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The tenth meeting of the eleventh session of the Student Senate of the University of Houston Students' Association was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the San Jacinto Room of the University Center by Speaker Pro Tempore NELSON. The minutes were approved as written.

The following Senators were absent: BROWN, COLE, GREENE and TRUSCOTT.

President's Report

President FINE said that the Board of Regents met. Farfel was absent so Dauch chaired the meeting. The budget for the next fiscal year was passed and the new acting deans were appointed: Lawless, White, Walker, Gottlieb and Going.

President FINE said that there will be a reception-luncheon with James Kennedy of Indiana University, a candidate for Director of Traffic and Security. He added that it is imperative that the students make use of these opportunities to interview the three finalists for that position. The student evaluation of each will be related ultimately to the Search Committee, which, beyond just sending these three names to Dr. Hoffman for his selection, may also send Dr. Hoffman a unanimous recommendation, if one can be arrived at. Any overriding student sentiment stemming from the exchanges such as tomorrow's may play a decisive role in the selection of Larry Fultz's successor, President FINE said.

President FINE said that he was making the following appointments: Bob Chain, Traffic Court Alternate, Juan Lira and Jack Moore to the Confidential Records Committee on Interpretations and Exceptions.

Committee Report

Senator HERRINGTON, Vice Chair of Rules, said that they are currently in the process of revising the election code.

Committee Report

Senator EURESTE, Chair of Fiscal Committee, said that currently the committee has gotten most of the proposed budgets in. They will be meeting Monday to talk over the interviewing of the different organizations.

Senate Resolution 20009

Senator HANSEL, Chair of Student Life, moved for the approval of Senate Resolution 20009, A SENATE RESOLUTION PROTESTING THE RELIGION CENTER POLICY WHICH PROHIBITS CIVIL WEDDING CEREMONIES WITHIN THE RELIGION CENTER CHAPELS.

Marilyn Johnson said that the current policy in the chapel discriminates against those that don't have organized religious feelings, the policy is resented.

Senator GUERIN moved for acclamation which was approved.

University Bill 20006

Speaker Pro Tempore said that University Bill 20006 automatically come out of committee because it has been there four weeks.

Senator FRIEND said that she would like to amend the bill by striking Section 4 and replacing it with "A pass-fail grade for co-op work period would be given if the student so desires, and the standard work report required by the co-op department the required work for the course. A letter grade (A,B,C,D, or F) may be assigned when a student and the designated departmental faculty member (to be designate by the student) has established a learning contract. The learning contract would be a written contract prepared by the student in concert with the faculty member prior to the work period and signed by both the student and faculty member, with a copy going to the co-op department. This is in accordance with the guidelines for accreditation. The contract would have three parts: a statement of the goals to be achieved, a work plan for achieving them, and a plan for evaluating the outcomes."

Section 3 will be struck and it will be replaced with "A maximum of 9 hours, credit may be obtained through co-op work assignments. The amount of credit should be distributed as follows: Co-op work period 1-1 hour credit, 2-2 hours credit, 3-3 hours credit, and 4-3 hours credit."

Senator FRIEND then introduced Terry Slusher the Director of the Co-op Education Program. He said that the co-op program is offered on an optional basis so students can work with an employer in a job that is related to their major. He said that it alternates with academic work each semester until graduation. There are two alternatives that are given when working with the program on whether to take the work assignment as a pass-fail grade or a letter grade (now a letter grade is given but it doesn't affect the GPA). He said that the contract idea was established so that there will be a material judge and proof of why the various grades are assigned. Now there are 9-15 free elective hours that can be used as co-op hours. The one hour credit is given when the student starts for orientation to the company, two or more credit hours are given as the student becomes more experienced in the work situation. He added that 1900 students in the Houston Community Colleges want to transfer to the UH if the co-op program becomes accredited.

Senator HERRINGTON said that the last amendment discriminates against upper classmen because they will only get one hours credit for a job they have been preparing for four years for.

Terry said that the employer pays the co-op student for the amount of experience he gives even if he gets only one credit hour.

Senator HERRINGTON replied that this student would be academically insulted by one hour credit for something that he worked three years for and prepared for. The student should have the option of more credit hours if he feels that he can handle the work with the professor.

Terry replied that the amendment can be rewritten but there must be some way to measure the work.

Senator COLLIER moved to strike Section 4 amendment. She said that this was boxing the student in with credit, there is no room for exceptions. A Junior has more experience so he should get more credit than a Freshman.

Terry said that all colleges that accept co-op credit will not take over 12 credit hours, if there is no limit the student could take more hours than he would get credit for.

Vice President Texiera said that this is only a guideline and the hours could be worked out with the professor. This should be a suggested amount.

Senator ROCHE called the question on the amendment to the amendment.

The amendment passed 5-3.

Senator HERRINGTON moved to amend the amendment by adding a new Section 4 "A maximum of 12 hours credit may be attained through co-op work assignments in an arrangement made between the student and the professor."

Senator FRIEND substituted a friendly amendment which said that a maximum of twelve credit hours may be obtained through the co-op work assignments.

Speaker Pro Tempore NELSON reminded the Senate that the arrangement part was in Section 3.

The amendmen passed 10-0.

Senator HANSEL called the question on the bill.

University Bill 20006 passed 11-0.

Senate Resolution 20011

Senator HERRINGTON moved for suspension of the rules on Senate Resolution 20011, A SENATE RESOLUTION TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE NURSES OF JEFFERSON DAVIS HOSPITAL. He introduced Kris Vasquez to the Senate who spoke for the bill.

Kris said that there are five nurses on strike at Jefferson Davis. There will be a picket line this Saturday and they need the support of this group. Suspension was given.

Senator GUERIN asked the effect that this resolution will have. Kris said that it is an asset to have organizations involved.

Senator KEITH asked if that was a county hospital. Kris said yes.

Senator ELLEDGE asked if an investigating committee was set up. Kris said that the Blue Ribbon had a board meeting of the managerial staff but the nurses want a committee of the floor staff and the community to investigate the bad conditions in the hospital because this is a low income area and the people have to go there, sometimes they do not have a choice.

Senator EURESTE said that the nurses took the initiative to show the community the conditions and we should back them up.

Senator ROCHE called the question.

The resolution passed 11-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Russell
Senate Secretary

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Introduction of Legislation

Senator HERRINGTON introduced Senate Bill 20018, A SENATE BILL TO ALLOCATE \$120 TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL SAVE AND CHANGE BLACK SCHOOLS PROJECT STEERING CONFERENCE. It was sent to Fiscal.