

TWENTY-THIRD SENATE
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Third Meeting, Monday, April 28, 1986
Dallas-El Paso Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by the Speaker of the Senate Alfred Bennett in the Dallas-El Paso Room in the University Center.

A verbal roll call was made and the following Senators were present: Anctil, Bennett, Bhagani, Brokaw, Cruse, Droll, Gill, Gold, Ibrahim, Imperial, Kacir, Lee, Mian, Nachtigall, Patel, Ramsey, Riaz, Saade, Sheppard, Sosa, Williams J., and Williams L.,

The following Senators were absent: Bowman, Boyance, Haque, Johnson, Khan, Lai, Masud, and Passaretti.

Also in attendance were: Chaney Williams, Senate Secretary; Kristin Jacobsen, Daily **Cougar**; Willie Munson, Director of Campus Activities; Mary Crannell, Senior Campus Activities Advisor; Stephanie McGrath, **Chronicle**; and Mustafa Haidermota, President of the Union of Students for Higher Education.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Report of the President:

President Boates stated that parking fees will be doubled. He noted that he learned of this through a secret source. This doubling will in affect increase the parking problems on campus. Probably the most significant aspect of this decision is the construction of the Melcher Business Building. The administration has made no effort to improve the parking problem at University of Houston-University Park. It is a blatant attempt of the administration to once again overlook the student body. It is important that the Students' Association Senate make a strong statement concerning this issue; however, the administration has not made a public announcement on this issue. The administration of the Students' Association has made plans to organize a petition drive which will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (April 28 -May 1). Hopefully, this drive and rally will show the administration of this campus that the students of this university strongly object to bearing the brunt of the proposed budget cuts. President Boates urged the members of the Senate to vote bypass on a resolution concerning this issue. He also noted that the administration of the Students' Association will be organizing sit-ins in a effort to make their voice heard to the administration of the University of Houston-University Park.

President Boates noted that one of the goals of SA administration is to increase their lobbying power and effectiveness to the state level. The precedent for this was laid by the administration of Albert Peterson. A chief issue in SA administration will be the Student Empowerment Awareness Month that will take place in the Fall 1986. The structure of the Student Empowerment Awareness Month will be as follows:

Speaker Bennett congratulated the following Senators:

Senator Sheppard - inducted into Grey's Order (prestigious society on campus)

Senator Lela Williams - recent Leadership Institute Graduate

The members of the Senate applauded.

Speaker Bennett introduced to the members of the Senate:

Mary Crannell - Senior Campus Activities Advisor

Willie Munson - Director of Campus Activities

Connie Wallace - Dean of Students

He encouraged the members of the Senate to familiarize themselves with these individuals. He noted that they are resourceful in their campus knowledge.

One-Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Lela Williams stated that she and Senator Ramsey have contacted the Deans of their respective colleges and are in the process of writing legislation that pertains to the needs of the constituents of that college.

Senator Brokaw stated that he has met with the Dean of his college; College of Education. He noted that he was in the process of gathering data to introduce some legislation regarding the university's inability to purchase the Exxon gas station at the entrance of the university.

Senator Droll stated that the University of Houston-University Park Police Department has given several seminars in the College of Architecture. He noted that these Seminars have been extremely helpful.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

Speaker Bennett noted that the Senate would be selecting a Speaker Pro tempore for the Senate. Senator Nachtigall nominated Senator Mian. No other nominations were given. After motion was made and seconded, Senator Mian was elected Speaker Pro tempore by unanimous vote. The members of the Senate applauded.

New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes:

Senator Cruse made motion to consider the appointment of the Committee Chairperson as a block. The appointees are as follows:

Senator Lela Williams - Chairperson, Committee on Academic Affairs

Senator Tariq Mian - Chairperson, Committee on Student Life

Senator Ken Anctil - Chairperson, Committee on University Administration & Finance

Senator Janet Bowman - Chairperson, Committee on Internal Operations

Senator Ben Sheppard - Chairperson, Committee on Budget & Appropriations

Senator Cruse spoke in favor of the appointments. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate then went into direct consideration of the appointments and a block. The appointments were unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Speaker Bennett made motion to consider the appointments of the Committee members of the five Standing Committees as a block. Senator Cruse spoke in favor of the appointments. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate then

1st week - A Senate Meeting in which the University of Houston-University Park administration will be invited.
2nd week - Expansion on the issue of South Africa (from last fall).
3rd week - Student Lobby Week. The Students' Association will invite the Board of Regents and the President of the university to an open forum. Once again emphasizing the visibility of the students, the SA administration and the Senate.
3rd week - Invitation to the candidates seeking the Office of Governor.

President Boates announced that he will be looking for a qualified individual to fill the following position:

Assistant to the President for External Affairs

President Boates announced the following appointments:

Walter Bryan - Student Court (Committee on Internal Operations)
Leonardo Cervantes - Police Parking and Advisory Board (University Administration and Finance)
James Gustin - Undergraduate Council (Committee on Academic Affairs)

President Boates urged the members of the Senate to support the resolution concerning the doubling of parking fees. He also encouraged the Senators to become active in the respective colleges and tell other students about how student government can work for them.

In closing, President Boates challenged each member of the Senate to bring a piece of legislation to the next meeting of the Senate. He encouraged the Senators to become involved and talk to the constituents of their colleges in order to institute long range changes at the university level.

Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Husain reiterated President Boates statements concerning the doubling of parking fees. He informed the Senate that last year the Student Service Fee Planning and Allocations Committee (SSFPAC) proposed a survey. In this survey the committee found that parking at this campus is the #1 problem. The administration is making no efforts to combat the problem. At the time of the survey Ben Clark, Director of Parking and Transport stated that some ideas to relieve the burden from the students would be to collect unpaid citations. Vice President Husain encouraged the Senators to take part in the rally and petition drive in an effort to make their voice known and heard to the University of Houston-University Park administration.

