

Order of Business
11th Meeting of the 46th Administration
Mediterranean Room, University Center, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, August 5, 2009

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. Students wishing to address their Senate
5. Two minute speeches by the members
6. Report of the President
7. Report of the Vice-President
8. Report of the Director of External Affairs
9. Report of the Director of Public Relations
10. Report of the Director of Finance
11. Report of the Speaker
12. Report of the Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs- Vice Chair Mary Martin
 - b. Internal Affairs- Chair Kyrie Ruiz
 - c. Student Life- Chair Veronika Evans
 - d. University Administration and Finance- Chair Hillary Sotello
13. Report of select committees
14. Special orders
15. Introduction and first reading of new legislation
 - a. Approval of Hilton College Council Constitution
 - b. SGAR46002- Resolution to oppose the variance request regarding Project Cougar Den
 - c. SGAB46005- A Bill Establishing a More Fiscally Responsible Student Government
 - d. SGAB46006- A Bill Establishing an Open Forum for Students at the End of SGA Meetings
16. Unfinished business and general orders
 - a. Speaker nomination of Sean Tarver as Vice Chair of Administration & Finance Committee
 - b. Speaker nomination of Reyes Ramirez as Chairperson of Academic Affairs Committee
 - c. *University Committee Appointments*
17. New business and general orders
 - a. Discharge from committee
18. Closing call of the roll
19. Comments and announcements
20. Open Forum (by Senate Executive Committee Order)
21. Adjournment

Approval of Hilton College Council

Authors: Daniel Jarvis; Senator John Price

Co- Author: Speaker Alexander Obregon

Sponsors: Speaker Pro Tem Kyrie Ruiz

PASSED
with
Amendment

The Constitution of the Conrad N. Hilton College Council

Article 1: Name, Purpose, Authority and Power

Section 1: Name

- A. The name of this organization is the Conrad N. Hilton College Council at the University of House (hereinafter referred to as the Hilton College Council)

Section 2: Purpose

- A. The purpose of the Hilton College Council are:
1. To provide a forum for Hilton students to present their concerns or ideas to the directors of the Hilton College, and a representative from the Student Government Association.

Section 3: Authority

- A. The Hilton College Council shall exist as part of the Student Government Association (hereinafter referred to as SGA) and will be granted all privileges as they are stated under the SGA Constitution.
- B. The power to appoint Hilton College senators to the SGA Senate, granted under the Constitution of the SGA.
- C. The Hilton College Council shall act as the official advisory body in all manners pertaining to the student body of the Conrad N. Hilton College.

Article 2: Membership and Meetings

Section 1: Membership

- A. The Council shall be made up of the follow representatives:
 - 1. One presiding student representative from the Conrad N. Hilton College student body, referred to as the President of the Council
 - a. The President shall be chosen by 2/3 majority vote by the current Council.
 - b. If the President is deemed unfit for the position he or she may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the Council
 - 2. One secretary from the student body chosen by the President and approved by the Council
 - 3. One Student Government Association representative (HRM Senator, student in the SGA Intern program, Speaker of the House, etc)
 - 4. One representative from the faculty
 - 5. One representative from the University Hilton Hotel
 - 6. One representative from the Conrad N. Hilton College organizations, as decided at the All Organizations Roundtable meeting.
 - 7. Two non-representative students, a maximum number of non-representative students present can decide on by the Hilton College Council.
- B. All students of the Conrad N. Hilton College are members of the Hilton College Council upon enrollment in any class within the Conrad Hilton College.

Section 2: Meetings

- A. The Council shall meet at least once a month at a location chosen by consensus of the Council.

