

## Minutes for August 13, 2008

- 1) **Call to order by the presiding officer** @ 7:35pm
- 2) **Opening call of the roll:** Present- Alex ,Jonas, Amanda, Mary, Stephen K., Manny, Salman, Jackie

**\*\*DO NOT HAVE QUORUM AT THIS POINT (7:35pm)**

- 3) **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the previous meeting-**  
Approved after quorum was met at 7:46pm
- 4) **Special Reports:** NONE
- 5) **Students wishing to address their Senate:** NONE
- 6) **Two minute speeches by the members:**
  - a) **Salman:** Tier 1- UH is one of the seven schools selected for becoming Tier 1, wants to organize a rally and show them how we are dedicated toward Texas and our university, need sponsors, a date; Alex questions other schools being considered, UT, Texas Tech, UT Arlington, Texas A & M
- 7) **Report of the President:** NONE
- 8) **Report of the Vice President:** Jonas
  - a) Good momentum for the rest of the year, first meeting is on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August
  - b) Just returned from Boston, Massachusetts, mentions how UH dominated the conference, volunteers chosen all mentioned how they connected with the University of Houston
  - c) August 27, 2008 is when the committee members will hopefully be approved to be appointed
  - d) Working on the towers satellite project that has been discussed in the past, executive board will be meeting in the next week to create a proposal, want to get SGA around the campus
  - e) Amod- is graduating tomorrow, call him if you have his number and wish him a congratulations
- 9) **Report of the Director of External Affairs:** NONE
- 10) **Report of the Director of Public Relations:** NONE
- 11) **Report of the Director of Finance:** Amanda
  - a) Starting a new budget
  - b) Workshop at the Boston conference, rated your SGA on things such as relationships with your students, had a high rate on the test which shows we have great relationships
  - c) Approved the swatch for our polo's, got new t-shirts for the did you know campaign, will be used to promote our organization and the reputation of our school
- 12) **Report of the Speaker:** Alex

- a) Yields time to Mary-organizing an orientation for the interns next Wednesday in the large conference room, if you would like to come by and meet them please do so
- b) Alex- starts by saying he feels really fortunate to be a part of this SGA, we have the best SGA he has seen, has a lot more power than we think we do
- c) Alex- mentions that it's okay to disagree, another thing that they commented on was working as a team, you are not effective working as a group
- d) USA today- will probably get pushed back, three most popular choices are USA today, Houston Chronicle, and the New York Times

**13) Report of the Standing Committees**

- a) Zuhair: NONE
- b) Norma: NONE
- c) Brandon: NONE
- d) Kelly: met with Stephen going to meet with Chief Davis, ask Kelly if you have any questions

\*\*NOW HAVE QUORUM at 7:46 pm- Senate Journal Approved

**14) Report of select committees-NONE**

**15) Special Orders: NONE**

**16) Introduction and first reading of new legislation: NONE**

**17) Unfinished business and general orders: NONE**

**18) New Business and General Orders: NONE**

**19) Closing Roll Call: Alex, Jonas, Amanda, Mary, Kelly, Jonathan, Manny, Stephen, Lyle, Frank, Salman, Jackie**

**20) Comments and Announcements:**

- a) Marcella- in a meeting about the Presidents investiture, component is carrying all the flags from the worlds affairs lounge into the ceremony, looking for 60 students to carry the flags, will have 10 slots for students from SGA, students who carry in the flag will also have a seat in the investiture, on the September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm
- b) Amanda- follow her for a did you know shirt
- c) Salman-repeats that he is working on a rally to start in Austin for tier 1 status, sometime before October
- d) Stephen- meeting with Police Chief Davis, any concerns with the Department of Security contact Kelly or Stephen
- e) Kelly- Administrators, start talking to people, has been having a hard time getting a hold of people, wants to put it out there that we are here to take responsibility for our own school, let's actually do something, we have momentous things to do compared to other SGA's
- f) Alex- this is our last summer senate meeting, thanks us all, this has been a very successful summer, this year is going to be lot of fun, welcomes engagement and not just sitting on the side lines while things are being done, please dress professionally and look over Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order

**21) Adjournment at 7:30pm**