

SGA

Order of Business  
3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the 45<sup>th</sup> Administration  
Mediterranean Room, University Center, 7:30 PM  
Wednesday, April 16, 2008

- ✓1. Call to order by the presiding officer
- ✓2. Opening call of the roll
- ✓3. Reading and approval of the Senate Journal from the previous meeting
- ✓4. Special Reports
- ✓5. Students wishing to address their Senate
- ✓6. Two minute speeches by the members
- ✓7. Report of the President
- ✓8. Report of the Vice-President
- ✓9. Report of the Director of External Relations
- ✓10. Report of the Director of Public Relations
- ✓11. Report of the Director of Finance
- ✓12. Report of the Speaker
- ✓13. Report of the Standing Committees
  - a. Academic Affairs – Mary Elhardt
  - b. Internal Affairs – Alex Obregon
  - c. Student Life – Brandon Brewton
  - d. University Administration and Finance – Kelly Evans
- ✓14. Report of select committees
  - a. Financial Aid Advisory Committee
- ✓15. Special orders
  - a. Presidential Appointments
    - i. Director of Finance – Amanda Wong
    - ii. Education Seat 2 – Quione Cook
    - iii. At-Large Seat 2 – Amod Ahmad
- ✓16. Introduction and first reading of new legislation
  - a. UB45003
  - b. SGAR45004
- ✓17. Unfinished business and general orders
  - a. SGAB45002
- ✓18. New business and general orders
  - a. Committee bypass of new legislation
19. Closing call of the roll
20. Comments and announcements
21. Adjournment

Scholarship & Financial Aid Committee  
W office - presentations, April 28  
Walk through of FA myths / Peoplesoft

Where is Aleah?

### Students Addressing the senate

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)  
Go out to community 5<sup>th</sup> ward hand out UH info.

### Amanda Wong

Director of Finance  
Spanish & Communications  
Master's in Business  
Financial acumen?

Intern at Natural Science Museum  
member of Chi Omega  
20 hours / week in office?

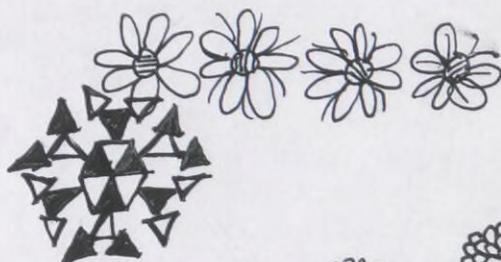
### Queen Cook

College of Education seat #2  
wants to help change add/drop policies  
meal plan & parking policies  
committees - cando

have met w chair &  
dean of major  
not in many orgs  
MVP+ intramural basketball

### Amaud

At-large position #2  
not member of a particular party  
Green issues / Biased surveys



Announcing Special Commission  
on Housing - Alex Obregon and others  
Comparative Studies - advocacy, amenities,  
increase # of students living on campus

Food Service - Business Services - meeting w them

Issue on W

Changes in course guideline - a degree plan - flexibility  
on department of mathematics

Veterans legislation -

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**Label:** SGAR45004

**Date Introduced:** April 16, 2008

**Author:** Alexander Obregon

**Sponsor(s):** Norma Islam; Franceska McCaughan; Jackie Stout; Bethany Johns; Jamie Xu; Sean Tarver; Mallory McKenney; Kelly Evans

**Committee:** University of Administration and Finance

**Draft:** First Reading

**SGA Resolution in Support of an E-mail Notification System for Traffic Citation**

**Whereas,** traffic citations are placed on the outside of vehicles, and

**Whereas,** natural forces such as wind and rain can misplace or destroy tickets, and

**Whereas,** students have complained that their tickets have been taken from their vehicle and as a result were unaware of their citation, and

**Whereas,** traffic fines double after forty-eight hours, and

**Whereas,** students must appeal all citations with-in twenty one days of issuance, and

**Whereas,** due process requires that students are aware of their parking citation, and

**Whereas,** the University of Houston uses the internet as their primary form of communication and every student is issued an e-mail address, and

**Whereas,** issuing a citation on the vehicle and e-mailing the student will place the responsibility on the student to either pay or appeal the ticket.

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the 45<sup>th</sup> Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

**Section 1:** That, the Parking and Transportation Department look into acquiring software that will support e-mailing students when their vehicle is issue a parking citation.

## VP Report

Trip - Empowerment of student voice / food service

Indiana Karen Whitney - new UC - one stop shop - media center  
food prices - high

San Diego State 40 years old - expansion and renovation  
food services - only freshman year mandatory  
SGA - deals w business half  
Student on board for UC plan

UC San Diego Massive  
student voice - wished that they had more

Texas Tech 2003 - expansion; kept the UC open leisure / open areas  
100% cost coming from students senate chambers  
referendum don't have our hours  
food service required only 1<sup>st</sup> year fresher dining options  
commuter plan

Email notification - effective at their university

Committees for Universities

Townhalls - Kayley Sanders

Summer senate - every other week - legislation can be passed  
those here must attend - April 24 - ~~1<sup>st</sup> week~~ June 2  
Wednesday evenings

Standing Committees

Internal Affairs:

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**Whereas,** students electing to appear in person to the court consumes a large amount of the limited time the court has, and

**Whereas,** the written appeal is usually adequate for the court to make a just decision regarding the citation, and does not usually require the student to appear in person, and

**Whereas,** currently any further appeals must be proceeded directly to the Dean of Students, and

**Whereas,** due process is of the utmost importance to the court, and

**Whereas,** a three tiered appellant process will ensure that each student receives due process,

**Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the 45<sup>th</sup> Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

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2. The student can appeal the initial decision and elect to appear before the court.
  - a. If electing to appear, the student must be present at the hearing.
  - b. If the student does not show up the case will be heard on the basis of available evidence.
  - c. The student cannot be represented by counsel who appears in place of the student.
3. The student can appeal the decision of the court to the Dean of Students.

**Section 2:** Student Traffic Court should amend section 9 as follows:

Section 9. Appeals

1. An appeal can be submitted in writing on the appropriate form to the office of the Assistant Dean of Students within five class days of the court's decision only after the student has appeared before the court.
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