

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thirteenth Meeting of the 27th Senate
Monday, September 10, 1990
World Affairs Lounge, University Center 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:** Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate
2. **Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:** Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:**
4. **Special Reports:** *The Faculty Senate Meeting on August 29, 1990* - Damon Chargois
5. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**
6. **Report of the President:** Paul Hoglund
7. **Report of the Vice President:** Lee Flemming
8. **Report of the Speaker:** Mark Burge
9. **Reports of the Standing Committees:**
 - a) Academic Affairs: Jan Burns, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: Tiffany Russell, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Charlie Hasselbrink, Chair
 - d) University Administration & Finance: John Berggren, Acting Chair
10. **Reports of the Select Committees:** None
11. **Special Orders:** None
12. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:**
 - a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda:
 - **UB 27014:** ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE NOTIFICATION PROCESS
Sponsors:
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:
13. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - **Gregory Lubojacky** - Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - **Iram Faridi** - Student Court Justice
 - **Kandara Harris** - University Center Policy Board
 - **Ryan Chadwick** - Students' Association Treasurer (Fiscal Year 1991)
 3. Committee on Student Life:
 - **Jelty John** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
 - **Pamela Gordon** - Committee on the Status of Women

4. Committee on University Administration & Finance:
 - **None**

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:
 - **None**
2. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - **None**
3. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - **None**
4. Committee on Student Life:
 - **SAB 27008**: CREATING AN SA RECYCLING/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY CURRENT AND FUTURE UNIVERSITY RECYCLING EFFORTS
Sponsors: P. Jan Burns & Michael Roesenberger
5. Committee on University Administration and Finance:
 - **None**

14. New Business and General Orders:

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

15. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary

16. Comments and Announcements:

17. Adjournment:

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate Mark Burge at 7:07 PM.

2. Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the opening roll and the following senators were present: John A. Berggren, Michael C. Berry, P. Jan Burns, Damon Chargois, Chris Cooley, Richard P. Corbello, Chris Cortes, Shawn L. Dunnigan, Scott D. Eastman, Michael T. Floreani, Preeti M. Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Charlie Hasselbrink, Majid Husain, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Michael S. Oholendt, Joel D. Richards, Michael T. Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Zaigham Shah, Devi Sunderaj.

The following senators were excused: Mohammed Ali Saeed, Ken Wong, Farrel Sharp.

The following senators were absent: Broderick T. Dockery, Aasim Karim, Molly Kelly, Samir Kothari, Ben Talley, Shannon Wilkie.

The following University officials were present: Willie Munson, Dean of Students and Consuelo Trevino, Director of Campus Activities.

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Special Reports:

Senator Chargois reported on the Faculty Senate Meeting on August 29 and said there were three main issues discussed. He said HB 638 was approved, requiring that both teaching assistants and tenured professors should pass a test proving their English-speaking proficiency. Senator Gandhi asked what kind of a test it was going to be. Senator Chargois said it was based on interviews, interaction and observation by the academic department chairs. Senator Hasselbrink questioned the wisdom of having the test administered by the department heads since they are the ones who have trouble scheduling classes to begin with. Senator Chargois said Dr. Bill Cook of the Faculty Senate would be able to answer any specific questions related to the topic. Senator Chargois said Interim President Magner also gave a speech at the meeting. He informed the senate that the next faculty senate meeting will be on September 19.

