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The twenty-third meeting of the fifth session of Student Senate was called to order by President RICHARD POSTON at 7:10 p.m. in the World Affairs Room of the University Center.

The following Senators were absent: PATTI ARTHUR, ALANA COOKE, PETER VON JUSTL, BILL NEUMANN, MIKE RICHARD, ARLENE SCHWARTZ, ROY SMITH, and GARY PEGODA.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President POSTON announced the resignation of Robert BLACK, Senator from the college of Engineering.

The President reported that he had attended the Associated Student Government Conference in Washington. The President stated that it was the worst conference he had ever attended, and attributed this partly to inexperience on the part of the conference leaders. The President said that the organization needed a couple of years to mature.

President POSTON announced that Ilana Smith and Lynn Doyle from the Department of Leadership were present to tell the Senators about the forthcoming Leadership Conference for the Senate. They asked the Senators to write down what change they would like to see in the Senate on a sheet of paper. The Senate was then divided into five groups and asked to decide among themselves on one change. The changes were then reported to the staff from the Department of Leadership for use at the Senate Retreat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Judiciary

Senator BALCH read the following committee report:

The committee met at 7:32 p.m. on November 25, 1968. Absences were considered; the following Senators were excused from November 18, 1968 meeting:

Judy Ganem

Les Keaton

Arlene Schwartz

Donald Plank (also from November 25 meeting)

Ransom Foreman (also from R & J meeting November 21)

The following Senators were unexcused from the meeting of 18 November:
Bill Neumann Jim Nicholas

Held in Committee were:

Constitutional Amendment No. 2

Senate Resolution No. 140-41 (Concerning Student-Faculty Discrimination)

Senate Resolution No. 140-42 (Urging Change Title from Dean of Women to Associate Dean of Students)

Senate Resolution No. 140-48 (Concerning Ballot Boxes used in Student Elections) was favorably reported out of committee.

Fiscal and Governmental

There was no report.

Student Life

Senator GANEM read the following committee report:

the Student Life Committee met Monday night, November 25, 1968, following the Senate meeting. Present were Senators CISCEL, PEGODA, SCHWARTZ, TAQVI, and GANEM. The following action was taken:

The appointments of Jim Strong to the Student Life Council and Barry Hafkin to the Student Publications Board were approved.

Senate Resolution No. 140-31 was approved and reported out of committee.
Senate Resolution No. 140-37 was approved and reported out of committee.
Senate Resolution No. 140-39 was held in committee.

Educational Affairs and Policy

Senator SVENDSEN read the following report:

The committee approved the appointment of Bill Wood to the Undergraduate Research Committee.

State, National, and International Affairs

Senator SHEHORN read the following report:

The committee met at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday and considered the following pieces of legislation:

Resolution 140-33, A RESOLUTION URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS, was reported out of committee.

Resolution 140-29, A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE ALL MAJOR SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION was defeated.

UH Bill No. 140-38, A BILL TO ESTABLISH EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS was returned to the author.

Student Involvement

Senator DELAFIELD read the following committee report:

The committee met Wednesday, November 27, 1968, at 2 p.m. Present were Senators Strong, Neumann, Richard, and Delafield. The committee contacted the Houston Sports Association concerning The display of banners at football games. The committee also contacted Beverly Dee concerning a referendum on the Houstonian and asked her to come to the next meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. Warren Skoar, Head of the Rice Tutorial Assistance Program was contacted. He stated the trouble between Rice TAC and the Houston Independent School District had just been resolved and it looked as if the program would get a good start. No business was reported out.

