

October 5, 1964

A regular meeting of the Student Senate was called to order by Frank Cain, the presiding officer, at 7:08 p.m., on Monday, October 5, 1964, in Room 230 of the Fred Heyne Building.

Senators present were as follows:

Arts & Sciences:	Richard Gaghagen Wayne Paris Charles Sicola Bill Soffar Bill Walker
Architecture:	Bart Truxillo
Business:	Bob Brackman Ronnie Lohr John Mattern Jim Smith Ron Spratt
Downtown School:	Dewayne Hollin Charles Hollinger
Education:	Pat Baer Judi Cerny Judy Hoffman Carole Mannheimer
Engineering:	Clarence Eriksen Lester Hewitt
Graduate School:	Betty Barnes Helen Cassidy
Law:	Don Barnett
Optometry:	Wayt Royall
Pharmacy:	Mike Douglas
Technology:	Robert Shumway

Minutes of the last Student Senate meeting, September 28, 1964, were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Presiding officer Cain read a letter from the Student Association of Rice concerning the honoree for the Rice Rondolet. Frank Cain suggested giving the letter to the Student Life Committee for deliberation.

Frank Cain announced that Brenda Jones was the new Student Association historian. Judy Hoffman asked for her resume. Officer Cain gave same.

Officer Cain announced that the Student Association elections were tentatively set up for October 27 and 29. Election date will be brought up at the next Senate meeting for final decision.

Committee Reports:

FISCAL AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - This committee met Thursday, October 2, 1964, in the SA office.

1. They are going to write and send form letters to all categories represented on the budget requesting an itemized account of their expenses and revenues for last year, and to send an account of the expenditures for this year so that the committee can decide this year's appropriations.
2. Action was taken to provide an assistant to the Executive and major personnel positions on the SA. It was recommended that the Senate adopt the bill as written with one change.

Article II.

Section B. The Vice President of the Student Association shall be responsible for the following six operational departments:

1. Academic Affairs
2. Cultural Affairs
3. Orientation and Leadership Development
4. Social Affairs
5. Special Events
6. Student and Community Welfare

It was recommended that the Senate pass the bill in its amended form. Jim Smith moved to accept the Committee report. Robert Shumway seconded. Mike Douglas: Though we accept the report, we do not accept the recommendation. The report was accepted unanimously.

RULES AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE - This committee met at 6:30 on October 5, 1964, and due to a lack of time, were not able to complete deliberation over the election rules. The committee will meet again on Friday, October 9, 1964, at noon and attempt to complete the hearing. The Secretary was asked to present the following committee report:

"One of the duties of this committee is to report to the Senate when vacancies in Senate seats have occurred. Operating under Article II, Section I of the Constitution of the Student Association, which states:

A Senator must be currently enrolled in the college or school he represents, must have a 2.0 (C) accumulative average or better, must be carrying at least nine (9) semester hours at the time of election and must maintain nine (9) semester hours during his tenure, and must not be on probation of any kind.

And operating also upon information gathered for the Senate by the office of the Dean of Students, the following Senate seats are declared vacant by reason of conflict with one or more constitutional requirements:

Arts & Sciences - Michael James McNabb
Optometry - Michael Dale Torrence

The committee requests an advisory opinion by the University Student Court on the following question:

Do the qualifications mentioned in the Constitution apply after a Senator is elected, i.e. does a Senator during tenure have to be currently enrolled in the college or school he represents, to maintain a 2.0 accumulative average, and to stay off probation?"

Jim Smith suggested voting on the suggestion under new business. Judy Hoffman asked Betty Barnes why there was a conflict of opinions on how to interpret this Article II, Section III? Betty Barnes said that it was an important matter and that it was not her duty to interpret it. The conflict arose because some Senators interpret it as saying that they must hold the established grade average only at the time of election but do not have to maintain it during their tenure. Richard Gaghagen said he wanted to know if he changes colleges, would he lose his seat in the Senate from Arts and Sciences? The constitution does not state that you have to remain in the college from which you were elected during tenure but does say that you must be carrying at least 9 hours and must maintain 9 hours during tenure. Betty Barnes said that she interprets it to mean that drop outs are no longer Senators. But if you interpret it another way, than there is nothing that says you can't be a Senator if you are not enrolled in the University of Houston.

Helen Cassidy moved to accept the committee report. Robert Shumway seconded. The report was accepted unanimously by a voice vote.

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE - This committee met on October 1, 1964, with Dean Yardley and again on October 3, 1964, in Chief Mitchell's office to discuss the Organizations policy and room assignments. The following room assignments were suggested:

Young Republicans - ODK - Church of Christ group office
Young Democrats - IDP - Student Activities present office
WSA - Student Senate - Lutheran group office
The space held by BSU will be made into conference rooms. Chief Mitchell was firm on this idea. This assignment cannot be changed.
Other rooms will be used for storage space. These rooms are not to be used for meetings. Just clerical work and office space and files will be in the conference rooms.

Organizations Policy: The committee reported that they met merely for information concerning things done over the summer with the Organizations Policy and those done recently.

1. Over the summer the Student Senators selected last spring had met with Dean Yardley concerning this policy. The impression of Dean Yardley and the Student Activities office was that the policy drawn up during the summer was in effect and right now was the policy of the University. They understood that the Student Senators had the power during to approve such matters as this and considered it the law of the University. The Committee is referring to the Organizations policy submitted at the first meeting of the year and the one from last year.

The committee drafted the following proposals (see copy of Organizations Policy passed out at last meeting) which are a synthesis of the two previous policies. Mike Douglas moved to suspend reading of the policies. Appointments for the Organizations Board are still in the committee:

Bob Brackman moved for acceptance of the Committee report. Bill Soffar seconded. Clarence Eriksen asked if this meant that the policy was accepted. The answer was no. Betty Barnes asked who submitted the bill. Bill Walker said that it was merely submitted at the first meeting by Tom Fowler. Wayne Paris said that he sponsored the Administration's bill last spring but these are not the same bills. The Committee report was accepted unanimously.

There were no other committee reports.

Officer Cain called for old business. There was no old business.

Officer Cain called for new business.

Bob Brackman read the title of a bill to be presented at the next meeting, which concerned recommendations to change registration procedures. (Senate Bill No. 6) Officer Cain said that this bill falls under the Academic Affairs Committee.

Bob Brackman moved for acceptance of the new Organizations Policy as proposed. Charles Sicola seconded. Charles Sicola explained to Clarence Eriksen that the last 4 or 5 words of the original statement of purpose of the first Organizations Policy could be found in Article 3, Section 6. Richard Gaghagen explained that the impression that the Organizations Policy was approved last summer is a false impression. The Policy was not approved. No action was taken. It was merely discussed with Dean Yardley because all were not in favor of it. He also explained that there is no conflict between the Organizations Board and other ruling boards. The Organizations Board is the last word and since the impression is that it has already been accepted by Dean Yardley, Richard Gaghagen moved that the motion be tabled. Wayne Paris seconded. The motion was tabled indefinitely by a vote of 16 for and 7 against.

Officer Cain asked for other new business.

Charles Hollinger, Downtown School, expressed gratitude to the Cougar for improvement of the situation of getting copies of the Cougar to the Downtown School, but asked if they could possibly be delivered by 11:00 a.m. Also, no plans had been made for I.D. card pictures for the Downtown School students. Plans will be made next year. He also wanted to know what had been done about Houstonian pictures and suggested that plans be made. Frank Cain said that plans for I.D. cards are being made for next year.

Bill Walker explained that the Organizations Policy that Dean Yardley drew up is going to be included in the Student Life Handbook and has

already been run off. Judy Hoffman said that is Dean Yardley's business and that the Senate should not be pressured just because he wants to put it in the handbook. Robert Shumway asked what the difference was between the two bills. Betty Barnes explained that Dean Yardley had had the old policy run off because he wanted to get the handbook together and that the whole thing was subject to change. We can do what we feel is right. She suggested that any disapproval of actions of organizations should be under Student Court and not under the Organizations Board. Helen Cassidy moved to accept the Student Senate Bill No. 4 as amended. John Mattern said that a bill of a committee should come up under new business.

Mike Douglas moved to strike Article II from the Executive Organizations Bill. Wayne Paris seconded, and to give the Vice President control. Helen Cassidy said that there should be two assistants and give specific duties to the Vice President. She did not think that the Vice President should be responsible for all 10 of the departments enumerated in Article II. There was discussion on the difficulty of the job. Clarence Eriksen moved to call the question and it was seconded. There were 13 for and 5 against calling the question.

Wayne Paris explained that under Unicameralism the Vice President heads the Executive Board and has jurisdiction over certain committees. But this does not deny him from getting help when he needs it. Wayne thought that the Vice President should have control over these departments. Betty Barnes said if you strike Article II it does away with any jobs of the Vice President. She agreed that the Vice President could have these jobs but that the President oversees the Executive branch and this should not be delegated to the Vice President. The assistants the President chooses are specific department heads. It is not Unicameral to have one branch, division is logical. Mike Douglas explained that all this is covered under the committee system. We should cut down bureaucracy. Now there are two bodies working on the same thing.

Charles Hollinger moved to call the question. It was seconded. Calling of the question was passed by a 2/3 majority voice vote. Mike Douglas moved for calling of the question. It was seconded. The question was called with 17 for and 5 against to vote on the bill. Those voting no were John Mattern, Carole Mannheimer, Judy Hoffman, Helen Cassidy and Betty Barnes. The vote on the bill as amended was passed with 19 for and John Mattern, Carole Mannheimer, Judy Hoffman, Helen Cassidy and Betty Barnes voting no.

Pat Baer moved to remove the Organizations Bill from the table, and moved to reconsider it. Bob Brackman seconded. Charles Sicola explained that this is not the same bill as the one drawn up by Dean Yardley. Pat Baer withdrew her motion. Charles Sicola moved to remove the Organizations Policy from the table. Bob Brackman seconded. The motion was not debatable. Roll Call vote showed 19 for and 5 against removing the bill from the table. Bob Brackman explained the difference between the two Policies. The new policy is a committee recommendation and is a better policy for the students. Betty Barnes

moved that the bill be amended in Section 3, Parts g. and h. to read that the Organizations Board be replaced by the Student Court. Judy Hoffman seconded. Betty Barnes said they should go before the Student Court with an open hearing and everyone can know what goes on. The Student Court gives a better chance at fairness to the organizations. Appeal should go to some higher court than back to the same Board that made the ruling in the first place because they probably will not change their minds the second time, and the Student Court would have an open mind. Charles Sicola moved to call the question on the amendment. It was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote. There was a unanimous voice vote on having the Student Court replace the Organizations Board. There was discussion to the affect that not enough members were familiar with the other two bills and Richard Gaghagen moved that consideration of the bill should be postponed till October 19, 1964. Judy Hoffman seconded. There was discussion on the postponement because Bob Brackman felt that the Administration would put the other policy into effect and assign the Organizations Board by the time the bill was reconsidered. Judy Hoffman insisted that a comparison was needed and asked that copies of the other policies be given to the Senators so that a comparison could be made. Bill Walker explained that the Administration cannot do any of the things mentioned because the Senate has to recommend the members for the Organizations Board. Bill Soffar moved for calling of the question. It was seconded but rejected by a 2/3 voice vote. Richard Gaghagen said that more discussion was needed and that the Senate should not be preassured by the Administration.

Helen Cassidy moved to call the previous question. Bart Truxillo seconded. The vote to call the question was unanimous. The vote to postpone amendment of the Organizations Policy to October 19, 1964, was passed by a roll call vote of 15 for and 8 against.

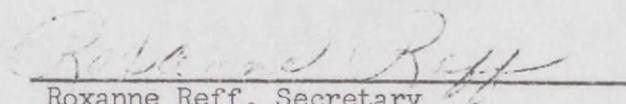
Jim Smith moved that the treasurer buy 3 copies of Robert's Rules of Order: Revised, for the President, Vice President and Parliamentarian. Bill Soffar seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Announcements:

Officer Cain read a suggestion from Dean Yardley re: the check cashing system which will be brought up at the next Senate meeting.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,



Roxanne Reff, Secretary
Student Senate