5. Two Minute Speeches:

Senator Rosenberger reminded the senators of his two minute speech at the last Senate meeting and said the proposed Business Career Center will be of great benefit for students interested in a career in

and asked the senators to correct it if they find a mistake and include a work phone number where appropriate. He said Senator Zarka has resigned from Natural Science and Math Position #1 due to a class conflict but he said he hopes to remain active in the Students' Association. Speaker Burge nominated UAF Vice Chair John Berggren to the Chair position. The Speaker said he is an exemplary senator and a hard worker. Senator Hasselbrink spoke in favor of the nomination and said Senator Berggren is an extremely active senator and would make an excellent chair. The nomination was put to a vote and passed with one abstention. Speaker Burge reminded UAF of a legislative assignment concerning surplus SSFPAC funds. He also reminded Senator Richards and Senator Rosenberger about "Spirit Tickets." He encouraged the senators to attend the SA retreat. Speaker Burge said he received a call from Gerry Partridge of the UH Accounting office concerning UB 27005 (creating a place on registration forms for optional donations to the UH libraries.) He said it cannot be done exactly that way for legal/accounting reasons. Senator Burns asked if there was still a way to use fee statements to solicit donation. Speaker Burge said a committee including Mark Kimble and Steve Hall from the Development Office, Mario Luchessi-Registration and Academic Records, Phyllis Bradley-Bursar and Gerry Partridge-UH Accounting Office will be meeting this Thursday to determine how a student fundraiser can best be implemented. Senator Rosenberger asked if Speaker Burge had any information regarding UB 27008: ESTABLISHING THAT PRIORITY FUNDS BE DIRECTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LIBRARIES. Speaker Burge said the delay may be due to the fact that a new President has just taken office. Speaker Burge asked the senators to meet with him if they wished to change their committee assignments. He said he hoped that committees can set up regular meeting times in the future. Senator Berggren asked the Speaker when a proper time would be for him to nominate a vice chair for University Administration and Finance. Speaker Burge said it can be done at this meeting. Senator Berggren nominated Senator Rosenberger as the Vice Chair of University Administration and Finance. Senator Burns spoke in favor of the nomination and said she has worked with Senator Rosenberger closely and found that he regularly attends all the meetings. The nomination passed with one abstention upon being put to vote.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Senator Burns, Chair of Academic Affairs said her committee confirmed the appointment of Gregory Lubojacky to the Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee. She said he is an accounting major and is being reappointed to the position. She said Academic Affairs will meet on the Monday of the next Senate meeting at 6:15 PM.

b) Internal Affairs:

Senator Grooms, Vice Chair of Internal Affairs said they are unable to report out on the nominations of Kandara Harris and Iram Faridi as they were unable to contact them. He said he chaired the committee meeting where Ryan Chadwick's nomination was considered. He said the committee is reporting out unfavorably on the nomination of Ryan Chadwick as SA Treasurer.

c) Student Life:

Senator Hasselbrink, Chair of Student Life said he had nothing to report as his committee was not able to meet.

d) University Administration and Finance:

Senator Berggren, Chair of University Administration and Finance said his committee did not meet, had nothing to report but will meet next on Friday at 10:00 AM.

10. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

11. Special Orders:

None.

12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

- a) Legislation turned in to the Speaker Prior to the Publication of the Agenda:

UB 27014: ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE NOTIFICATION PROCESS was referred to University Administration and Finance.

- b) Legislation introduced on the Senate Floor:

SAB 27011: ESTABLISHING A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991 was referred to Internal Affairs. Senator Rosenberger pointed out that the back of the bill read SAB 27010. The typographical error was corrected.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

1. Committee on Academic Affairs:

The appointment of Gregory Lubojacky to the Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee was confirmed by the committee.

2. Committee on Internal Affairs:

The committee did not report out on the nominations of Iram Faridi and Kandara Harris.

President Hogle spoke in favor of the nomination of Ryan Chadwick and said he is in favor of the nomination for the very reasons he originally nominated Ryan. He said Ryan Chadwick has experience and has done his job according to the constitution. President Hogle said the allegations against Ryan Chadwick are not substantial enough to warrant Senate rejection.

Senator Russell spoke against the nomination of Ryan Chadwick. She described a ten point outline upon which the decision was based (see attachment #1). Commenting on point #5 she said no information was given to Internal Affairs by the Treasurer. In reference to #4, Senator Rosenberger asked Senator Russell to explain what the material is. Senator Russell said that the materials were receipts detailing conference expenses. Vice President Flemming said her allegations are based on the temporary budget. Speaker Burge said these questions can be better dealt with in General Debate. Senator Burns wanted to simply know if the Treasurer had done a 'lame' job. Senator Russell replied in the affirmative. Senator Rosenberger asked what would have swayed the judgment of the IA committee in relation to TSSA. Senator Russell said these facts would have affected the Senate's vote on SAB 27005. Senator Rosenberger asked if there was overspending based on the last conferences report. Senator Russell said the deposits were \$5,584 from figures that she has. She said the last four expenditures, among others, are indicative that the conference clearly did not go off as well as it was intended. She said the important point is that the Treasurer neglected to give those receipts to the IA

committee. Concerning #2, Senator Rosenberger asked if the pay increases were for Compensated Student Leaders or for hourly employees only. Senator Russell said they were for Compensated Student Leader positions. Senator Burns asked what Mr. Chadwick's duties at the last conference were. Senator Russell said the point she is trying to make is that if the Treasurer had done his job he would have known what SA is having to deal with. Speaker Burge pointed out that the time has been long exceeded for a speaker against. He asked if the Senate had any objection to continuing with the questioning of Senator Russell and that if they did not, the Senate could move into general debate. Senator Grooms said he objected, so Senator Russell returned to her seat. Senator Gandhi asked if it will take a 2/3 majority to continue direct questioning of Senator Russell. Speaker Burge said it would. Senator Berggren said the information mentioned in point #4 has been on file since the beginning of this Senate. Senator Russell said there are two separate packs of financial information. The first was given when SAB 27005 was in committee. The second part had to be dug up. Pertaining to #4, President Hogle said he sees no conceivable motive for Ryan to withhold any information. The expenditures on the TSSA conference were made available by the Treasurer and the Chair of Internal Affairs knew where she could look for them. He said the Treasurer has other duties which come first, such as getting the financial report out. In response to #1 he said the financial reports were made available and placed in the senators boxes in May and in April. President Hogle said he addressed the senators in June before he left for Mexico. SA could not afford to make copies of the reports for June and July but were made available in the office for anyone to read. Concerning #2, he said the proposed pay increases came from a bill passed by the last Senate in conjunction with Dr. Roland Smith's (V.P. for Student Affairs) office. In response to #3 he said SSFPAC meetings and the proceedings are open to public. He said this particular meeting did not make quorum and had no minutes and so there was no question of his leaking confidential information. He said SAB 27005 concerning the TSSA conference came out before the Treasurer was asked for information. Therefore, there is no question of his withholding any information which could have swayed the decision. Senator Chargois moved to suspend the rules to allow the Senate to question Senator Russell. The motion passed with a two thirds majority and questions were directed to Senator Russell.

Senator Burns asked which of the responses listed by Mr. Chadwick she most disagreed with. Senator Russell read Chapter 5, Title 2 and said there could be no good response to point #1 since it simply was not done. Senator Richards asked if Chadwick did not appear before the committee and Senator Hasselbrink asked how Ryan Chadwick was notified. Senator Russell said the requirements are in the constitution and bylaws and that it is not her responsibility to hunt everyone down and that he should have read the constitution. Senator Berggren said it is common courtesy to notify people. Senator Grooms said Ryan Chadwick never responded with such an argument when this point was raised in the Internal Affairs meeting. Senator Richards asked for senators who received a monthly report to raise their hands. No one did. Senator Berggren said this information has been in the computer since June and July and anyone can access it. Senator Grooms said that although it may be practical to have the information on a computer, it is not constitutional. Senator Richards asked Senator Russell to comment on #3. She said that she has a copy of the written dictation she received from the chair of SSFPAC, Rodger Peters. Senator Russell said she can get an affidavit from him if necessary. Senator Oholendt moved to end the questioning. Senator Chargois said he is not up to date on the issue and would like to hear Senator Russell continue to speak. Senator Floreani said this is clearly a personal vendetta and that all the senators can read the report on the allegations and responses. Senator Eastman said we have both sides in front of us (attachment #1 and #2) and can make a decision without resorting to witch hunt allegations. Senator Russell said that this case is not a personal vendetta or a witchhunt and that these are constitutional violations made by the President and the Treasurer and that it is the job of Internal Affairs to bring it before the Senate. Senator Shah said it is clear this is not a personal vendetta as the decision was made by a majority of the members of the Internal Affairs committee, not just Senator Russell. He said the credibility of Internal Affairs is being attacked by such an allegation. Senator Shah said a majority decision cannot merely be personal. Senator Oholendt commended IA and then moved to close questioning. The motion failed for lack of a majority. Senator Richards said they

