

**Thirty-Eighth Senate  
University of Houston  
Student Government Association  
Minutes  
Eleventh Meeting of the Thirty-Eighth Senate  
Cougar Den, 8:30pm  
September 5, 2001**

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer** – Craig Stewart, Speaker of the Senate, 38<sup>th</sup> Administration
  
2. **Call of the Roll** – The following were present for the opening call of the roll: James Robertson, Brandon Butler, Faisal Zahed, Temitope Ayoola, Alysia Ferrell, Craig Stewart, George Siglar, Dawona Miller, Melody Gerard, Willie Moore, Teneshia Eleby, Kat Yin, Kisch Godet, Dimple Pajwani, Rachel Hemphill, Hill Powell, Jeff Hill, April Spreeman-Harter, Katwana Walker, Bruce Hoffman, Chigo Okere, Melissa Ragsdale, and Kevin Hinrichs.
  
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal** –approved
  
4. **Special Reports** –
  - Alysia Ferrell – Need all to sign up for workshop who are going. You don't have to be a mother to volunteer for mentoring program, just a college female. Digital pics are needed for all individuals. The website is improved.
  - Babz Ayoola - Please fill out profile, it's the SGA website, not mine. You all make the difference. Over 500 hits in last 9 days. Please write article.
  - Faisal Zahed – Met with directors of Student Alumni Association and Houston Alumni Organization, Steve Hall and Jim Polanco. We have many plans.
  - April Spreeman-Harter – Shomper recommended 7 dollar increase in IT fees to support cheap MS software for students. Students should not settle for less than they deserve.
  
5. **Students wishing to address the Senate** –
  - Elisia Brown – Ambassadors are the first students that prospective students see. We have TACRO to recruit from junior colleges and high schools. If you are interested please let me know. Contact Linda Garza at [REDACTED].
  
6. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members** –
  - Katwana Walker- Sorry for absence last time. Website is looking great.
  - April Spreeman-Harter – Ofili came up with great idea for beautification of campus. I spoke with Dean and Associate Dean of Students about this and they were very supportive.

**7. Report of the President –**

The Arabic Student Association is here to get support for Arabic language program. Achenbaum (CLASS dean) said they needed an endowment to maintain permanent program, but in the course of talks possible price escalated. Business senators and executive members met with interim dean of college of business. Concerns included faculty/student ration and increased requirements for enrollment. Need TPAC report on shuttle service.

**8. Report of the Vice-President –**

Thanks for coming today. Have we become more professional in the last 2 weeks? Ask for office space at your college.

**9. Report of the Speaker –**

Please hold townhalls, they are mandatory. One simple and effective way to reach students is to put up a couple posters telling who you are, stand outside your college (or inside), and talk to those going past you. You'll be able to find out what UH issues they are concerned about. Please turn in reports at each meeting, I will be checking them too see how each of you are doing, and probably putting them online.

**10. Report of the Standing Committees –**

- a) Academic Affairs – Senator Jimmie Thomas
- b) Internal Affairs – Senator George Siglar
- c) Student Life – Senator Jeff Hill
- d) University Administration and Finance Committee – Senator Brett Liberatore

**11. Reports of Select Committees –**

Committee on Natural Disaster Response – Still gathering student input, and approaching UH crisis committee.

**12. Special Orders**

**13. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation**

- a) Legislation turned into the Speaker Prior to the Publication of the Agenda
- b) Legislation to be Introduced on the Senate Floor

**14. Unfinished Business and General Orders**

- a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
  - 1. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - 2. Committee on Internal Affairs
  - 3. Committee on Student Life
  - 4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
  - 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
  - 2. Committee on Academic Affairs

3. Committee on Internal Affairs

4. Committee on Student Life

5. Committee on University Administration and Finance

c) Tabled Motions:

**15. New Business and General Orders –**

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

b) Motions on Committee Bypass - UB38024 (Software bill) bypassed, then remanded back to committee

-Appointments bypassed and passed in bloc

c) Other New Business and General Orders

**16. Closing Call of the Roll-** The following were present for the closing call of the roll: James Robertson, Brandon Butler, Faisal Zahed, Temitope Ayoola, Alysia Ferrell, Craig Stewart, George Siglar, Melody Gerard, Willie Moore, Teneshia Eleby, Kat Yin, Dimple Pajwani, Rachel Hemphill, Latosha Wallace, Hill Powell, Jeff Hill, April Spreeman-Harter, Katwana Walker, Bruce Hoffman, Chigo Okere, and Kevin Hinrichs.

**17. Comments and Announcements –**

April Spreeman-Harter – It cost \$212,000 for just faculty to utilize cheap MS software, but it will cost an estimated \$300,000 to include students.

**18. Adjournment**