

Minutes
7th Regular Senate Meeting of the 42nd Administration
Mediterranean Room, University Center, 7:30pm
Wednesday, October 5th, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT AT OPENING CALL OF ROLL:

Speaker of the senate- Ken Maynard, Speaker Pro Tem- Mark D Annas, Senator -At large #3-Carlos Abanto, Business Senator #1- Elizabeth Davila, Business Senator #2- Charles Thompson, Business Senator #3- Bilal Zakaria, Business Senator #4-Emmanuel Ojobaro, Education Senator #1- Narmeen Kabiruddin, Engineering Senator-#1 -Eric Rodriguez, HRM Senator- Kanwal Kabiruddin, Class Senator#1-Andrew Gill, Class senator#2-David Rosen, Class Senator #3- Jose Bonilla, Class Senator #4- Collins Idehen, Class Senator #5- Susie Uschkrat , Class Senator #7- Ashley Glaw, NSM Senator #3- Ryan White, Technology Senator- #2 Emerson Vance.

OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ADVISORS PRESENT:

President- David Williams, Director of Finance- Parinaz Firozi, Director of PR- Natasha Patel, Student Regent- Carlos Machado

OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ADVISORS ABSENT AT OPENING CALL OF ROLL:

Vice President- Francisco Zelaya

MEMBERS ABSENT AT OPENING CALL OF ROLL:

Senator At Large- Robin Mitchell, Education Senator #2- Courtney Pursch, Education Senator #3-Cathryn Hoyle, Engineering Senator #2- Oliver Fasterling, Honors College - Katie Stout, LAW Senator- Goldie Gabriel, NSM Senator #1- Vinh Nguyen, NSM Senator #2- Zehra hussain, Architecture Senator-Juan Deleon, Technology Senator #1-Laura Bankston.

SPECIAL REPORTS

a) NAACP – Been Woods

Thanks the Senate for being invited to speak at the meeting. He said that he was here to represent the many students that were hurt, offended and angered by the disgraceful cartoon. He mentioned that no one should pay to be insulted and the apologies by editor Matt were quite hollow. He asked for three things

- i. Termination of Editor in Chief- Matt Dulin and Cartoonist- Arturo Gonzalez and Opinion Editor- James Davis
- ii. New Student Publication
- iii. Asked about the tuition fees that need to be paid on Monday Oct 10th by the new Gulf Coast Coogs.

b) Matt Dulin (Editor in Chief of Daily Cougar)

Matt Dulin asked everyone to continue coming to him and talking to him as he wanted to hear what everyone wanted to say to him as they had every right to be being offended and hurt. He said he admits his bad decision but he

wouldn't step down but rather wanted to restore the trust in daily cougar again. He said that he would publish every complaint and opinion and that the cartoonist is not going to do any more cartoons. Insisted that there is no need to have another student publication. Also mentioned he did not want to put the President of the University of Houston in between this matter.

STUDENTS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SENATE

About 18 students addressed the senate on this issue. Some were supporting the Daily Cougar's right for forgiveness while the other students that were offended by the cartoon asked for justice by resignation of the 3 people involved and the start of a new student publication.

TWO MINUTE SPEECHES BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Emmanuel Ojobaro- Business Senator #4

He spoke about the cartoon and said no hasty decisions should be made and that having a second paper is not a good decision.

Collins Idehan- Class Senator #4

He said the carton was offensive and even if it wasn't meant to hurt anyone the timing was not right.

Ryan White- NSM Senator #3

Complained about the offensive carton degrading the University of Houston.

Charles Thompson- Business Senator #2

Commented on keeping race and feelings aside.

Elizabeth Davila

Commented on the need to redesign the Daily Cougar. It needs to look around and renovate itself.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Thanks Woods and Dulin for coming and talking. Realized the full impact of the carton after today's meeting. Thanks everyone for having discipline and discretion. Mentioned about applications that are available for STUDENT REGENT (system), and also election commissioners. Also stressed on the part that townhall meetings should be held atleast once a month. The great Pumpkin event is takin plice on 31 Oct with SGA co-sponsoring it. Parking lot -12 A is all gravel and need lights and proper marking lines.

REPORT OF THE REGENT

- 1) Student Leaders meeting was supposed to be held last Tuesday but he will be getting new dates for the meeting in Clearlake and encouraged everyone to make it .
- 2) Invites everyone to the Lighting of the Moody Towers mock up session will be held 6th OCT, between 7:30 and 9:00 pm.
- 3) Student Regent Applications are available and anyone who needs to talk about it cad discuss it with him.

REPORT OF THE SPEAKER

Encourages Students to make a difference by applying for the Student Regent .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STUDENT LIFE- Elizabeth Davila

Asks everyone to be there for a meeting on the 10th to discuss the lighting of the Moody Towers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Class Senator #4-Collins Idehen asked the Senate to look into the matter about the newly enrolled Gulf Coast students being dropped out of class if they are unable to pay tuition.

Speaker Ken Maynard replied that it will be looked into and investigated.

NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Two people were appointed to the committee to increase attendance at sporting events.

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COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Pro Tem Mark D. Annas- Asked all the members of the Senate to show up next meeting as the Constitution will be discussed.