still have a lot of questions. Senator Gandhi said that time is being wasted by keeping Senator Russell at the podium. Senator Rosenberger moved to close questioning. The vote was taken and this time passed with 10 votes in favor and 7 against.

In general debate Senator Grooms said the decision can and should be made on points of constitutionality of action, namely, #1, #2, #8. Senator Richards asked if he is to understand that the June and July reports were not placed in the senators boxes. Senator Eastman moved the previous question. The motion to close debate was put to vote and approved by a two thirds majority. Senator Richards called for a roll call vote on the nomination of Ryan Chadwick to be SA Treasurer for fiscal year 1991. The vote was as follows:

Senator Berggren	For	Senator Grooms	Abstained
Senator Berry	For	Senator Hasselbrink	For
Senator Burns	Abstained	Senator Nguyen	For
Senator Chargois	Against	Senator Oholendt	Abstained
Senator Cooley	Against	Senator Richards	Against
Senator Corbello	Against	Senator Rosenberger	Against
Senator Cortes	Against	Senator Russell	Against
Senator Eastman	For	Senator Shah	Against
Senator Floreani	For	Senator Sunderaj	Abstained
Senator Gandhi	Abstained		

The nomination failed with 6 votes in favor, 8 against and 5 abstentions.

Under the procedures outlined in Title 1, Section 3 of the University of Houston's Students' Association Code, Senator Hasselbrink submitted on Sept. 10, 1990 the following explanation for his vote:

"I dissent with the Senate's vote against confirming Mr. Chadwick as Treasurer because I feel that the issues presented by the Internal Affairs Committee are truly black and white issues, all ones that could be resolved by personal meetings between the Internal Affairs committee, Ryan Chadwick and Paul Hogleund.

In speaking with the Internal Affairs chair, I was not convinced that a wholehearted effort to achieve this goal had been implemented, by either Ryan Chadwick, the Internal Affairs chair, or Paul Hogleund. But, as I see that Mr. Chadwick has functionally executed most of his duties with the exception of the few issues presented before the Senate on 9/10/90, and in the face of the fact that these violations occurred during the jumbled summer months sometimes, I voted for the approval of Ryan Chadwick for Treasurer."

Under the procedures outlined in Title 1, Section 3 of the University of Houston's Students' Association Code, Senator Russell submitted the transcript of the September 10 Internal Affairs Committee meeting as explanation for ner vote (attachment #3)

3. Committee on Student Life:

None

4. Committee on University Administration & Finance:

None

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Veteos and Other Legislative Business:

None.

14. New Business and General Orders:

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:

President Hoglund put forward nominations and they were referred as follows:

