

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Seventh Meeting of the 27th Senate
Monday, June 18, 1990
Regents Room, University Center 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:** Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate
2. **Call of the Roll by the Secretary:** Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:**
4. **Report of the President:** Paul Hoglund
5. **Report of the Vice President:** Lee Flemming
6. **Report of the Speaker:** Mark Burge
7. **Special Reports:** None
8. **One Minute Speeches by the Members:**
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: Shannon Wilkie, Chair
10. **Report of the Select Committee:** None
11. **Special Orders:** None
12. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments: None
 - b) Other Business and General Orders:
 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:
 - **SAR 27006** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS ON CAMPUS BY NAMING A DAY IN THEIR HONOR
Sponsors: Joel Richsrds, & Ken Wong
 2. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - **UB 27006** A UNIVERSITY BILL REQUIRING THAT TEXTBOOKS PRICED MORE THAN FORTY DOLLARS BE PLACED IN M.D. ANDERSON LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC USE
Sponsor: Michael Berry
 3. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 4. Committee on Student Life:
 - **UB 27003** A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING UPDATED CAMPUS CRIME REPORTS EASILY ACCESSIBLE
Sponsors: Preeti Gandhi, Molly Kelly, & Ben Talley
 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

13. New Business and General Orders:

- a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
- b) Other New Business and General Orders:

14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

- a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker within Three Class Days Prior to the Senate Meeting:
 - **SAB 27003** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO ADOPT TITLE 1 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS RULES OF THE SENATE; TO EXPRESSLY REPEAL BYLAWS OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION REPLACED BY THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY
Sponsors: Mark Burge, P. Jan Burns, Tiffany Russell, Shannon Wilkie
- b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:

15. Comments and Announcements:

16. Adjournment:

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

The meeting was called to order by Speaker of the Senate Mark Burge at 7:05 PM.

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

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: John Andrew Berggren, Michael C. Berry, P. Jan Burns, Michael Floreani, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Charlie Hasselbrink, Majid Husain, Michael Rosenberger, Shannon Wilkie.

The following senators were excused: Tiffany Russell.

The following senators were absent: Broderick T. Dockery, Carey Eskridge.

The following senators were late: Tuan Nguyen, Joel Richards, Farrel Sharp.

The following University officials were present: Dr. Willie Munson, Dean of Students.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. **Report of the President:**

President Paul Hogle said he has spoken with every member of the committee outlined in the bill on multicultural awareness (UB 27007). He said he met with Carol Archer, head of the multicultural awareness classes at the Language and Culture Center, and was going to be attending one of her classes. He encouraged the senators to do the same. President Hogle said he met with Dean Rodgers of the College of Social Sciences, who suggested that the knowledge integration courses be replaced with multicultural awareness courses. President Hogle brought up a recent proposal by the College of Business that it have its own Career Planning and Placement Center. Senator Hasselbrink proposed that Dr. Munson be allowed to speak on the Senate floor on this topic. The motion passed by a two-thirds majority and the floor was yielded to Dr. Munson. He said there is a move by the College of Business to open its own CPP center. He noted that non-business students seeking careers in the field of business would not be able to use a Career and Placement Center meant exclusively for the business school. Dr. Munson also discussed the precedent this would set for other colleges and that it would lead toward centralized career planning, limiting the job options of many students. President Hogle said he was going to be sampling some of the CPP workshops held during summer. He said he would be addressing the Faculty Senate on issues concerning the Students' Association on Wednesday. Next, President Hogle discussed the upcoming International Economic Summit in Houston. He asked more people to

volunteer to assist in those events taking place on the UH campus. The President thanked Speaker Burge and Senator Burns for representing SA at the recent freshman and transfer orientation sessions. President Hogle informed the Senate that Lloyd Swenson is the new chair of the Academic Council. He also said he has not yet received any response to the university committee and special report forms he passed out to the senators at the last meeting. President Hogle said he discussed UB 27004: ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS with Dean Rodgers. The Dean suggested that the University of Houston give something visible to the community. President Hogle suggested that SA organize a food drive and a book drive. He said SA could organize a 'cleaning up Houston' effort. President Hogle said it would be a good idea for the Honors Program to give credit for three hours of volunteer work. Moving on to the issue of recycling he said that he had spoken to Keith Douglas, from Douglas Papers who was looking into the legal aspects of buying only recycled products. President Hogle said SA could start acting by purchasing recycled products for the SA offices.

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

Vice President Lee Flemming was out of town.

6. **Report of the Speaker:**

Speaker Mark Burge said he had spoken with SA Library Committee Representative, Don Easterling who informed him that Robin Downes, Director of the University of Houston Libraries, was enthusiastic about the recently passed UB 27005: CREATING A PLACE ON CLASS REGISTRATION FORMS FOR AN OPTIONAL DONATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LIBRARIES. The Speaker asked if any of the senators were interested in serving on the SA election code revision committee. Speaker Burge informed the Senate of the Executive Committee's decision to change the Summer Senate meeting time to 6:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM. Giving a legislative update, he said UB 26018: REQUIRING PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION TO ENCOURAGE CARPOOLING ON CAMPUS had been signed by Dr. Magner. He said Dr. Magner indicated that he would respond soon to UB 27004: ESTABLISHING A STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS following consultation with Wendy Adair, Associate Vice President of University Relations. Speaker Burge said Senator Russell asked that Senator Grooms be nominated as Vice Chair of Internal Affairs. Senator Hasselbrink spoke in favor of the nomination. The nomination was put to a vote and approved. Speaker Burge said the Senate Executive Committee meetings are now scheduled for 4:00 PM on Mondays when there are no Senate meetings. He told interested Senators and particularly the Vice Chairs that they are welcome to attend the meeting.

7. **Special Reports:**

None.

8. **One Minute Speeches by the Members:**

Senator Grooms said he will be asking for a committee bypass on SR 27001: CONDEMNING INADEQUATE FOOD SERVICE FOR SUMMER CAMPUS RESIDENTS AND CALLING FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Senator Wilkie expressed her approval for UB 27004: ESTABLISHING A STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

Senator Hasselbrink said he is working on a bill requiring students to sign a food contract at the time they moved into the residence halls. Also he said Harvard and Stanford do not have undergraduate

business programs and should not be used as evidence to support decentralized Career Planning and Placement and that he was opposed to such a move.

Senator Floreani said it was intimidating to go to a school with a centralized placement center and that he supported CPP decentralization.

Senator Burns said she would be discussing UB 27008: ESTABLISHING PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS FUNDS later during the meeting.

Senator Rosenberger said he had recently met with Eric Owens and he hoped that Internal Affairs would bring the appointment of Eric Owens as a Student Court Justice forward as soon as possible.

9. **Reports of the Standing Committees:**

1) *Academic Affairs:* Senator Burns, Chair of Academic Affairs said her committee was reporting unfavorably on UB 27006: REQUIRING THAT TEXTBOOKS OVER \$40 BE PLACED IN M.D. ANDERSON LIBRARY because such a plan would not be cost-effective.

2) *Internal Affairs:* Senator Grooms, Vice-Chair of Internal Affairs said his committee was unable to get in touch with Eric Owens. He gave the Senate information on the other Student Court nominee Maithao Nguyen. Senator Grooms asked that they bypass committee on her nomination since Internal Affairs was unable to achieve quorum at its last meeting.

3) *Student Life:* Senator Hasselbrink, Chair of Student Life said his committee would like to report out favorably on UB 27003: MAKING UPDATED CAMPUS CRIME REPORTS EASILY ACCESSIBLE with a few amendments made in committee.

4) *University Administration and Finance:* Senator Wilkie, Chair of University Administration and Finance said her committee would meet with Ryan Chadwick to discuss his appointment to the President's Budget Advisory Council.

Speaker Burge noted that only the appropriate SA Senate Committee need approve nominations to a university standing committee.

12. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**

a) *Presidential Nominations and Appointments:*

Senator Grooms moved to bypass committee and consider the appointment of Maithao Nguyen to Student Court. Senator Floreani asked if a Senator has the power to move a bill or nomination out of committee. Speaker Burge said the Senate as a whole has the power to do so. The motion to bypass committee and consider the nomination of Maithao Nguyen to Student Court was put to a direct vote and approved by a two thirds vote.

b) *Other Business and General Orders:*

Speaker Burge yielded the floor to President Hogle who explained his reasons for vetoing SAR 27006: RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS ON CAMPUS BY NAMING A DAY IN THEIR HONOR. President Hogle said that while he supported the intent of the bill the mechanics made it impossible to sign. The title of the bill said 'day' and the resolved clause said 'week.' He said there were several spelling mistakes and that the bill did not say who was responsible for implementing it. President Hogle said the bill needed to be researched more and encouraged it to go

back to committee to be amended.

Speaker Burge said the bill will go back to the Student Life Committee unless the Senate overrides the Presidential veto with a two-thirds majority. There was no motion to do so and the bill went back to committee.

Senator Burns spoke against UB 27006: REQUIRING THAT TEXTBOOKS OVER \$40 BE PLACED IN THE LIBRARY. She asked the Senate to 'kill it.' Senator Gandhi asked why the bill did not receive a favorable report. Senator Burns said the bill's intent was to recognize the exorbitant cost of textbooks. Her main objection to the bill was that departments did not have the money to buy these books and place them in the library. Senator Wilkie asked if Barnes and Noble gave complimentary copies of the books to professors. Senator Rosenberger noted that the publishers send free copies of books to professors. Senator Hasselbrink said that if the departments were to buy the books it would discourage them from spending money on newer editions. Senator Richards outlined the 'pros and cons' and said that this would discourage professors from recommending newer and more expensive editions which have only a few cursory changes. Senator Grooms said it is a 'fact of college' that students have to spend money on textbooks. He said this matter should be dealt with by the Bookstore Advisory Committee. Senator Rosenberger said that students do not have extra money to be able to afford expensive books. He said that publishers would be willing to send an extra copy of the book to professors. Senator Hasselbrink said just one copy of the book was not going to be much help if it were placed in the library. Senator Richards said that he wanted the departments to be held accountable for the cost of the books. He said before joining college he was not aware that books were half the amount of his tuition. Senator Grooms said that the bill should be explored more. Senator Floreani said that books can be placed on a four hour reserve in the library. Senator Berggren asked that the bill be rewritten. Speaker Burge said the proper move in that case would be to refer it back to committee. Senator Rosenberger said a further advantage of putting books in the library is that students can glance through books before registration in order to get a picture of the contents of a course. Senator Burns said a student can stand in the bookstore for 2 hours just as easily and glance through books. She recommended that the bill be voted down and a better bill be written. Senator Richards moved to refer UB 27006 to the Student Life committee. He spoke in favor of the motion saying that as it is a problem concerning students the Student Life Committee is prepared to handle it. Senator Grooms spoke against the motion saying that it would be much easier to write a new bill. The motion to refer the bill to committee passed after a direct vote and was referred to the Student Life Committee.

Speaker Burge said that UB 27003: MAKING UPDATED CAMPUS CRIME REPORTS EASILY ACCESSIBLE is a committee substitute coming up for consideration. Senator Rosenberger asked if there is a daily campus crime report. Senator Hasselbrink said Dr. Magner and other University officials receive a daily campus crime report. Senator Hasselbrink proposed a friendly amendment stating that 'reports be purged each week' be added to the enacted clause. The bill was amended with no objection. Senator Grooms asked who would be responsible for updating the report. Senator Hasselbrink said the UH Police Department would do so. Senator Sharp asked how these reports were going to be displayed. Senator Hasselbrink said that was up to the people working at those locations. Senator Rosenberger asked what 'action' referred to in the *whereas* clause. Senator Richards said it referred to the action taken by the police department. Senator Hasselbrink informed the Senate of the changes the committee had made to the bill. Senator Rosenberger proposed an amendment to add 'results of the action taken by UHPD' to the second *whereas* clause. The amendment failed after being put to a vote. UB 27003: REQUIRING THAT UPDATED CAMPUS CRIME REPORTS BE MADE EASILY ACCESSIBLE passed after a direct vote.

13. New Business and General Orders:

a) *Presidential Nominations and Appointments:*

None.

b) *Other New Business and General Orders:*

Senator Burns said she would like to see 'carpooling' researched further.

14. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:**

a) *Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Three Class Days Prior to the Senate Meeting:*

Speaker Burge encouraged senators to turn their legislation in to him three class days or earlier prior to the Senate meeting.

He said SAB 27003: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO ADOPT TITLE 1 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS RULES OF THE SENATE; TO EXPRESSLY REPEAL BYLAWS OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION REPLACED BY THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY sponsored by P. Jan Burns, Tiffany Russell, Shannon Wilkie, Mark Burge would be referred to Internal Affairs.

Senator Richards introduced UB 27007: MANDATING THE ADDITION OF A REQUIREMENT IN MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS TO THE UNDERGRADUATE CORE CURRICULUM sponsored by Tuan Nguyen, Michael Berry and Mark Burge. The Speaker referred it concurrently to Student Life and Academic Affairs and asked them to set up a joint meeting to discuss the bill.

Senator Burns introduced UB 27008: ESTABLISHING PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS FUNDS sponsored by John Breggren, Mark Burge and D. Lee Grooms. Senator Burns drew the Senate's attention to the 4th *whereas* clause which states that no student service fees can legally be allocated to the M.D. Anderson Library. Senator Grooms said he thinks this bill will not be signed as the President of the University will not want a precedent set on telling her how to spend her discretionary fund. The bill was referred to University Administration and Finance.

Senator Grooms asked that the Senate bypass committee on SR 27001: CONDEMNING INADEQUATE FOOD SERVICE FOR SUMMER CAMPUS RESIDENTS AND CALLING FOR IMPROVEMENT sponsored by D. Lee Grooms, Mark Burge and Charlie Hasselbrink. Speaker Burge noted that as this is a Senate Resolution it does not require the SA President's signature. Senator Grooms said that only residents who had a 19 meal plan are allowed to eat in the residence halls on weekends. Senator Wilkie asked if the residents were informed of this beforehand. Speaker Burge said the residents were given no advance warning of such an action. Senator Hasselbrink said he was outraged that students who were on a tight budget had to spend money to eat on the weekends. Senator Sharp asked what the precise wording on the contract is. Senator Hasselbrink said there is no food contract. Senator Breggren asked what was going to happen when the new food contract is signed. Senator Burns said the resolution should be stronger. Senator Grooms said they were fighting against a time constraint and that the Senate does not really have to refer this to committee. The resolution passed after being put to a direct vote.

15. **Comments and Announcements:**

Senator Grooms said student volunteers in the Houston community should make it more visible that they are from the University of Houston.

Speaker Burge asked if all committee chairs had copies of legislation referred to their committees.

16. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:50 PM.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY -SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON JULY 2, 1990

Nandita Venkateswaran

Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary

Mark Burge

Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate