

**THIRTY-SECOND SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS  
Fifteenth Meeting of the 32nd Senate  
Atlantic Room, University Center, 7:00 PM  
September 20, 1995**

**1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:**

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tempore, John Moore at 7:10 p.m.

**2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:**

The following senators were present: Benito Aguilar, Caryn Arouty, Andrew Becker, Rick Boeker, Brad Castelo, Usha Desai, Sherise Duhart, Jon Erickson, John Gafford, Scott Gorrell, Aaron Lowe, Casey McMurtry, Nicole McZeal, Natalie Merritt, Nikki Mike, John Moore, Spring Pankratz, Andrea Rachiele, Stephanie Smith, and Jon Sweet.

The following Senators were absent: Tiffany Daniel, David Frankfort, Renee Griggs, Claudia Macias, Shane Schiermeier, Rana Siam, Colleen Truitt and Arthur White.

The following Senators were excused: Royce Bowie, Omilla Harrysingh, and Nader Shah

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: None

The following university officials were present: Doug Miller, SA Advisor

**3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal**

There were no records to approve.

**4. Special Reports:**

None

**5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate:**

None

**6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members**

None

**7. Report of the President:**

President Giovanni Garibay was not present at this time.

**8. Report of the Vice President:**

Vice President Dom Lewinsohn was not present to make a report. Speaker Pro Tempore Moore said that there were a number of appointments to be made and that President Garibay should be there later to make those appointments.

**9. Report of the Speaker:**

Speaker Pro Tempore John Moore said the agenda for the evening shows how the nominations would be

held . He then opened the floor for nominations for Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Erickson nominated Jennifer Zuber. The nomination was seconded by Senators Castelo and Smith. Ms. Zuber accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations. Senator Erickson moved to consent the nomination.

The Senate unanimously nominated Jennifer Zuber as Speaker of the Senate.

Speaker of the Senate Jennifer Zuber then took over the meeting.

#### **10. Reports of the Standing Committees**

##### **a) Academic Affairs**

Committee Chair Andrea Rachiele said that her committee did not make quorum so she had no report at this time.

##### **b) Internal Affairs**

Committee Chair Brad Castelo said that IA met to discuss SAB 32005 (budget). He said they also discussed SAR 32004 and it was still in committee.

##### **c) Student Life**

Speaker Zuber said that Shane Schiermeier had submitted his resignation as Chair of the Student Life Committee. She said that at this time she would accept nominations for the Chair position.

Senator Becker moved to nominate Senator Natalie Merritt as Chair. Senator Castelo seconded.

The Senate voted unanimously to nominate Senator Merritt as Chair of the Student Life Committee.

##### **d) University Administration and Finance**

Committee Chair Andrew Becker said that the meeting had been canceled and there was no report. He also said that there were a few committee appointments that were being discharged at this meeting.

#### **11. Reports of the Select Committees**

Speaker Zuber said that at this time she would accept nominations for Chairperson of the SA Constitution and Code Committee.

Senator Castelo nominated Senator John Moore as Chairperson. Senator Merritt seconded.

The Senate voted unanimously to nominate Senator Moore as head of this select committee.

#### **12. Special Orders**

Speaker Zuber said UB 32004 was made into a special order. Speaker Zuber reviewed the options that the Senate has in dealing with the bill.

Senator McMurtry said that he wanted to take an action that would allow for further research.

Senator Castelo said that this is a straightforward issue and should be taken care of immediately.

Senator Becker said that he had not had a lot of time to look at the bill. He said that President Garibay vetoed the bill at the request of Shirley Hollingsworth, the former President of the Residence Halls Association. He said the problem with the bill were the inconsistencies with the wording. He said that as the new President of RHA, his suggestion would be to rewrite the bill. He said that RHA has had a food service committee and the wording of the bill is not consistent with merging the new committee and the one that is in existence.

Senator McMurtry said that he would like President Garibay to state his problems with this bill. He then yielded the floor to President Garibay.

