

Proceedings of the Eleventh Meeting of the Twentieth Session

The Eleventh Meeting of the Twentieth Session of the University of Houston Students' Association Senate was called to order in the Atlantic Room of the University Center at 7:05 p.m. by Senate Speaker Pat Condon. *on Sept. 12, 1983*

Absent were Senators: Houde, Gibson, Napoli, Shariari and Senatro Gibson arrived late at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was deemed present by the Speaker.

The minutes of the Ninth and Tenth meetings were read and approved.

President's Report

President Steve Parker announced that a written draft of his report was on the way and should be available soon.

The TSA was held last weekend in Austin. President Parker reported that there were two main thrusts of the meetings: 1) voter registration, and 2) the Construction Fund. He felt that it was a productive weekend.

President Parker announced the the Senators the outline of the Convention to be held here, the University of Houston - University Park, on October 14, 15, 16. Friday, Oct. 14, is to consists of tours of the campus and a banquet. Saturday is to have opening sessions, committee sessions, a "think lunch," discussion of the Construction Fund in the afternoon, and an open evening. Sunday is to be devoted to board meetings.

President Parker next reported on the bicycle lockers. He had spoken with Frank Savage and placement of the lockers is to begin September 24. Ads are now being placed in the Cougar regarding rental of the lockers. Senator Chapman asked a Point of Information: Where are the lockers to be located? President Parker stated that one was to be placed in the UC area and the other near the Moody Towers. The first location has been approved, but the second is awaiting approval. He also reported that the Students' Association is not leasing any lockers due to a problem in the lease agreement, so only two lockers have been purchased. The location of the lockers was decided by the Executive Committee and other officals on campus.

President Parker announced that several committee positions are open and his desire to have more Senators fill those spots.

President Parker announced that he is looking for a Bookstore Director and he is needed as soon as possible.

President Parker announced that there are several Senator positions open.

President Parker announced that he had received a letter of resignation from the Director of the Council of Ethnic Organizations and a new director was needed.

President Parker announced that he had two appointments for the Organizations Board: Rubin Martinez and Bob Cunningham. Mike Barnes is the new Chair of UCPB.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Speaker's Report

Speaker Pat Condon asked the Seantors to please fill out the information sheets that were passed around.

Speaker Condon announced that the Senate Retreat is planned for October 21, 22, 23. The location looks in fairly good condition. He asked that the Senators please sign the sheet regarding attendance of the retreat. The Senators are to leave Friday afternoon and retrun Sunday after lunch.

Speaker Condon announced that there will be an Executive Meeting after the Senate meeting tonight. He also announced that he needed to see Senator Walsh.

Committee Reports

Fiscal and Governmental: Chair Mason reported that the committee met prior to the meeting this evening and that the committee recommend Senate Bill # 29007 favorably. He announced that the next meeting will be at 6:30 before the next Senate meeting on September 19.

Campus Governance: Chair Butschek reported that the committee recommends Lloyd Buggs to Scholarship and Financial Aid favorably. He then gave some background information on him. Chair Butschek announced the next meeting of the committee as 6:00 next Monday, September 19.

Student Life: Chair Swingle is no longer with the Senate so a new Chair is needed. If interested, please contact Speaker Condon.

External Affairs: Chair Condon announced that the committee will convene its meeting directly after the Senate meeting. He will report on their findings at the next meeting. He announced that he will inform the committee members of the next meeting place and time.

Educational Affairs: Chair Hollis gave each of the Senators a written copy of her report. (Please see attached as it is impossible to condense.) She reported that she will look into acquiring copies of past GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and the most recent CPA exams. If there are any others you would like to have a copy of, please contact Chair Hollis.

New Business

SENATE BILL # 29008 A UHSA SENATE BILL TO SUSPEND ARTICLE 112.01 D OF THE UHSA BYLAWS FOR THE 1983 FALL ELECTIONS. Senator Bob Cunningham introduced the bill and reminded the Senators that it will take a 2/3 vote in favor of the bill for it to pass. Motion for bypass was made and seconded. There was a speaker in favor of bypass and none against. Bypass was then voted on and passed with only one abstension. Senate then moved into General Discussion of Bill # 29008. Senator Cunningham spoke in favor of the bill, citing that no one has filed and the election needs to be publicized. He stated that the Article must be suspended before the election may be changed. There was no speaker against the bill. There was a question as to which positions were to be filled by this election and the answer was 4 on the Allocations Board and 2 on the Policy Board. Question of lack of preparedness. President Parker was recognized and answered that this was the first time this election was held so early in the semester, arranging elections takes time, other

things have taken precedent, and they were just not prepared. Moved back into Direct Consideration of Senate Bill # 29008. Voted on and passed unanimously.

