

## Council of Organizations Minutes

Date: March 2nd

Location: Milam and Travis

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Irene Nuñez, Chair of Council of Organizations.

- Irene Nunez gave notes from G'eral Crawford, Coordinator at Target Hunger. She noted that many organizations do community service, and may be interested in helping Target Hunger. If available and interested, she asked members to reach out to Tremaine Kwasikpui or email COO. Dates for volunteering were March 2, 13, 16, 27, and April 6,10,24 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
  - o Member asked for a description on what they would be doing.
    - Irene said the only information she had was that the opportunity was for people who understood that the impact of the service was in the hands of those that desired to serve.
  - o The date for March 24 needs 35 volunteers.
- SOLD Conference- Irene asked who was present and about five people raised their hands. Several people also presented at the conference. Irene reminded everyone that the conference would be hosted in the Fall again. Due to weather, the most recent one had been delayed, but was a great success. It is a great opportunity to develop networking, and leadership skills, and attendees received professional headshots for free. The whole program was free.
- Rachel from Council of Finance gave a recap of the training they gave. COF went over examples of proposals, common errors from the organizations that submit proposals, went over t-shirt proposals, travel proposals during the event. They had a very good turnout, and hope that people who came took something away. They served Salata.
- Irene asked everyone that if they knew of anyone going to graduate, to let COO know to their email. Graduates from May as well as summer are included. She is looking to start something special, and promised that they will not be disappointed. She asked everyone to send the names before the next meeting.

### One Main Event:

- Percy Jackson gave updates. It will be held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, on campus instead of Hotel Zaza. He asked them to please send any theme ideas, and he will be looking for event planner to run the event and make it look good. He will send notification on awards that will be offered. Student Organizations will no longer be able to give out awards, if organizations want to give out wards they can send information and they will be recognized differently at the event. He encourages each organization to have individual awards days and take pictures. If they want to receive awards for members or cords, he reminded them to send proposals to the Council of Finance. He let everyone know that he will be on vacation next week, and encouraged the member to email Tremaine Kwasikpui or Student Activities, or call either for any needs.
- Irene Nunez called for open forum.
  - o Ramiro Ojeda Vice-President of Speech and Debate club let everyone know that his organization does not only do Debate but also speech. He asked anyone looking to conquer fear of talking in front of others to join. He assured the

members that everyone who joined has been able to conquer their fear. He also informed the members of important dates:

- General Meeting in N1099 March 7 from 1:30-2:00 pm. They had a coffee house event where people presented a speech or a poem. They also had some debates, some officers debated. He asked people to follow [uhdspcehanddebateclub](#) on Instagram.
  - In April they will be partnering with the Arts and Communication festival. If anyone is willing to join or would like information they can email [UHD.spechanddebate@gmail.com](mailto:UHD.spechanddebate@gmail.com).
  - They are planning on having religious observance sessions, and will contact any organization from a religious background.
  - They are planning on having a Political Science professor and Philosophy professor debate.
  - On May 5 they will have fundraiser and open mic event where anyone can present a poem in Spanish or English and Spanish.
- AMA will have a tour of Bull Marketing Agency. If anyone is interested to see what an agent does for Marketing, they encourage people to come and join. They will be meeting here and carpooling on March 26 from 6:00-8:00 pm. It may be late for some people, but if interested let them know at [UHDAMA@gmail.com](mailto:UHDAMA@gmail.com).
  - Young Americans for Liberty will have a general summit in Houston. It will be hosted at the Hilton at UH April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30-7:00 pm. There will be lots of sponsors, opportunities for internships, and debates on the drug war as well as a chance to speak with a legislator panel. The panels discuss philosophy and activism, for members it's free, but for non members it is 25 dollars.
  - Kelvin Dangtran, Co-Chair for ASA, announced some events. Recently for February, they had a Lunar New Year celebration. They had Events and Reservations and Facilities Management help. They will want to do it next year as well because of the importance of the holiday.
    - They will celebrate Holi in March either before or after Spring Break. Social Media pages are [asa\\_uhd](#) twitter, instagram is [asa\\_uhd9016](#).
    - There will be an event for Vietnam War remembrance in the Girard Street Building. They have spoken with a professor that specializes in Vietnam History, and are always hoping for new members.
  - UELS has a book drive until the end of the week after Spring Break for elementary school that lost their libraries during the Hurricane. They need a lot more books, they can be used books, new books, picture books, chapter books. It is open to the entire university.
    - UELS has blue boxes that say UELS in the Commerce building, and also encouraged members to contact them through social media.
    - Percy Jackson asked if there was a specific grade level for the books
      - They explained that they can find homes for all kinds of books, regardless of their level.
  - IBA will bring an International Finance Speaker on March 5<sup>th</sup>, he will talk about what to expect when people graduate, it will be a small workshop from 7:00-8:30 pm. There will also be a Carnival Function in March in the Main Building 11:00-5:00 pm with games, food, and fun. He asked the members to come support. The