Vice President Husain noted that he attended a meeting of the Union of Students for Higher Education. The keynote speaker was state representative, Paul Colbert. Mr. Colbert noted that the University of Houston-University Park is not well represented in the Texas Senate. He also noted that there will probably be a tuition increase in the Fall 1986. At that time the proposed budget cuts by the Governor will be an Order.

Vice President Husain noted that he attended National Conference of Student Services in Florida. The conference noted effective ways and means of lobbying.

Vice President Husain announced the Executive Members for the Council of Ethnic Organizations (CEO). They are as follows:

Mark Whitt - Director of CEO

Rabia Ilahi - President of the International Students Organization

Vice President Husain noted in closing, that the Executive Board of CEO is looking for qualified individuals to serve in the capacity as Assistant Director of CEO.

Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Bennett noted that the process for selecting Committee Chairs and members has been completed. The following Senators have been selected by the Speaker to serve in the capacity as Chairpersons. They are as follows:

Senator Lela Williams - Chairperson, Academic Affairs

Senator Tariq Mian - Chairperson, Student Life

Senator Ken Anctil - Chairperson, University Administration &

Finance

Senator Janet Bowman - Chairperson, Internal Operations

Senator Ben Sheppard - Chairperson, Budget & Appropriations

Speaker Bennett also announced the committee members of the five Standing Committees.

Speaker Bennett urged the members to serve on more than one committee.

Speaker Bennett reminded the Senators to check their mailboxes daily for pertinent information.

Speaker Bennett announced that he would be asking for advice and consent on the reappointment of Chaney Williams as Senate Secretary.

Speaker Bennett noted that qualified applicants are needed for the University Center Policy Board and the Student Program Board Allocations Committee.

Speaker Bennett urged the members of the Senate to make themselves known to the college Deans and their constituents. He encouraged the Senators to introduce themselves in their respective classes and colleges.

Speaker Bennett noted that those Senators wishing to serve in the Summer Senate needed to submit a letter to him later on in the meeting. He also noted that the advantages of the Summer Senate were as follows:

Senators receive two extra unexcused absences

Senators will become more familiar with parliamentary

procedures.

Summer Senate has the same legislative abilities as the regular sessions of the Senate

Speaker Bennett urged the members of the Senate to bring issues and concerns to the Senate meeting in the form of resolutions and bills.

moved into direct consideration of the appointments as a block. The appointments were unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Speaker Bennett announced the following appointments:

Walter Bryan - Student Court (Internal Operations)
Leonardo Cervantes - Police Parking and Advisory Board (University Administration & Finance)
James Gustin - Undergraduate Council (Academic Affairs)

Introduction and First Reading New Legislation:

Senate Resolution No. 32002

SPONSORS: F. Bhagani, J. Bowman, J. Gill, T. Mian, N. Saade, and B. Sheppard
A SENATE RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCREASING OF PARKING FEES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK

President Boates made motion to bypass the resolution. Senator Bhagani spoke in favor of the motion to bypass. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate voted to bypass the resolution. The motion to bypass carried. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate voted to consider the resolution. Senator Bhagani spoke in favor of the resolution. Senator Cruse made motion to amend the bill. The motion to amend carried. The Senate then went into direct consideration of Cruse's amendment. After motion was made and seconded, the amendment failed. Senator Cruse made a second motion to amend the resolution. The motion to amend carried. The Senate then went into direct consideration of the Cruse's second amendment. The amendment failed. After motion was made and seconded the Senate then went into direct consideration of the entire resolution. The resolution was adopted by the Senate with twenty-two in favor and one abstention.

Comments and Announcements:

Eric Teltschik announced that copies of the petition concerning the increase in parking fees would be available on Tuesday, April 29, 1986. He encouraged the Senators to participate in the drive.

Senator Mian stated that he was in support of Senate Resolution 32002, opposing the increase of parking fees. He encouraged the members of the Senate to take part in the activities (rally, sit-ins) in an effort to voice their opinions to the administration.

Senator Bhagani suggested that in order to increase the visibility of the Senate, he encouraged them to post their name and phone number in the respective colleges. Speaker Bennett noted he support Senator Bhagani's idea.

President Boates congratulated Senators Ramsey, Williams L., and Brokaw for setting up meetings and discussions with the Deans of their Colleges.

Speaker Bennett made motion to allow Dean Wallace to speak before the Senate. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate voted to allow Dean Wallace to speak to the Senate. The motion carried. Dean Wallace commended the members of the Senate on their careful viewing of Senate Resolution 32002. Dean Wallace updated the Senate on the Executive Order proposed by Governor White. She noted that the Chancellor has responded to the Governor by saying that the university can only meet 5 to 6 percent of the proposed budget cuts. The Chancellor has stated that any increased cutbacks will

decrease the academic standards held by University of Houston-University Park. Dean Wallace also noted that the Chancellor had mentioned in a meeting with SSFPAC that the doubling of parking fees would be to offset the deficit and not Intercollegiate Athletics. She noted in closing that the Dean of Students Office would be extremely helpful in organizing the proposed protests against the doubling of parking fees.

Senator Anctil made motion to suspend the rules in order to consider the reappointment of Chaney Williams as Senate Secretary. The motion to suspend the rules carried. Senator Mian spoke in favor of the reappointment. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the reappointment. The reappointment was unanimously confirmed by the Senate. Senator Sheppard made motion to return to the order of the day. The motion carried. The Senate returned to the orders of the day.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.