

Order of Business
4th Meeting of the 45th Administration
Mediterranean Room, University Center, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, April 23, 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
 - a. Keith Kowalka – UC Presentation
5. Students wishing to address their Senate → • CHRIS BUSBY - Prof. Coalition
6. Two minute speeches by the members
7. Report of the President ✓
8. Report of the Vice-President 4.22 ✓
9. Report of the Director of External Affairs ✓ KACK
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 ✓
15. Special orders ✓
16. Introduction and first reading of new legislation
 - a. UB45004 ✓
 - b. UB45005 ✓
 - c. SGAR45005 ✓
 - d. SGAR45006 ✓
17. Unfinished business and general orders
 - a. UB45003 ✓
18. New business and general orders
 - a. Committee bypass of new legislation
19. Closing call of the roll
20. Comments and announcements
21. Adjournment



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Minutes:

1) Opening Call of Roll:

Present: Sam, Jonas, Aleah, Amanda, Mohammad, Jeremy, Jeffrey, Jonathan, Mariam, Alex, Kelly, Sean, Mallory, Stephen K, Jackie, Quione, Frank, Van, Manny, Zuhair, Franceska, Norman, Mary, Jamie, Norma, Jessie, Josephine, Stephen Q, Amod

2) Reading and approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:

APPROVED

3) Special Reports

-Keith Kowalka- UC presentation:

a) Brad L- worked on about 150 campuses throughout the country, team of 6 consultants, project of two scales UC and UC Underground and looking to see where the institution is growing in the next 10 to 15 years, shifting to an on campus based university, incorporating all aspects of the university, began in February with interviews and focus groups

- cell phone coverage in satellite is a preference, programming workshops, will eventually result in a building program that will support and enhance programming and activities done in the buildings, also started to look at expansion, should a the facility get bigger or should a whole new facility be created

Learned: 1) there is a lot of improvement that can be done with regard to food service 2) SGA location is not properly situated

Discussed campus visits: purpose was to give an overview of what other campuses are doing

Also looking at bookstore- costs, locations, comparing to national average; food service, and how to improve the facilities; improve ways to get into the building, challenge of building is that you can't see into it; will be coming back once a month and will present different options to improve the facility (get SGA out of the building and improve food services);

Have concluded: that the UC provides a functional need for the campus (food service, text books), no one said it was a special location, question is whether or not the UC should be the heart of student life

QUESTIONS:

Josephine: questions how much of the design will incorporate energy efficiency- in his opinion would be very "green," but depends on the opinion of the students

Zuhair: questions SGA involvement, Brad offers to meet at any time, contact Sam with questions

Sean: asks about creation of focus groups, Keith has aided in that, general students, List serve; Brad mentions to encourage mentioning any focus groups we think they may have missed

4) Students wishing to address their Senate:

- a) Chris Busby- Progressive Coalition- promoting "Stay After Class Day," idea that involves students staying after class and having various student organizations present their information to students, to inform students about the campus, promotes interest in colleges, would foster greater participation within groups themselves, has wide support on campus, all student groups support, has a petition signed by many students from different organizations, hopes to have event early in the fall semester (one day in length); CAT'S BACK may create competition
- b) Alejandro Capatillo discussed a presentation about financial aid "Financial Aid, Bringing the Pieces Together" Monday April 28- 10am and 7pm; Tuesday April 29- 2pm and 7pm at the Worlds Affairs Lounge , session may be webcasted to be seen later
- c) Michael-Students for sensible drug use, supports students stay after class day, increases student involvement
- d) Amariee Collins- Veterans Collegiate Society, began in the fall, one of the few universities that has an office only for veterans, has worked with Sean and Amod with regard to financial aid and enrollment, getting grants and scholarships is

difficult because of lack of benefits awards letter, discussed the hardships faced by students who are trying to pay the initial tuition 50%,

5) Two minute speeches by the members:

- a) Van- discusses financial aid bill and not moving out of committee, is trying to push for more ample time for other senators to look over bills, encourages sending proposals with more time to look over, send out as soon as possible
- b) Alex- clarifies the bill tabled from the previous meeting, 5 days was never an issue, changed to 21 days, and with regard to council- an attorney may be present but may not represent a student
- c) Amod- apologized for late bill, and hands out his bill