President POSTON reminded the Committee Chairmen who had missed Executive Committee Meeting to turn in excuses.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator BALCH moved to accept the portion of the Rules and Judiciary Committee Report dealing with absences. The motion was seconded. There was no debate. The motion was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Jim Strong to the Student Life Council was brought to the floor for consideration. Senator NELSON stated that he was not concerned over whether Jim were capable of handling the appointment but of whether or not Jim had the time, since he was involved in so many activities. Senator BIVIN said that he felt it was time to get more people involved in Student Association, rather than appointing the same ones all the time. Senator CHAMBERLAIN stated that it was his understanding that this was a very important position, and a man should be appointed who could devote a lot of time to it. Senator STRONG stated that he was on the Student Publication Committee, but that when he became a Senator he had to relinquish that. He stated that he was on the Council of 21, which met once a month on Sundays. Senator CISCEL stated that he felt that Jim would make a good appointment, and the the Student Life Council only met a couple of times a semester. The appointment was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Barry Hafkin to the Student Publications Board was brought to the floor for consideration. Senator CHAMBERLAIN stated that he had the same argument against this appointment as he did for the one against Jim Strong. Senator FRENCH stated that he thought this was the most nonsensical argument in the Senate. Vice-President COX stated that this board did not meet very often during the year. Senator STRONG said that two of the student appointments were made by Journalism. The Senate appointments did not have to bring great experience with Journalism to the Board. Senator Strong stated, "They are there to provide an insight into what is happening. They are the voice of students in general." The appointment was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Bill Wood to the Undergraduate Research Committee was brought to the floor for consideration. There was no debate. The appointment was voted on and passed.

Senate Resolution 140-31, A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO HAVE A TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLED AT THE INTERSECTION OF UNIVERSITY OAKS AND WHEELER, was brought to the floor for consideration. The Resolution was read by its sponsor, Senator DELAFIELD. Senator REEVES stated that this could cause more traffic. He stated, "After all, only one person was killed in the last year." Senator CISCEL said that after the speech by Senator REEVES, he did not think that he had to speak for the bill. Senator CISCEL also stated that a resolution similar to this had been passed last year, but that the light was placed farther down the street, where no one crosses. The Resolution was voted on and passed.

Senate Resolution No. 140-33, A RESOLUTION URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH FUNDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS TO PURSUE HIGHER STUDIES, was brought to the floor for consideration. The Resolution was read by its sponsor Senator TAQVI. Senator CISCEL stated that the graduate school, though small, had quite a few funds already. The Resolution was voted on and failed, 6-15.

Senate Resolution No. 140-37, A RESOLUTION URGING THE NUMBERING OF ROWS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON PARKING LOTS, was brought to the floor for consideration. The Resolution was read by its sponsor, Senator REEVES. Vice-President COX stated that if he couldn't remember where his car was parked, he couldn't remember a number. Senator REEVES answered that if that were the case, the rows in the Astrodome wouldn't need numbers. The Resolution was voted on and passed.

Senate Resolution No. 140-38, A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BALLOT BOXES USED IN STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS, was brought to the floor for consideration. The resolution was read by its sponsor; Senator FOREMAN. Senator FRENCH stated, "If we can arm S & S, maybe we can arm the poll-workers." A member of the Election Commission, Rocky Sehnert, spoke to the Senate on the problems. He stated that the hinges on the boxes could be unscrewed in about two minutes. He also said that the boxes were getting too small for the turnout in the elections. Senator FOREMAN moved to amend the resolution and strike the word "combination" in the last sentence of the Be It Resolved clause. The motion was seconded. The motion was voted on and passed. The Resolution was voted on and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator STRONG introduced SENATE BILL NO. 140-40, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, SPRING 1969, referred to the Committee on Student Involvement.

Senator STRONG introduced SENATE BILL NO. 140-41, A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURNISHING OF KEYS TO THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES AREA DOORS, SECOND FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER, TO STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SENATORS, AND STUDENT ASSOCIATION SECRETARY, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

Senator GANEM introduced the following Senate Bill for Senator NELSON: Senate Bill No. 140-42, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON HOMECOMING, referred to the Committee on Student Life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator BALCH announced that the Rules and Judiciary Committee would meet after the Senate meeting and also Thursday at 1. Final hearings on the Election Code Amendments will be held.

Senator GANEM announced that the Student Life Committee would meet Thursday at 1.

Senator DELAFIELD announced that the committee on Student Involvement would meet Wednesday at 3.

Vice-President COX announced that the Senate Retreat would be this week-end.

President POSTON announced that an appointment would be made to the Senate seat left vacant by the resignation of Robert Black.

ADJOURNEMENT

There was no further business, and the senate adjourned at 8:40.

APPROVED:

Richard G. Poston, President

Pat Fitzgerald, Senate Secretary