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Label: SGAR46002

Date Introduced: August 5, 2009

Author(s): Vice President Prince Wilson, President Kenneth Fomunung, Speaker Alexander Obregon

Sponsor(s): Speaker Pro Tem Kyrie Ruiz

Committee: Administration and Finance

Draft: First

SGA Resolution to Oppose the Variance Request regarding Project Cougar Den Center

Whereas, the City of Houston Planning and Development Department has received an off-street parking variance request for property located at 4701 Calhoun Road, north of Wheeler Street and west of Texas Spur No. 5; and

Whereas, 95% of our student population at the University of Houston use their cars on campus; and

Whereas, parking on the UH campus is already a scarce commodity and one of the main problems often mentioned by students, staff and faculty; and

Whereas, the center will have numerous deliveries for the proposed tenants, adding traffic and safety problems to Calhoun Street and Spur 5; and

Whereas, the proposed site raises fire safety concerns including issues of how fire trucks and other emergency vehicles would enter into the area; and

Whereas, other food outlets have closed on campus due to a lack of foot traffic; and

Whereas, the lack of parking at the center may force customers to park in University parking lots, which could violate the University parking rules and regulations thus adding to the parking problem; and

Whereas, the excess cars on Calhoun would generate a safety concern when students, faculty, and staff are walking to campus from an adjacent lot; and

Whereas, the 60 parking spaces provided for the 15,000 sq. ft. shopping center will be insufficient to accommodate all the employees in addition the customers that will be driving to the establishment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 46TH ADMINISTRATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:**

The University of Houston Student Government Association, the official student representative body makes strong objection to this project parking proposal and highly encourages denial of the variance request.

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Label: SGAB46005

Date Introduced: August 5, 2009

Authors: Taylor Kilroy, Kyrie Ruiz

Co Author: Alexander Obregon

Sponsors: Sean Tarver; Juan Carlos Arreola

Draft: First Reading

A Bill Establishing a More Fiscally Responsible Student Government

Whereas, the Student Government Association is funded through student fees, and

Whereas, any organization supported by student fee should make every attempt possible to invest both the money and confidence granted to them by the student body in a wise manner for the benefit of students, and

Whereas, the current SGA procedure for expenditures is missing clarity, transparency and specificity as to how expenditures are approved, therefore:

BE IT ESTABLISHED BY THE 46th ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

*Definition of Donation for the purposes of this bill is any SGA money that is given to support a cause, event, charity, etc.

Title 5, Chapter 3 of the SGA Code concerning Fiscal Procedures shall be amended as follows:

1. 3.0.5 Donations
All donations must be approved by a majority vote of the Senate present and voting.
2. 3.0.6 Submittal Procedures
 - A) All requests for expenditures \$250 and above must be made in writing to the Internal Affairs Committee describing the nature of the request, with copies going to the Director of Finance, SGA President, and Speaker of the Senate, at least two (2) weeks in advance.
 - B) The Director of Finance shall make a report of all purchases above \$250 at the next scheduled meeting.
 - C) All requests of this nature must include at least two bids for the services performed or products provided.
 - D) All requests as stated above must be thoroughly reviewed by the Committee on Internal Affairs.
3. These two clauses shall be inserted between the current clauses 3.0.5 and 3.0.6. Clauses after these two shall be renumbered to reflect this change.

4. This legislation shall take effect immediately after passage.

PASSED

Label: SGAB46006

Authors: Taylor Kilroy, Kyrie Ruiz

Co Author: Alexander Obregon

Sponsors: Sean Tarver, Juan Carols Arreola, John Price

Committee: Internal Affairs

Draft: First Reading

A Bill Establishing an Open Forum for Students at the End of SGA Meetings

Whereas, the SGA Constitution dictates that all students are members of the UH Student Government Association, and

Whereas, SGA always seeks transparency on all matters relating to the work of the student representatives, and

Whereas, students are currently only allowed to voice their opinions at the beginning of SGA meetings, and

Whereas, students lose the ability to question their representatives about their voting behavior immediately after the fact, therefore:

BE IT ESTABLISHED BY THE 46TH ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

- A. Title 1, Section 1, Clause 1 shall be amended to include "Open Forum" after the comments and announcements and before adjournment.
- B. This shall be reflected on the SGA agenda as #20, moving "Adjournment" to #21
- C. Each person shall have 2 minutes of questioning, and may not speak more than once.
- D. This legislation shall go into effect at the end of the meeting during which it was passed.

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