GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

DATE:    Thursday, March 23, 2017
TIME:    1:00 PM
LOCATION: A436

MEETING CREATED BY: Irene Nunez

MINUTE TAKER: Elizabeth Bosquez

ROLL CALL:
Alan Modrow      A/A         Joly Fahim      A/A
Oscar Sanchez Vegas A/A        Shay Hopper     X/A
Mustapha Nyallay X/X         Hatziri Rancano A/A
Mukarram Syedshah X/A         Jovan Freeman A/A
Jasmine Gallegos X/A         Evan Howell X/X
Mykal Peterson   A/X         Faryal Gul    X/A
Kimberly Weber   A/A         Irene Nunez    X/X
Armita Tajadod   A/A         Felishi Jordan X/A

AGENDA TOPICS
1. Call to Order

Discussion:
a. Pledge of Allegiance
b. Roll Call
  -Taken by Elizabeth Bosquez.
c. Quorum Check
  -Met quorum with 4 senators present.
d. Approval of minutes from previous General Assembly
  -Minutes approved for General Assembly held on March 2, 2017 by consent.
e. Approval of the Agenda
  -Agenda approved by consent.

2. UHD Interim President Dr. Olivas

Discussion:
-Last day at UHD is April 14th.
-New UHD president will start on April 17th.
-Will be returning to law school at UH.
-UHD bought 17 acres of land last year.
-Wants to buy more land for parking.
-Possibly have STEM building by Fall 2019.
-UHD will soon have nursing classes in the medical center.
-Will offer more classes at Northwest center.
-UHD will be starting a data analytics program.
-College of Business has been named Davies College of Business.
-10 million donated to College of Business.
-Ms. Hattie passed away last week.
Working on picking one of the three candidates for V.P. of Student Affairs and Dean of Students.
Met with commissioner on getting more bike paths around UHD.
Chose to go with faculty and staff only for search committee for Vice President.
Vice President is more on the academic side.
Governor Bill Richardson will speak at UHD graduation this year.

3. **Old Business**

Discussion:

a. Diversity Day Bill Vote
   - Presented by Hatziri Rancano.
   - Administration will help with $1500 for food.
   - Will have confirmation from administration tomorrow.
   - Need a total of $3000 for food.
   - Food must be prepared at UH and brought to UHD.
   - Lost Treasurer because of stipend issue.
   - Hatziri finished the budget.
   - Contingency fund close to $6000.
   - Might still have Ed’s Bayou clean up event.
   - Still have $11,000 that cannot be touched.
   - Senate stepped out to discuss bill in private.
   - Senators requesting to remove t-shirts from bill.
   - Money for t-shirts reduced to $625.
   - Vote by consent.
   - Diversity bill passed.

b. Thank You Day Event
   - Will need about $1500 for this event.
   - Will have coffee, doughnuts, and thank you cards for the event.

4. **New Business**

Discussion:

a. Felishi Jordan – Community Outreach Vote/Confirmation
   - Introduction.
   - Questions and answers:
   - Faryal Gul, Irene Nunez, and Mukarram Syedshah.
   - Voting by ballot.
   - Felishi Jordan voted in for Community Outreach Director position.
   - Sworn in by Chief Justice, Mykal Peterson.

5. **Senator Report Time**

Discussion:

a. University College – Faryal Gul
   - Meeting with Dr. Birchak and Dr. Hudson.

b. College of Business – Mukarram Syedshah
   - Working with Landon and IT department.

6. **New Business**

Discussion:

a. Amendment to the Constitution Bill – Presented by Mykal Peterson
   - Bill can be voted on in the next General Assembly.
-Motion to move voting to the next General Assembly approved.

7. **Executive Board Report Time**

**Discussion:**

a. President – Mustapha Nyallay
   - Part of search committee for V.P. of Student Affairs and Dean of Students.
   - Petition for new Sports and Fitness building has been completed.
   - Met with Aramark.
   - Contract with Aramark terminated.
   - Search committee for new food contract needs students.
   - High school students will possibly come to the next General Assembly.

8. **Open Forum**

**Discussion:**

- Irene Nunez:
  - Next General Assembly on April 20, 1pm-3pm, A436.
  - Looking for SGA volunteers for chalk event on Tuesday, March 28th, 10am-2pm.
  - Will be giving out 8 Starbucks cards at chalk event.
  - SGA will have a table at chalk event from 11am-2pm.

9. **Exiting Roll Call**

**TAKEN BY:** Elizabeth Bosquez

10. **Meeting Adjourned**