IBA General Meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup>. He would recommend anyone in the business field to see what they do.

- Follow IBA\_uhd on Social Media.
- Financial Management Association is looking to expand their member groups, and working with other organizations to let them know the club is not just for Finance majors. They would like to work with others to help sponsor events. He encouraged people to reach out to their email [fmauhdowntown@gmail.com](mailto:fmauhdowntown@gmail.com) or visit their website at [fmauhd.com](http://fmauhd.com).
- Irene asked McDonald to speak. He congratulated the organizations for their work, and assured that he was always trying to understand organizations' positions. He commended on how active they are, on campus and in the community. He explained that he recently attended a meeting that included all of the universities around Houston. They are working on something, and he will provide more information when the time comes.
- Irene recapped for new people on the Target Hunger volunteering opportunity and, reminded them that the coordinators wanted to invite them to participate. She reminded them to email COO or Tremaine Kwasikpui to sign up.
- Percy Jackson informed everyone on the Bayou Bash, where they will serve free Crawfish, Beer and other beverages. If anyone would like to volunteer they should let Tremaine know. Time will be 5:00-8:00 on March 22, and it is always held on the South Deck near the rail area. He explained that they do allow outside guests to come on campus, but there is a minimal fee, usually \$5-\$10. He wished everyone a good and safe Spring Break. He also asked for March birthdays. He commended organizations on doing great events and let them know he was very proud, and amazed at the work and commitment put into organizations. He says he still holds skills from when he organized.
- Irene reminded everyone that it was Women's Month.
- A member asked if graduating members will have to show up to the next meeting.
  - Percy explained he would like to acknowledge them before the year ends but does not necessarily need to see them next meeting. He clarified that they will acknowledge them at One Main Event.
- Student asked about seating at One Main Event.
  - Percy explained that seating will be reserved, and there will be food options. The garage will be reserved so there will be no trouble about parking in Downtown.
  - He will not be limiting the number for the organizations as numbers vary in the organizations. He said if the members would like to do caps they can vote on it.
    - Member asked about outside guests.
      - Percy said they would be allowing outside guests to sign up on Eventbrite.
    - Kelvin Dangtran asked if outside guests will have to pay.
      - Percy said anyone that is not a student that has not paid student fees needs to pay a fee.
    - Different members recommended ways to cap the number of reservations per organization. These included:
      - Allowing orgs to reserve whole tables.
      - To give a certain number for each organization for a limited amount of time.
    - To have seating arrangements.

- To have a quota per organization.
- To have an overflow room, since the main concern is over the plates of food ordered.
- Percy asked the organizations to email a roster of members to compile a list of possible attendees for One Main Event by March 9<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent out to everyone to reserve their ticket and it will be first come, first serve. He urged everyone not to sign up and not show up, and to use the function on EventBrite to Un-RSVP if needed.
- Irene reminded everyone to stay strong in studies and organizations.
- Meeting was adjourned by Irene Nunez at 3:02 pm.

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