6) Report of the President: Sam

- a) Applauds all senators working on legislation, reiterates what Van mentioned, urges all senators to express ideas and to involve as many as possible
- b) NOW and FUTURE: what we do now will define what we do next semester i.e. dining services, changing the Food Advisory Committee, improve parking, financial aid and veterans issues- priority deadline is not sufficient, payment policy forces compromising situations, need to ensure that veterans forms are filled out properly, need to assign an advisor for veterans issues, need to ensure that financial aid is allocated; Financial Aid; Expanding the UC; Expand the Health Center; Build coalitions with the State Legislators; College Councils; Student Life, if you are interested in any of these projects contact Sam; *Light Everyone's Fire*

7) Report of the Vice President: Jonas

- a) 180 days- when Brad and Debbie return to discuss plans about UC, any ideas contact Jonas
- b) 32- University Committees-make quality appointments, encourage people in colleges to apply to this via the SGA website
- c) 28000- How many students went through Health Center in 2007, expansion?
- d) 12000- Amount of financial aid applicants we have daily; personalizing the process
- e) 100-days from Dr. Khator Town Hall Friday at 10am in the Mediterranean Room
- f) 100%-UC's-hold with regard to remodeling UC

g) 110%- Thanks senators for giving 110%

8) External Affairs: Aleah

- a) Keep a Child Alive- Aleah working with Mindy
- b) Texas Students Association- discuss issues, goals, agenda, plan to meet by fall
- c) Looking for an assistant director of community relations and an associate director of governmental affairs- if interested contact Aleah
- d) HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMOD

9) Report of the Speaker: Stephen

- a) procedure for writing bills, give yourself ample time to present and do appropriate research, don't want to keep flooding people with paperwork
- b) Dress code-keep in mind, want to maintain a professional atmosphere
- c) Stephen is graduating and this will be his last meeting, thanks everyone....We'll miss you Stephen!

10) Report of Standing Committees:

- a) Mary: sent out an email, if you haven't received contact Mary
- b) Alex: summer is a great opportunity to discuss plans, contact Alex

11) Unfinished Business and general orders

- a) UB45003- Alex mentions meeting the Dean, agrees that there is a need to reform, student has 21 days after ticket and 21 days to reappeal, have to have grounds to appeal can reschedule, can bring attorney with you; Called to question : PASSED

12) New Business and General Orders:

All bypassed to committee:

- a) UB45004- SGAR45005- PASSED: Amod- apologizes for lateness, Van- questions whereas on including 8 full time employees, Amod- discusses the difficulty employees face with only 5 individuals present in their office; Franceska- asks about University Business Center, Amod- it's a processing center where all financial aid transactions occur; Norman- streamlining process, Amod- explains vertical chart, automated email process; Jamie- questions paperless process,

email verification, Amod- quicker for hand delivery to give a paper receipt, mail-in is when an email is sent out;

Friendly Amendments:

1) Wherever located (all ten whereas) - change University of Houston's Financial Aid to *Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid*

2) Section 1-a) employers changed to *employees*

3) Section 1-b) mailed or *FAXED*

4) Section 2-a) *twice a week*-instead of biweekly

b) *UB45005*-bill only provides for students who have been discharged within the last ten years-will be addressed; Josephine wishes to address the fact that older veterans aren't provided the same benefits *PASSED*

c) *SGAR45005*- *PASSED*

d) *SGAR45006*-*PASSED*

Amendment to title: Establish the University of Houston *as* more veteran friendly college

13) Closing call of the roll

Sam, Jonas, Aleah, Amanda, Amod, Jeremy, Jeffrey, Jonathan, Mariam, Alex, Kelly, Sean, Mallory, Stephen K, Jackie, Quione, Frank, Van, Manny, Zuhair, Franceska, Norma, Mary, Jamie, Norma, Jessie, Josephine, Stephen Q

14) Comments and announcements:

a) Manny- suggests trying to create more promotions for SGA, has gone around and visited offices in Cullen and discussed graduate assistant program, wants to make students more aware of petitioning, and states that students will be given handout on rights and regulations as a graduate student

b) Kelly: College councils, River trip on May 31st Saturday

c) Josephine: pictures, no one was present when she showed up for pictures, sang happy birthday to Amod

d) Zuhair- intramural field lighting bill contact him if interested

e) Sam- encourages discussing current projects