Juan Olguin: J	Health Center Policy Board--Student Life
Gene Simeon:	Organizations Board--Student Life
Natica Richardson:	Organizations Board--Student Life
Keith Johnston:	Handicapped Student Advisory Board--Student Life
Sergio Zamora:	Status of Minorities--Student Life
Linh Hoang:	Health Center Policy Board--Student Life
Rodger Peters:	Health Center Policy Board--Student Life
Mary Mire:	Handicapped Student Advisory Board--Student Life
Suigetsu Turner:	Handicapped Student Advisory Board--Student Life
Christopher Fair:	Health Center Policy Board--Student Life
Monica Lopez:	Substance Abuse Committee--Student Life
Yahya Saeed:	Organizations Board--Student Life
Eric Henderson:	Undergraduate Council--Academic Affairs
Shannon Wilkie:	Academic Council--Academic Affairs
Dean Draper:	Teaching Excellence Committee--Academic Affairs
Lee Parsons:	Academic Computer Advisory--Academic Affairs
Vicky Cannon:	Undergraduate Council--Academic Affairs
Joshua Lawrence:	Library Committee--Academic Affairs (later bypassed)
Rodger Peters :	SSFPAC--Internal Affairs
Christina Amoruso:	Activities Funding Board--Internal Affairs
Peter Nguyen:	Activities Funding Board--Internal Affairs
Andrew Monzon:	UC Policy Board--Internal Affairs
Gene Simeon:	Social Science #1 (Senate)--Internal Affairs

b) Motions on Committee Bypass:

President Hoglund said he wishes to bypass committee on the nomination of Joshua Lawrence to Library Committee. Senator Grooms moved to bypass the nomination. The motion to bypass passed by a two thirds majority. Senator Richards moved to allow current Library Committee member Don Easterling to speak for two minutes.

Mr. Easterling emphasized the importance of the nomination and said the first meeting of the library committee is tomorrow. He said a new chair is going to be elected and that he is intending to run.

Senator Richards asked how many students are there on the committee.

Speaker Burge said there are 3 -- 2 undergraduates and 1 graduate student.

Senator Berry said that any Senate that takes so much time to scrutinize the Treasurer's nomination should not bypass committee on this nomination.

Senator Burns said as Chair of Academic Affairs her committee had approved Don Easterling and has faith in his judgment.

Senator Richards asked if Senator Burns is saying her committee will approve the nomination if sent to committee.

Senator Burns said that speaking for herself she would approve of the nomination.

Senator Eastman moved the previous question and after a vote debate was closed. The nomination was put to a vote and approved.

c) Other New Business and General Orders:

Senator Rosenberger said he is going to rescind the resolution proposing a centralized career planning and placement center. He said the proposed Business career planning and placement center will benefit students going into business. He said the Faculty and Administration are both deadlocked on this issue. He said the motion to rescind requires a simple majority.

Speaker Burge said that prior notification was not given to rescind so that it would require a 2/3 vote.

Senator Rosenberger said he had given notification at the August 13 meeting.

Speaker Burge said that the announcement only applies to the next meeting following the announcement. Thus, that announcement applied only if a vote to rescind took place at the August 27 meeting.

Senator Rosenberger stated that he would like to rescind SAR 27009 at the next meeting.

15. Closing Call of the Roll:

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the closing roll and the following senators were present: John A. Berggren, Michael C. Berry, P. Jan Burns, Chris Cooley, Richard P. Corbello, Chris Cortes, Scott D. Eastman, Michael T. Floreani, Preeti M. Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Charlie Hasselbrink, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Michael S. Oholendt, Joel D. Richards, Michael T. Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Zaigham Shah, Devi Sunderaj.

The following senators were absent: Damon Chargois, Broderick T. Dockery, Shawn L. Dunnigan, Majid Husain, Aasim Karim, Molly Kelly, Samir Kothari, Ben Talley, Shannon Wilkie.

The following senators were excused: Mohammed Ali Saeed, Farrel Sharp, Ken Wong.

16. Comments and Announcements:

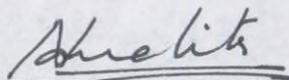
Senator Berggren said that while he agrees with Senator Rosenberger on trying to reach a compromise on career planning and placement, he does not agree with rescinding the bill until a compromise is reached.

Senator Grooms said SPB is screening 'The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover' in the UC tomorrow.

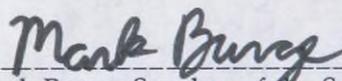
17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:15 PM.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON



Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary



Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate