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Order of Business
5th Meeting of the 45th Administration (Summer)
Campus Activities Large Conference Room, University Center, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, June 4, 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 *Passes*
4. Special Reports *none*
5. Students wishing to address their Senate *7:39*
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 – Norma Islam
 - c. Student Life – Brandon Brewton
 - d. University Administration and Finance – Kelly Evans
14. Report of select committees
15. Special orders
 - a. Approval of new SGA logo *8:27 → Passes*
 - b. Election of Speaker Pro Tempore *→*
16. Introduction and first reading of new legislation
17. Unfinished business and general orders
18. New business and general orders
 - a. Confirmation of new standing committee appointments. *→*
19. Closing call of the roll
20. Comments and announcements
21. Adjournment

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Wednesday June 4, 2008
7:30pm

1. Opening call of the roll
 - a. Present: Amod, Jeremy, Tommy Lee Kirby, Johnathon Garza, Kelly Evans, Sean Tarver, Zuhair, Franceska, Mary Elhardt, Norma Islam
2. Reading and approval of the Senate Journal from the previous meeting
 - a. Minutes are approved from last meeting.
3. Special Reports
4. Students wishing to address the Senate
 - a. Progressive Collation
 - i. Abdual: Courses in Humanity- Liberal Arts and Social Science are mandatory for students to take in their college career. Interest groups pay a big part of this. As students if we demand to use our money going to interest groups to help preventing government bonds with Sudan with Cenitec to end mass genocide.
 - ii. #2: Conflict with Sudan since 2005. Endowment money from Universities such as Harvard and UT and Princeton has been taken away from these companies participating in mass genocide. Please manage our endowment money intelligently.
 - iii. Sameer: "Report on Targeted Divestment in Sudan" part IV
 - iv. Rayah: Conclusion. Want to recommend the board will enforce reconsideration of Centek. Make list of companies that follow requirements that do not participate in Genocide and update it continuously. Review packet on Report on Targeted Divestment in Sudan.
 1. Questions:
 - a. Amod: wants to clarify what role would you like SGA to play and what is your alternative business plan?
 - SGA led student groups in the past and we hope that SGA passes the resolution like in 1987 so that students know that there is an alternative and encourage the board to look at the alternative. Our organization has looked into the business aspect and we understand the concern. Harvard has 35 billion invested and has divested that 8 times. We are still in the preliminary stages and we need support from SGA. This is more a summary and we are not sure what our final goal is. You cannot invest money in unstable markets.
 - b. Zuhair: How much is our endowment?
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 - c. Amod: How does UH invest their endowment?
 - Senior board members are in charge and set the

policies and objectives of how they want the endowments to be used. They hire companies and tell them what percent they want invested along with other requirements.

5. Two minute speeches by the members
 - a. Sal has summer classes and will not be able to make it to any more meetings
6. Report of the President
 - a. We are so happy when students come to the meetings because we are glad to see that students trust SGA enough to come and talk to us. Speaking about divestments I am very impressed on how you handled this situation and how many details you provided. Talked to senate about the roll of summer senate. It is a strategy senate. If you are new, it is a great time for you to learn the ropes and their follow senators. We are focused here in SGA about being passionate about your issues and how to get things done. There is a right and wrong way to do things and this is when we learn how to do things the right way with the right people. Last summer we focused on Financial Aid and we had a long and short term plan and we were prepared. If you have an idea of something that you would like to push through for the fall, start now! Lets talk about what we have accomplished so far: 1. Food Services (Food Advisory Committee will change to the will of what the committee wants, Cougar cash will be used at every location on campus, You can opt out of your dinning plan if you are unsatisfied) This is our opportunity to show the students what we have done. Marketing Plan is in the works! This will deal with logos and one on one with students. We will develop a new logo, involved in freshman organization so they know we are here to serve them, we have reorganized our executive departments like Public Relations by adding on assistant directors, Cosponsoring with other student groups, newsletter stating all we are doing, video messages letting students know that we are a resource. Our biggest marketing tool will be "our" work. Projects we would like to focus on are internally like Public Relations, creating an identity, and participating in special events. In external affairs, City Council and the Legislatives of Texas. College Councils are a way to allow students to focus on issues that are revelent in their college and to have access to their deans. They will be part of SGA and we will help them feel empowered. Student Bill of Rights is something else that we are putting together. Students deserve to know what rights they have in the classroom. Academic Freedom also refers to Students. Green Initiatives are important. We need to focus on resources that help us save money as a University. Campus wide master recycling plan and lets show students why they should do this! Let us educate the University Community. How can we get the university to buy into clean alternatives? Cougar Give is another project. Let us build a culture of giving. I am attempting to look into ways on how to save students money due to the fact gas is rising. We need to focus on convenience. We can also develop carpools (builds

communities and save the environment) "Alternate Ways" is based out of California and has done this with other Universities. Also, discount programs that will help students.

7. Report of the Vice President
 - a. Thanks the group for coming out and the PR team for the new SGA logo. Need help to find traffic court delegates (uh.edu/sga under committees). Lastly, I have worked on marketing and alumni. He has been talking to supervisors to see what they would like to see to get the alumni back out. Let us work on this together! Cats Back will be Wed Aug 27th and different committees have been formed. What do you think about the "Cougar Nation" –back of shirts have your college on it
8. Report of the Director of External Relations
 - a. Not here
9. Report of the Director of Public Relations
 - a. Not here
10. Report of the Director of Finance
 - a. No report
11. Report of the Speaker
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Amod: Finance Committee
 - ii. Norma Islma:
 - iii. Rachel Coolidge
 - b. SGA Logo
 - i. Thank you for all your help!
 - c. Please let me know your input!
 - i. Deadline for legislation is Monday by 5pm
 - ii. If this doesn't work let me know
 - d. Committees were not involved and I want to change this. I will keep up with the chairmen and chairwoman to keep the committees active
 - e. Accountability, you have to hold meetings! If this is a problem I will remove you and this is your responsibility.
 - f. Dress Code: summer is informal but no hats!
 - g. Thank you again Coalition
12. Report of the Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs-Mary Elhardt
 - i. No report
 - b. Internal Affairs-Norma Islam
 - i. No report
 - c. Student Life- Brandon Brewton
 - i. Not here
 - d. Administration and Finance- Kelly Evans
 - i. no report
13. Report of select committees
 - a. skipped
14. Special Orders:
 - a. Approval of new SGA logo

- i. We would like to change the logo because when an organization is moving forward than the past, we need a fresh new image and professionalism. Most SGA have seals which is professional. Arises the question as to what SGA is and what does it mean to you. Students need to know that they have the ability to make change. This is also the 45th year of SGA and 75th year of student representation. We need to communicate this to the students that your voice will be heard. We hopefully will put an intern program together.
 - ii. Zuhair: Question: will this be the exact logo or can we use UH logo as well? - We will look into for you
 - iii. Amod: Question: Shirts? -yes you are seen everywhere and SGA needs to be multi dimensional
 - iv. John Garza Question: Is it skinny or thick letters? – skinny
 - v. Sean Question: What about 1964 can we put “est” –we can try to put the est 1964
 - vi. VOTING: New logo passes
 - b. Election of Speaker Pro Tempore
 - i. Nominations: Kelly
 - ii. Kelly is elected to be Speaker Pro Temp
- 15. Introduction and first reading of new legislation
 - a. No new legislation
- 16. Unfinished Business and general orders
- 17. New Business and general orders:
 - a. Confirmation of new standing committee appointments
 - i. Amod: Administration Finance
 - ii. Norma I: Moving up from Vice Chairwoman to Chairwoman
 - iii. Rachel: Vice Chairwoman
 - iv. New committees were approved
- 18. Closing call of the roll
 - a. Amod, Jeremy, Tommy Lee, Jonathon G, Kelly, Sean, Zuhair, Francesca, Mary, Norma L, Manny
- 19. Comments and announcements
 - a. Mary: Mary and Sean have been on the search committees for the UC and are really excited about the candidates. If there are any questions, please let Sean know because he is going to dinner with a candidate. Being part of this committee is a great marketing tool.
 - b. Sam: I sent an email that had our summer plans attached to it. Check email all the time! We hosted a telephone conference and we are looking to set up a meeting at the capitol. Read your emails!
 - c. Amod: I am interested in setting up a master recycling program. Also staying after school and a small documentary on past SGA senators. The idea is to have a 30 min documentary where they relate their stories to upcoming candidates so that they can know what SGA is and the culture of SGA. We hope to have them done by the end of summer. Please add me to your emails! Also, I want to push to vote by roll call. I want legislative

history to see who voted where. I will be writing this bill and people have offered their support.

- d. Kelly: Wanted to point out that the .01% is really invested in Centec. Also you missed out if you did not go to the river trip. Please join us next time.
- e. Chris: Needs help testing the new website. If you are interested let me know!
- f. Manny: Wants to point out SGA's role in freshman orientation. We want students to know and we have a spot reserved to talk to international students. Also, we should put an add in the Daily Cougar for the Student Traffic Court.
- g. Zuhair: Use the reply all button responsibly

20. Adjournment

- a. 8:55pm