

**THIRTY-FOURTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
Thirteenth Meeting of the 34th Senate
Bluebonnet Room, University Center, 7:00 PM
September 24, 1997**

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer** - Nathan Wittman, Speaker of the Senate, 34th Administration
2. **Call of the Roll**
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal**
4. **Special Reports**
5. **Students Wishing to Address the Senate**
6. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members**
7. **Report of the President** - Natalie Merritt
8. **Report of the Vice President** - Currently This Position is Vacant
9. **Report of the Speaker** - Nathan Wittman
10. **Reports of the Standing Committees**
 - a) Academic Affairs
 - b) Internal Affairs
 - c) Student Life
 - d) University Administration and Finance
11. **Reports of the Select Committees**
 - a) Vice Presidential Search Committee
12. **Special Orders**
13. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation**
 - a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor
14. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - a) UB34003
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs
 - a) SAB34001
 3. Committee on Student Life
 - a) UB34005
 4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - a) UB34002
 - b) UB34006
 - b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
 2. Committee on Academic Affairs
 3. Committee on Internal Affairs
 4. Committee on Student Life
 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - c) Legislation Currently Tabled

1. UB34004

15. **New Business and General Orders:**
 - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
 - c) Other New Business and General Orders
16. **Closing Call of the Roll**
17. **Comments and Announcements**
18. **Adjournment**

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Wittman, Speaker of the Senate, 34th Administration at 7:06 PM.

2. Call of the Roll

The following Senators were present: Amy Altemus, Kathryn Alvarado, Jeff Bailey, Allison Beauvais, Raquel Garcia, Jackie Johnson, Molly Mize, Bianca Morales, Amaury Nora, Enrique Parrilla-Rojas, Calvin Pollard, Monica Quintero, Gerardo Ramirez, Justin Ray, Heather Shirk, Adam Taylor, Randy Volkin, Jen Watson, Amy Williams, and Robert Williams.

The following Senators were not present: Marjorie Brown, Michelle Devor, Dawn Frasier, Donald Large, Katie Pham, Adam Rose, Susie Sanchez, Sean Stovall, and Sebastian Villarreal.

The following Executive Cabinet Members were present: Tom Cassidy, Brenda Johnson and Natalie Merritt.

The following University Officials were present: Josie Evans.

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal

The minutes from the Eleventh and Twelfth meeting were approved as amended.

4. Special Reports

Brenda Johnson, Director of Public Relations, reported that at every meeting she is sending around a list of where and when Senators town halls will be held. It is important to fill out the sheet so that the town halls will be publicized in the Daily Cougar. At the next Senate meeting we will be taking pictures of all the Senators.

5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate

Adam Miller addressed the Senate. He is the Residence Halls Association National Communications Coordinator and also the conference chairman for the 1998 Texas Residence Halls Association Conference. He announced that the conference will be held here at the University of Houston on March 5th through the 8th. He asked the Senate to help support the conference. If anyone is interested in helping out, Mr. Miller can be contacted at [REDACTED].

6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members

Senator Pollard addressed the Senate. Senator Pollard expressed that it is his senior year and that he is becoming increasingly more busy this year. He stated that he will still fulfill his obligations as a Senator, he resigning tonight from the position of Speaker Pro Tempore.

7. Report of the President

President Merritt addressed the Senate. That the new Students' Association advisor is Josie Evans and that her office is located across from the Students' Association office. If we have any questions please feel free to stop by and talk with her. Town Halls are still going on every Wednesday from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the University Center. On Thursday night SVN is hosting another town hall on campus TV. President Merritt also spoke about the success of the "alcohol 101" program that the wellness center. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped with Cougar Rally. Finally, thank you Calvin for your service as Speaker Pro Tempore.

8. Report of the Vice President

Currently this position is vacant.

9. Report of the Speaker

Speaker Wittman reported that the next legislative workshop will be on October 1st at 5pm in my office, all Senators are expected to attend. Senators are required to hold their town hall meetings in your respective colleges at least once a month. All Senators are expected to hold town halls and to submit a written report to the Speaker when you have completed your town hall. Thank you very much Calvin for the work that you have done as Speaker Pro Tempore. I only wish that the person who succeeds can do half a good of job as you have done.

10. Reports of Standing committees -

- a) Academic Affairs - No report
- b) Internal Affairs - No report
- c) Student Life - No report
- d) University Administration and Finance - No report

11. Reports of Select Committees -

Vice Presidential Search Committee: Senator Williams reported that they met last week and hammered out some guidelines of what they are looking for in a Vice Presidential candidate. All applications will be by October 1st, 1997.

12. Special Orders - There were no Special Orders

13. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation

- a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda -
- b) Legislation Introduced on the Senator Floor -

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 - 1. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - a) UB34003 - No report at this time.
 - 2. Committee on Internal Affairs
 - a) SAB34001 - Will be released favorably as amended. Senator Nora called the question, seconded by Senator Pollard. The bill passed unanimously.
 - 3. Committee on Student Life
 - 4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - a) UB34002 - No report at this time.

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
2. Committee on Academic Affairs
3. Committee on Internal Affairs
4. Committee on Student Life
5. Committee on University Administration and Finance

15. New Business and General Orders:

- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations.
- b) Motions on Committee Bypass
- c) Other New Business and General Orders -

Senator Pollard made the motion to move into elections for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore. The nominees were as follows: Senator Shirk, Senator Watson, and Senator Nora. Each candidate was given three minutes to speak on their behalf. After discussion the Senate moved into a vote by secret ballot. Senator Watson won the election. At this time Speaker Pro Tempore elect Watson was sworn into office.

Senator Parrilla-Rojas raised a point of order and inquired to the results of the election. As per Robert's Rules this is an available option. Senator Watson received 13 votes while Senator Shirk received 7 votes, of the 20 Senators in attendance this evening.

16. Closing Call of the Role

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17. Comments and Announcements

Senator Pollard announced that Delta Upsilon pushball is this weekend and everyone is welcome to come out.

Director Johnson announced that we will be having pictures on October 8th, please remember that in order to dress nice for this.

Senator Garcia announced that Texas Pharmacy week will be going on all next week at the UC Satellite. They will be dealing with a lot of issues that are pertinent to students please come out.

Senator Quintero announced that Homecoming is coming up and they are still in need of committee people to help out.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:13 PM.