SENATE BILL # 29009 A UHSA SENATE BILL ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION CALENDER.. Senator Cunningham introduced the bill and the bill was seconded. A motion for bypass was made and seconded. There was a speaker in favor of bypass, no speaker against bypass. Bypass was voted on and passed unanimously. Moved into General Discussion. There was a speaker in favor of the bill and none against. Senator Ranade asked if this new date would provide enough time for candidates to file. It was thought that it would. President Parker was recognized and said that a small ad would be run in the Cougar. Senator Magruder wished to know if that would be the only ad. President Parker answered that there would probably also be flyers. Senator Randae commented that since SSFPAC is so important ads should be campus wide. President Parker responded by saying that the ad will be run this Friday, Tuesday, and Wednesday provided the ad gets to the Cougar on time.

Senator Ranade made a motion to amend the filing deadline to 9-24-83. There was a Point of Information stating that that is only a two day extension. Senator Ranade restated his amendment to read that the filing date be extended to 9-26-83. This amendment was seconded. There was a speaker in favor of the amendment. Senator Cunningham spoke against the amendment stating that Senate Bill# 29008, already passed, says that the election must be the 12th and 13th of October. The amendment was then voted on and it passed.

The Senate then moved into General Discussion of the Bill as amended. There was a question as to the wording, "unforseen technical difficulties..." and the author explained it. There was a motion to amend the Bill by striking the word technical from it. This motion was seconded. There was a speaker in favor of the amendment and none against. The amendment was then voted on and passed unanimously. The Senate then moved into direct consideration of the bill as amended and then entered general discussion. President Parker was recognized and explained the difficulties once again.

Senator Hollis made a motion to amend the Bill by extending the filing deadline to 9-28-83. This motion was seconded. There was a speaker in favor of the amendment and none against. The amendment was voted on and passed unanimously.

The Senate then moved back into direct consideration of Senate Bill # 29009. The bill as amended was voted on and passed unanimously.

Senator Butschek made a motion for the advice and consent of Lloyd Buggs to Scholarship and Financial Aid. Senator Butschek gave his background information. There was no discussion. The Senate then voted on his appointment and he was unanimously appointed to the committee.

President Parker made a request for the bypass of the appointment of the Election Commissioner. The motion was made and seconded. There was no objection to bypass. The motion for bypass was noted on and unanimously approved. The Senate then moved into direct consideration of Jose Ortiz-Steels to the position of Election Commissioner. The candidate was questioned by the Senate and gave his reasons why he felt he would be a good Election Commissioner. President Parker also supplied his reasons for recommending Jose Ortiz-Steels and he support of the candidate. The appointment was voted on and unanimously approved.

#### Old Business

SENATE BILL # 29007 A UHSA SENATE BILL TO ALLOCATE \$275.00 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR, ON OCTOBER 7-9, 1983. The bill was recommended favorably by Fiscal and Governmental. There was no general discussion

of the bill. The Senate moved into Direct Consideration of Senate Bill # 29007. The bill was voted on and passed unanimously.

Introduction of New Legislation

There was none.

Comments and Announcements

Senator Cunningham apologized for the fact that the legislation passed tonight had to be amended so much. He explained that he had only acquired the information today and had not thoroughly thought out the wording of the bill. He stated that those who had worked on the bill had done the best they could in the short time period they had to work in.

Speaker Condon commented that the conduct during the discussion needs to be improved. He reminded Senator Walsh to see him after the meeting.

Senator Chapman reminded everyone that the President must have the floor yielded to him before he may be recognized.

Senator Magruder commented that most of the bills passed so far have gone by-pass rather than to committee. He felt that the Senate should cease this course of action and have the bills go through committee where they can be thoroughly studied before the Senate votes on them.

Senator Ranade announced the lecture that FORUM is sponsoring and welcomed all Senators to attend it on 9-14-83 at 7:30 p.m. in AH Auditorium I.

Senator Martinez announced that the Catholic Newman Center is having its first party of the year. It is free and will be held at the Center.

Senator Barnes congratulated the new Election Commissioner and wished him luck.

Rita Franceschini announced that she is compiling the newsletter and if you have any information, please give it to her.

President Parker announced that he had no knowledge of any technical problems with the elections. He also commented on the meeting regarding the Downtown Convention Center and its benefits to the University of Houston. He announced that he will call a meeting to have the Director of it speak to the Senators to inform them as student leaders. President Parker also announced that there will be a meeting of the Student Affairs Search Committee on 9-25-83.

Senator Magruder wished to know if the minutes could be ready earlier. Senator Hollis responded by saying that she knew that they were ready this afternoon and the general policy is to have them ready on Monday afternoons.

Senator Dealey reminded the Senators of the importance of the elections to be held.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.