President Garibay said that his veto was based primarily on the objections expressed by Shirley

Hollingsworth. He said that the University does want SA and RHA to combine efforts in this matter.

Senator McMurtry said that indeed this is a pertinent issue but not an urgent one. He said that there is a considerable amount of work involved in rewriting the bill so the bill should remain vetoed and a new bill should be introduced.

Senator McMurtry then moved to consider overriding the veto. Senator Moore seconded.

The Senate voted unanimously to let the Presidential veto stand.

**13. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation**

a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda  
None

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor  
None

**14. Unfinished Business and General Orders**

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments

1. Committee on Academic Affairs:

Committee Appointments:

Jeffrey Young	Self Study Committee on Institutional Purpose
Calvin Pollard	Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee

The committee did not meet.

2. Committee on Internal Affairs:  
None

3. Committee on Student Life:

Committee Appointments:

Rose McNulty	Career Planning & Placement Committee
Toni Coleman	Committee on the Status of Women
Drexel Long	Committee on the Status of Women
Raquel Kelly	Student Traffic Court
Kirk Kaszynski	Student Traffic Court
Selina Victor	Student Traffic Court
Gilbert Castro	Student Traffic Court
Sonya Scott	Organizations Board
Yulanda Campbell	Organizations Board
Rachel Jesudas	Organizations Board
Kristina Jenkins	Organizations Board
Eric Dixon	A.D. Bruce Religion Center Policy Board
Ramon Dixon	A.D. Bruce Religion Center Policy Board
William Smith	Undergraduate Council

The committee did not meet

4. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

Committee Appointments:

Richard Bellot	Parking Advisory Board
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The committee did not meet.

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered  
None

2. Committee on Academic Affairs:

**UB 32006 A University Bill Creating a Separate GPA for Students in the College of Optometry**

Sponsor: ?

**UB 32008 A University Bill Adjusting he Class Schedule to Reflect the Time Length of Classes**

Sponsor: ?

The committee did not meet.

3. Committee on Internal Affairs:

**SAR 32004 A Students' Association Resolution Advocating the Pursuit of Excellence in Representation of the University of Houston Student Body**

Sponsor: ?

**SAB 32005 A Students' Association Bill Establishing a Permanent Students' Association Operating Budget as per Title 5 Section 2.0.2 Part C of the SA Code**

Sponsor: ?

Senator Castelo moved to consider SAB 32005. He said that the committee met and reported favorably on the bill. Senator Becker seconded the motion.

Senator McMurtry said that during their meeting Director of Finance Kay To came and answered all the questions that were raised about the budget. He said that IA had looked over the budget and feel comfortable with it.

The Senate voted and the SAB 32005 passed.

4. Committee on Student Life:

**SAR 32001 A Students' Association Resolution**

Sponsor: ?

**UB 32006 A University Bill Amending the UH Student Life Policies**

Sponsor: ?

The committee did not meet.

5. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

**UB 32002 A University Bill Recognizing the Department of Residential Life and Housing's Campus Connection Card as an Official Form of Student Identification**

Sponsor: ?

The committee did not meet.

15. New Business and General Orders

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

Committee Appointments:

Jennifer Escalante	Writing Proficiency Appeals Committee
Chamar Phillips	Sexual Harassment Board
Chamar Phillips	Parking Advisory Board
Kristin Kelly	University Center Policy Board
Sarah Martin	Art Acquisition Committee
Sarah Martin	Health Center Policy Board
Anne Hoverson	Title IX Grievance Committee
Kathryn Engleman	Orientation Advisory Committee
Fransisca Sosa	Sexual Harassment Board
Fransisca Sosa	Conservation Committee
Sabra Moscot	Sexual Harassment Board
Sabra Moscot	Conservation Committee
Steven Long	University Planning & Policy Council

Steven Long	Graduate & Professional Studies Council
John Moore	University Planning & Policy Council
Gregory Soape	Conservation Committee
Wendy Herrmann	Sexual Harassment Board
Shahram Babamazio	Sexual Harassment Board
Robert Fafatas	Police Advisory Committee
Trina Moore	Parking Advisory Committee
Trina Moore	Police Advisory Committee
Pat Bermudez	Art Acquisition Committee
Craig Rickard	Student Fee Advisory Committee
Carla VanLeuzen	Enrollment Services Steering Committee
Mandy Bogatin	Title IX Grievance Committee
Julie Caron	Committee on the Status of Women
Sabita Soneji	Committee on the Status of Women
Damien Mockus	Student Advisory Board for the DisABLED
Shasta Jones	Child Care Center Advisory Board
Amy Liu	Art Acquisition Committee
Amy Liu	Graduate & Professional Studies Council
Amy Liu	Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee
Amy Polley	Police Advisory Board
Amy Polley	Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee

President Garibay said that John Moore will be handling the appointments. He said that he would appreciate moving these people through as soon as possible, especially the ones that took the trouble to come to the meeting.

b) Motions on Committee-Bypass

Senator Becker moved to bypass and consent all nominees that were in committees that did not meet. Senator Moore seconded the motion.

Senator Mike said that she had one concern on the nomination of Raquel Kelly for Student Traffic Court stating that she knows the nominee and that she has been in trouble with the University before.

Senator Becker said that he would be willing to accept that as a friendly amendment.

Speaker Zuber clarified that the motion on the floor is to bypass and consent all nominees in committee with the exception of Raquel Kelly for Student Traffic Court.

As a point of information, Senator McMurtry asked which committees did not meet.

Speaker Zuber said that only the Internal Affairs committee met.

Senator Pankratz said that she talked with Raquel Kelly about coming to the committee meeting and she did not show. She said that she would have to agree with Senator Mike's assessment.

Senator Becker said that these committees need to get going and University business is in need of student representation. He said that he apologizes that his committee failed to meet. He said that in absence of the committee review that the Senate should rely on the judgment of the Student Body Vice President and President.

Senator Gorrell agreed that University business needs student representation. He then asked President Garibay if he personally met with all of these candidates.

President Garibay said that he did not meet with every candidate, he met with a lot of them. However, he said that Vice President Lewinsohn interviewed all these candidates at length.

The Senate voted unanimously to bypass and consent all nominees in committee with the exception of Raquel Kelly.

Senator McMurtry moved to bypass and consent John Moore for University Planning & Policy

Council. Senator Castelo seconded the motion.

The Senate voted unanimously to bypass and consent John Moore.

As a point of information, Senator Becker asked if the Senate needed to remove the appointment of Raquel Kelly from committee.

Senator Merritt moved to bypass and consent the nominations of Chamar Phillips, Sarah Martin, Anne Hoverson, Trina Moore, Julie Caron, Sabita Soneji and Shasta Jones. Senator Smith seconded the motion.

Senator Merritt said that she personally knew all of the candidates and recommended them all highly.

Senator Smith asked if she could make a friendly amendment to add Jennifer Escalante to the list.

Senator Merritt accepted the friendly amendment.

Senator Castelo asked if he could also make a friendly amendment to add Craig Rickard to the list.

Senator Merritt accepted the friendly amendment.

As a point of information, Senator Becker asked if the names of all the appointees that are in attendance could be read.

Speaker Zuber asked that all the nominees in attendance stand and introduce themselves.

The following candidates were in attendance: Julie Caron, Anne Hoverson, Carla VanLeuzen, Jennifer Escalante, Kristin Kelly, Shahram Babamazio, Craig Rickard, Wendy Herrmann, and Amy Liu.

Senator McZeal asked if she could make a friendly amendment to add Shahram Babamazio to the list of those to be bypassed and consented to.

Senator Merritt accepted the friendly amendment.

As a point of information, Senator Castelo asked if Senator Merritt had accepted his friendly amendment.

Speaker Zuber said that she had.

Senator Boeker asked if he could make a friendly amendment to add Kristin Kelly to the list.

Senator Merritt accepted the friendly amendment.

Senator Moore asked if he could make a friendly amendment to accept all nominees in block.

Senator Merritt accepted the friendly amendment.

Senator Becker said that he thinks that everyone who is present and those that are urgent should be bypassed. He said that if the Senate accepted everyone in block the purpose of the committee review is defeated. He asked to make a friendly amendment that all the people present be bypassed and consented to in block.

Senator Merritt accepted the friendly amendment.

Senator McMurtry asked to review the ones that were included in the block. He read the names of those who were personally suggested and those who were present at the meeting.

Senator Becker clarified that his amendment was to bypass and consent all those in the room and those who were specifically suggested by Senators.

Senator Duhart moved to call the question. Senators Becker, Mike and McZeal.

The Senate voted unanimously to call the question.

The Senate voted unanimously to bypass and consent all the aforementioned people.

As a point of information, Senator Merritt asked to have those that were bypassed and consented to read.

Speaker Zuber read the following names: Jennifer Escalante, Chamar Phillips, Kristin Kelly, Sarah Martin, Anne Hoverson, Wendy Herrmann, Shahram Babamazio, Trina Moore, Craig Rickard, Carla VanLeuzen, Mandy Bogatin, Julie Caron, Sabita Soneji, Shasta Jones and Amy Liu.

As a point of information, Senator Gafford asked if John Moore was on the list.

Speaker Zuber said that John Moore had been bypassed and consented to separately.

- c) Other New Business and General Orders  
None

#### **16. Closing Call of the Roll By the Secretary**

The following senators were present: Benito Aguilar, Caryn Arouty, Rick Boeker, Brad Castelo, Tiffany Daniel, Usha Desai, Sherise Duhart, John Gafford, Scott Gorrell, Aaron Lowe, Casey McMurtry, Nicole McZeal, Natalie Merritt, Nikki Mike, John Moore, Spring Pankratz, Andrea Rachiele, Nader Shah, Stephanie Smith, Jon Sweet and Arthur White.

The following Senators were absent: Andrew Becker, David Frankfort, Renee Griggs, Claudia Macias, Shane Schiermeier, Rana Siam, and Colleen Truitt.

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#### **17. Comments and Announcements**

Speaker Zuber said that all Senators should contact their Deans and get on a Dean's Advisory Committee. She said that the following Senate seats are open: Business #1 and Education #1. She asked that all Senators check the address / phone list for accuracy. She said that all committee need Vice Chairs. She also reminded the Senators that there should be two town hall meetings per college and reports should be submitted to her. She said that the Senate Executive Committee will meet immediately after the meeting.

President Garibay said that he apologized for being late to the meeting. He said that last week several of the SA members met with US Secretary for Education Mario Moreno about issues pertaining to higher education. He said that anyone interested in financial aid cuts in Washington should see Student Regent Brown. He said that the SA trip to Washington will be over the weekend of October 13. He said that he appointed John Moore to the campus-one card project. He said anyone with input should see John. He said that Election Commissioner applications are being accepted. President Garibay said that he is also sitting on a committee to choose the permanent Director of Campus Activities. He said that he needs someone to serve on an Academic Honesty Policy Committee. He also update the Senate on all sporting activities that UH is participating in over the next couple of weeks.

SA Advisor Doug Miller said that an issue has come up and it needs to be addressed before it becomes a problem. He said that there have been a number of people getting into the Administrative Secretary's computer and desk. He said that there is no reason for anyone to use her office space. He said that he has talked with her and she will not leave the office unless someone has been designated to watch the front. He said that if for some reason she has to be away and no one is available to cover the office, the door will be locked. He also said that at 5:00 p.m. the office door will be locked and anyone who needs in should see either the Speaker or some Executive Cabinet member. He said that he would appreciate everyone being respectful of her and her office space.

Senator Merritt said that she appreciated the appointment to Student Life Chair.

Senator McMurtry said that he would like to see the members of the UAF committee after the meeting to discuss meeting times.

**18. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:01 p.m.