

Meeting Minutes of Council of Organizations

Date: October 7, 2016

Location: Milam and Travis, Girard Street Building, UHD

Meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Daral Moore Washington, Chair of UHD Council of Organizations

Roll Call: not performed.

- Daral began with a welcome, and reminded everyone of the presidential forums happening over the next couple of weeks. She recommended that members attend in order to be informed and active in the process of selecting the new president. She welcomed the UH System Student Regent Joshua Freed to the meeting.
- Joshua Freed spoke briefly about his hopes as a student regent to connect with every campus and begin working as a single unit.
 - He hopes that the campuses will also collaborate in service events that are impactful and efficient. He told the members how hefty the application for his position was, but encouraged them to apply next year so there can be rotating representation from all UH system campuses. A member asked him how he recommended the Council of Organizations could connect with the UH campus Council of Organizations. Joshua answered that he would better understand the function of the Council of Organizations after the current meeting, as UH Main has no entity similar to it. Mustapha Nyallay told the Student Regent he also believed in forming a connection between all three campuses, and that SGA has been working to improve involvement with other campuses. He hopes that they will become even more connected. Joshua said that he agreed completely.
- Daral gave an update on the Council of Finance, and recognized the elected members.
 - Two who were present, Esteban Guana and Jacqueline Tarango, stood to receive recognition.
 - Daral continued by mentioning that any proposals for funding should pay attention to logistics. Adding specificity to the requests makes it easier for proposals to be understood and processed. She also recommended making sure that proposals are submitted within the time limits. The Council of Finance will meet on Fridays from 9:00 am-10:30 am and by appointment in A701. Any information and questions should be sent to the council of finance email: (uhdcounciloffinance@gmail.com).
- Daral invited Mr. Kwasikpui to talk about homecoming.
 - Mr. Kwasikpui informed the members that Homecoming will be held October 17-22 and would include sports games, and events planned by greek and student organizations. The week of Homecoming will culminate with Gator Tailgate, which includes a competition between organizations for the most spirited tailgate decorations. The Gator Tailgate will also be open to families and have a kid's

zone in addition to plenty of food and activities throughout. Mr. Kwasikpui expressed his excitement for Homecoming and encouraged all of the organizations present to become involved in it.

- Mr. Kwasikpui talked about Open House at the end of October.
 - UHD's Open House will be held October 29th from 10-1:00 pm in A300, and will be an opportunity for organizations to showcase their organizations for prospective students.
 - Daral added that community service hours would be given to organizations that participate in Open House.
- Daral asked Mr. Kwasikpui to talk about the "Enhancing Your Organization through Service" workshop.
 - It will be held October 11th, 2016 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm in N1099, and will discuss ways for student organizations to involve their students in community service activities. He noted that UHD would like to collect recognition for the community engagement projects that student organizations do, and the workshop will help these projects be more effective and impactful.
- Jasmine Gunn talked about BRA Night.
 - The event would be held to promote Breast Cancer awareness. Student organizations will be able to purchase a bra, decorate and model it during the event. If student organizations are interested in participating, Jasmine indicated that there would be a sign up sheet in the back of the room.
- CAB, BSA, and Garden Club gave a presentation on Target Hunger and an upcoming canned food drive competition in collaboration with all organizations.
 - There will be a \$500 prize split between the top three organizations that collect the most pounds of canned food. The tentative date for the drive is Oct. 12 to November 21st. Ralph indicated that a box to store cans would be provided and areas to place the boxes would be arranged, but organizations were encouraged to be as creative as they would like in order to collect cans for their team. A member asked if the cans had already been promised to Target Hunger. Ralph Bradley answered that they had, and that although there are other food pantries in the area, Target Hunger was the closest to the UHD community and a very impactful organization for a large population that continues to be food insecure. The member clarified that she asked because her student organization was planning to hold a similar drive for another competition, and were worried about not being able to collect enough if so many organizations were competing. Ralph and Brittney responded that he was happy to collaborate with their organization, and that they should talk after the meeting about it.
- Elias Santibanez was invited to talk about Walk2Vote.
- He told the members that the event would be October 26th at 12:00 pm in the Daly Lot. There would be artists, speakers and food at the event. There would be high school

students attending the event as well. He asked the members to promote the event within their organizations. A member asked if Daly lot would be closed during the event and Elias responded that it would. Another member added that only part of the Daly lot would be closed and that some parking would still be accessible. A member asked what exactly would transpire at the Walk2Vote event. Elias told him that there would be several speakers, as well as concert during the event. Students will leave in groups to cast their vote at the nearby polling station throughout the event.

- Daral asked for any remaining questions or announcements from the members.
 - Elias Santibanez shared that SGA was looking to create a uniform Gator Blast that will be sent out every Monday that included events for student organizations. This would allow for students to receive fewer emails, and have a single notification with events and activities for the week.

Meeting was adjourned by Daral Moore Washington at 3:15 pm

Minutes taken by: Evelyn Y. Garcia

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