

## II. SGAB-59006 - First Read

A. Attorney General Gordon spoke about how the last administration enacted a practice where any expense over \$500 had to be reviewed by the Internal Affairs Committee before a purchase could be made. If passed, the bill will increase the amount from \$500 to \$1500 with discretion to the Internal Affairs Committee. B. Senator McGrew motioned to send the bill to committee. The motion carried.

#### III. Michael Abel - Undergraduate at Large Appointment

- A. Michael introduced himself as a second year law student. He mentioned that he feels welcome to the community despite being from New York and because of this, hopes to give back to the UH community. He spoke about how he attended college in Binghamton. While he was there, he served in student government where sponsored and passed over fifty bills and initiatives. He expressed excitement about President Martin's efforts towards assisting survivors of sexual assault. He stated that if elected, he hopes to fix the disconnect between graduate and undergraduate students by integrating graduate students into the university.
- B. Senator Campos asked Abel how he plans on integrating graduate students into the university. Abel mentioned that he noticed that UH Law students are not included on the university mailing list. He wants to see graduate students included on university mailing systems and for more graduate events to be hosted in places like the student center rather than inside their respective graduate schools.
- C. Senator McGrew motioned to move to previous question. The motion passed.
- D. Michael Abel was confirmed to the Undergraduate at Large position.

#### **Clause 9:** Closing Remarks

- I. Comments and announcements from the officers
  - A. President Martin congratulated Senator Abel on his confirmation. He announced that SGA will be a part of the university's upcoming Glow Party and a new Weeks of Welcome event that will be in collaboration with the Dean of Students and UH Athletics. He asked senators to continue signing up for upcoming events.
  - B. VP Layne congratulated Senator Abel on his appointment and thanked the senate for a short, productive meeting.
  - C. Azizi spoke about her Hay Favor project. She mentioned that the project focuses on providing commuter students with affordable contraceptives. She ended by stressing that it is a great opportunity for the administration and asked the senate to reach out to her if they are interested in helping her with this project.

## II. Open forum

A. Senator McGrew remembered the name of the university representative she spoke of at the beginning of the meeting. His name is Kevin M.

Clement. She asked students in the Valenti School of Communication to reach out to her for the project.

- B. Senator Shultz spoke about his collaboration with Karbach Brewing Company. He is looking for two undergraduate women who are at least 21 to assist in the "Women in Beer" collaboration. He expressed excitement in the collaboration because of the university's upcoming plans to enter the Big Twelve.
- **III.** Closing call of the roll

#### **Clause 10:** Adjournment

• The meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM.