

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
Eighteenth Meeting of the 32nd Senate
Regents' Room, University Center, 7:00 PM
November 1, 1995**

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate, Jennifer Zuber, at 7:08 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

The following senators were present: Benito Aguilar, Caryn Arouty, Andrew Becker, Brad Castelo, B.J. Clark, Tiffany Daniel, Usha Desai, John Gafford, Scott Gorrell, Steve Hairgrove, Omilla Harrysingh, Casey McMurtry, Natalie Merritt, Spring Pankratz, Jon Sweet.

The following Senators were absent: Royce Bowie, Jon Erickson, Renee Griggs, Aaron Lowe, John Moore, and Arthur White.

The following Senators were excused: Sherise Duhart, Nicole McZeal, Nikki Mike, Nader Shah, Stephanie Smith and Colleen Truitt

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Giovanni Garibay, Dom Lewinsohn, Kay To, and Tori Boutte

The following university officials were present: None

Senator Brad Castelo moved to suspend the rules of order to swear in B.J. Clark. Andrew Becker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Special Reports:

Director of Public Relations Tori Boutte distributed a memo listing some concerns. She talked about Town Hall meetings and Constituents' Day. She said that this will be a day for all Senators to meet with students and distribute information about key issues. She then passed around a copy of the new Students' Association logo. Director Boutte talked about the Affirmative Action Open Mic. She said that SA is not taking a stand on the issue, but are informing people and giving them a chance to talk about the issue.

5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate:

None

6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members

Senator Brad Castelo thanked all SA members who helped out with Disability Awareness Week. He talked about a new organization that will focus on community service with children. He is also working on involving athletes with the program. He also said that he is working on a race relations program with Senator Arthur White.

Senator Andrew Becker addressed the feedback that he has had from his constituents about the SA objectives. He said that he has heard objections to the mandatory history of UH class and the mandatory

orientation.

7. Report of the President:

President Giovanni Garibay thanked the Senators who were able to attend the Hamburger Cookout with President Goerke. He then addressed parking as another pressing issue at UH. He talked about the coverage in the Daily Cougar and said that the area near the communication building is of particular concern. He said that he is working on examining the Shuttle service situation.

President Garibay then addressed the committee chairs urging them to interview people expediently since many committees are waiting for student representation.

President Garibay said that credit card payment for fees should be enacted by Fall 1996. He talked to the Senators about the Affirmative Action rally at the UC Satellite and said that it would benefit all students to attend.

8. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Dom Lewinsohn talked about the ad being placed for the open Senator seats. He then urged the Senators to bypass the committee applicants that have been sitting in committee for awhile.

9. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker of the Senate Jennifer Zuber reported on the TSA conference. She said that it was beneficial to all those that attended. She congratulated Jon Erickson on his appointment to TSA Judicial Board. She then read a letter from Administrative Secretary Amy Helbach about procedures for Senate meeting paperwork.

10. Reports of the Standing Committees

a) Academic Affairs

Committee Chair Jon Sweet said that AA will be meeting before the next meeting.

b) Internal Affairs

Committee Chair Brad Castelo said that they considered two nominees and reported favorably on them. He said that they are working on the computer situation for the Director of Finance.

c) Student Life

Committee Chair Natalie Merritt said that SL had not met, but a meeting was set for the next Friday. She said that they have a lot of things to work on and will be working on committee appointments at the next meeting and legislation at the one following.

d) University Administration and Finance

Committee Chair Andrew Becker said that UAF has met with all applicants except one who's application was missing. He said that they are reporting favorably on all but one.

11. Reports of the Select Committees

Constitution and Code Committee Chair John Moore said that the target date for changes to the constitution to be completed is early December.

12. Special Orders

None

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:

Amy Polley	Police Advisory Committee
Amy Polley	Teaching Excellence Awards Committee
Jeffrey Young	Self Study Committee on Institutional Purpose

2. Committee on Internal Affairs:

Presidential Nominations:

Joel Westra	Senator At-Large #3
Stephen Black	Business Senator #1

Senator Brad Castelo made the motion to approve both Joel Westra and Stephen Black for Senatorial positions. Senator Natalie Merritt seconded.

The Senate voted unanimously to approve the nominations.

The rules of order were suspended to swear in Senator Westra and Senator Black.

3. Committee on Student Life:

Committee Appointments:

Francisco Sosa	Energy Conservation Committee
Sabra Moscot	Energy Conservation Committee
Gregory Soape	Energy Conservation Committee
Francisco Sosa	Sexual Harassment Board
Sabra Moscot	Sexual Harassment Board
Kent Nouri	Health Center Policy Board
Mary Nabors	Health Center Policy Board
Mary Nabors	Student Publications Committee
Nicole Agustus	Orientation Advisory Committee
David White	UC Policy Board

4. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

Committee Appointments:

Nicole Wolf	Undergraduate Admissions Review Committee
Nicole Wolf	Police Advisory Committee
Nicole Wolf	Parking Advisory Committee
Robert Fafatas	Police Advisory Committee

Senator Andrew Becker moved to discharge and consent in block all those in committee. Senator Casey McMurtry seconded the motion.

The Senate unanimously voted to accept the nominations.

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: ?

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: ?

4. Committee on Student Life:

SAR 32001 A Students' Association Resolution

Sponsor: ?

UB 32006 A University Bill Amending the UH Student Life Policies

Sponsor: ?

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: ?

15. New Business and General Orders

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

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b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Becker motioned to bypass Amy Polley for Police Advisory Committee and Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee. Senator Spring Pankratz seconded the motion.

Senator John Moore made a friendly amendment to add Mike Sachs to the list of those to be bypassed. Senator Becker accepted the friendly amendment.

Senator Usha Desai made a friendly amendment to add Jeffrey Young. Senator Becker accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to bypass all the applicants from the Student Life Committee.

Senator Moore made a point of order to state the motion.

Senator Desai seconded the motion.

Senator Merritt said that the committee had not met due to restructuring and asked the Senate to let them do their job.

Vice President Lewinsohn said that some of these people have been in committee for weeks and these people want to get involved.

Senator Castelo said that they could wait two days until the committee was meeting.

Senator Caryn Arouty said that everyone would have to make quorum so they should just be bypassed now.

As a point of information, Senator Merritt asked if members of the Executive Cabinet could make motions.

Senator Moore made the motion to bypass all applicants in the Student Life committee. Senator Arouty seconded.

Senator Moore called the question. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted unanimously to call the question.

After division of assembly was called, the motion passed.

Senator Becker moved to consent to all the applicants that were in Student Life. Senator Moore seconded.

The motion passed.

- c) Other New Business and General Orders
None

16. Closing Call of the Roll By the Secretary

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17. Comments and Announcements

Director Boutte acknowledged the PR Intern Calin Oprean and thanked him for all his hard work.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:55.