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The Senate met at 7:15 p.m. in Oberholtzer Hall Dining Room 2, and the meeting was called to order by the President.

The Vice President and twenty-four Senators were present, with the following Senators absent: GLEN ADAMS, JOSANNA BRATTIS, MARILYN HARRIS, SUE LOESCH, and THERESA RHEA.

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The minutes were approved as reported.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President GAGHAGEN reported that the Executive Committee requested that S.21 be changed to become S.R.8 because a resolution better expresses the feelings of the Senate and asks the university to establish better Psychology facilities for students. The Executive Committee felt that the resolution is a better piece of legislation than the bill.

The President reported that Senators have received packets containing NSA information. The President listed what materials Senators should have in their folders. The President, also, stated that a bill would be introduced that night proposing that University of Houston Student Association join NSA. He requested speedy action by the Committee in order for the bill to be reported out by the next Senate meeting and voted on before the holidays. The President said that it would be to the university's advantage to join NSA before the holidays because any delay in the passage of this bill would mean that it would be February before SA could take part in the benefits of their program.

President GAGHAGEN asked the Committee On Rules & Judiciary and the Committee On Student Life to investigate problems of Safety and Security. For example, the idea of arming officers should be explored as well as many other ideas. The Committees had the choice of working separately or together on this project.

COMMITTEE ON RULES & JUDICIARY

Mr. DRISCOLL, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on November 28, 1966. All Committee members were in attendance.

Mr. HANCOCK's excuse for the December 8th Senate meeting was approved by the Committee and it recommended that his absence be recorded as excused.

Mr. TANNER failed to submit an excuse, consequently the Committee recommends that his absence be recorded as unexcused.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE

Miss TRUEHEART, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on December 9, 1966. The Committee discussed and accepted in a resolution form "A Resolution Requesting That the Psychiatric Facilities For Students Enrolled in the Univeristy of Houston Be Increased" with author Richard Hancock and agreed unanimously to recommend to the Executive Committee to change the bill to a resolution. The Committee thus recommends S.21 as amended in the form of S.R.8.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS & POLICY

Mr. HANCOCK, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on December 8, 1966, at 9:00 a.m.

The first order of business was the consideration of S.24. The bill was read in its entirety by author, John O'QUINN. Mr. O'QUINN then made several comments on the bill. He said that the Law Degree is a Professional Degree as it represents three years of post graduate work. Starting next year, it will take seven years to get a Law Degree and only five or six years for a Masters Degree and he feels that Law students should be recognized individually.

Mr. PICKLE stated that he is in favor of the bill as it reads and suggested that Mr. O'QUINN write a resolution regarding the changing of the Law Degree from Bachelor of Laws Degree to Doctorate of Juris Purdence.

The Committee recommends the bill favorably out of Committee having reservations to the comments of the author of the bill and hoping that he will speak to the Senate before a vote by the Senate is taken.

In the next order of business, the Committee approved the appointment of Lee Stepleton as Committee Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. COX moved to accept the report given by the Committee On Rules & Judiciary regarding absences. The motion was seconded and passed.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee that S.21 be changed to S.R.8 was then considered. It was accepted unanimously. President GAGHAGEN

asked Mr. HANCOCK to read the resolution to the Senate afterwhich it was discussed.

Mr. HANCOCK said that the whereas clauses are conclusive. He said that the possibility of high suicide rates on the campus are due to the fact that the University of Houston has only one psychiatrist who is available only four hours per week. The resolution is needed.

Mr. THIEL asked how many suicides does this university have, and also how many requests are being made to Counseling and Testing for psychiatrists?

Mr. HANCOCK replied that that information was hard to come by because suicides were not publicized.

Mr. THIEL said that he thought there should be more research made at the University of Houston on this matter because our facilities may be adequate for this university.

Mr. COX said that much research has been done on this proposal and that the Professors in the Psychology Department are in favor of this resolution.

Mr. WOOD moved the previous question which passed. The Senate then preceded to vote on S.R.8, which passed unanimously.

President GAGHAGEN asked Mr. O'QUINN to read S.24 to the Senate. Mr. O'QUINN then stated that he has discussed this bill with President Hoffman and Dr. Hoffman agreed that a change was needed along these lines. Mr. O'QUINN said that since a law degree required a six or seven year course of study a bill should be passed to provide a distinction between a master degree and a law degree.

Mr. POSTON requested a quorum call. A quorum call was conducted and the following Senators did not answer: RON BLACKARD, JAMES COX, CYRIL COLLISTER, ROBERT SAXE, and RICK TREVATHAN. A quorum was present.

Mr. THIEL asked if the bill would allow for lengthy speeches to be made at commencement.

Mr. O'QUINN replied that no speeches were involved.

The Senate preceded to vote on S.24 which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DRISCOLL introduced S.26 (A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION) which was referred to the Committee On State, National & International Affairs.

Mr. GONZALES introduced S.27 (A BILL TO AMEND THE ELECTION CODE) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

Mr. HANCOCK introduced S.R.9 (A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE FREEDOM OF THE STUDENT PRESS IN TEXAS) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

Mr. THIEL introduced S.R.10 (A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE, ENCOURAGE, AND URGE SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS, PERSON AND PROGRAMS OF DR. WALTER A. QUEBEDEAUX, POLLUTION CONTROL DIRECTOR OF HARRIS, COUNTY, TEXAS) and S.28 (A BILL TO AUTHORIZE MEMBERSHIP OF UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION). Both legislations were referred to the Committee On State, National & International Affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. GREENE of Arts & Sciences announced the Committee On State, National & International Affairs would meet after the Senate meeting.

Mr. DRISCOLL announced the Committee On Rules & Judiciary would meet after the Senate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GREENE of Pharmacy moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was agreed to; and (at 9:25 p.m.) the Senate adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Richard B. Gaghen
President, Student Association

Date

Sharee Berry
Secretary

Date