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TWENTY-THIRD SENATE  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ninth Meeting, Monday, August 4, 1986  
Dallas-El Paso Room

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by the Speaker of the Senate Alfred Bennett in the Dallas-El Paso Room in the University Center.

A verbal roll call was made and the following Senators were present: Brokaw, Mian, Nachtigall, Ramsey, Williams, L. and Williams J.

The following Senators were absent: Anctil, Bhagani, Gold and Sheppard.

Also in attendance were: Chaney Williams, Senate Secretary; Willie Munson, Director of Campus Activities, Paul Moore, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Deron Gooden, Senator-Elect, and Former Senator, Don Shotton.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Report of the President:

President Boates stated that Paul Moore, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will be giving a report later in the meeting. He noted that Dr. Moore original topic was athletics, since the state wide budget cuts are coming into affect, Dr. Moore will be giving an indepth report on the situation as it affects the university.

President Boates stated that Vice President Husain had attended a university budgetary meeting on July 22nd. The topics that were discussed were as follows:

1. A possible 15 percent cut by the state. The university would make use of its reserve funds.
2. Limiting of salary increases.
3. Cutting of Summer School 87.
4. Banning of out of state travel.
5. Cutting of programs.
6. Cutting of operating expenses.

President Boates stated that Peter Coltzer, Assistant to the President for External Affairs has been monitoring the proposed budget cuts at the state level. Mr. Coltzer has stated that there will be a Special Session of the Texas State Legislature from August 6 - September 6. Some of the options that the legislators will be considering are as follows:

1. Universities proposed their own cuts; voluntary actions; not likely.
2. 14 percent cut in Higher Education; temporarily.
3. 34 percent cut in Higher Education.

Governor White opposes any cuts in Higher Education. However, during the Gubernatorial Election, he will not be campaigning against the proposed cuts in

## Higher Education.

President Boates noted that the academic strains due to these proposed cuts could possibly: delay graduation, increase class size with a decrease in section size, and increase the number of teaching assistants on campus. President Boates suggested that Lela Williams, Chairperson for the Academic Affairs Committee work closely with Dr. Cocanougher, Senior Vice Chancellor/Provost concerning this crucial situation.

President Boates emphasized that the Students' Association and the Senate need to increase the level of communication with the Board of Regents in an effort to put forth the students point of view; proposed budgets and academic cuts.

President Boates noted that the Senate needs to take an active role on the following points:

1. Define the students priorities; this can be done through legislation.
2. Suggest roles that the student leaders can play with the administration.
3. Create concern among the students; the Department of SA Communication can be helpful; Daily Cougar.

President Boates noted in closing, that he would be asking the Senate to vote bypass on the legislation concerning academic cuts and additional tuition increases. He noted that the SA budget would be considered on the first meeting of the Fall Semester, August 25th.

## Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Husain encouraged the members of the Senate to prepare questions for Dr. Moore, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to answer later on in the meeting.

Vice President Husain stated that the SA budget would be introduced later on in the meeting. He noted that the Students' Association faces a \$4000.00 shortfall, however, a new account has been developed in order to compensate the Committee Chairpersons. He noted that the Students' Association is hoping to make a position stand by compensating the Committee Chairpersons.

Vice President Husain noted that he had attended a university budget meeting. The following items were discussed:

1. Cuts in utilities.
2. Cuts in student affairs; will have tremendous affect on the student population.
3. Cuts in special activities.
4. No further hiring of faculty and staff; academic cuts will not occur unless additional cuts are imposed by the stated; the university would possibly lose a large amount of professors, however, this can be prevented by maintaining their pay scale; no salary increases.
5. University Structure; this university has been cited as a research institute. This statement might be proven false if any additional increases are imposed.

Vice President Husain urged the members of the Senate to vote bypass on the legislation proposed by the Executive Committee in an effort to combat any additional increases. He noted that Peter Coltzer, Assistant to the SA President for External Affairs will be going to Austin in an effort to lobby the legislators to perceive the student's view point.

Vice President Husain noted in closing, that other several other pieces of legislation would be reported on later in the meeting. They are as follows:

1. Simple resolution - amendment to the Senate Code.
2. Simple resolution - amendment to the Senate Rules of Order.
3. Draft 2 of a constitutional amendment concerning the criteria for Student Leader Compensation.

Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Bennett noted that the Senate Executive Committee had met on July 30, 1986 in the Aegean Room of the University Center. The following items were approved or discussed:

1. Guidelines for the Senator Recognition Award.
2. 7:00pm meeting time of the Fall Senate in the Dallas-El Paso Room. The first meeting being held August 25th. Rescheduling of Michael Johnson, Interim Director for Athletics.

Speaker Bennett stated that Mr. Johnson had a previous engagement and would be unable to appear before the Senate tonight, however, Dr. Moore, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs would be addressing the proposed budget cuts.

Speaker Bennett called for a motion to allow Dr. Moore, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to speak before the Senate. Senator Mian spoke in favor of the motion. After motion was made and seconded, The Senate went into direct consideration of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Reports:

Dr. Moore, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Dr. Moore encouraged the members of the Senate to be optimistic about the proposed budget and possible academic cuts. He noted that the university is still progressing. This progress can be seen through the renovations of the University Center, Child Care Center expansion, expansion of on-line registration and the increased interest among students to reside on campus. Dr. Moore noted that no decisions as of yet have been made as to what if any programming will be cut. He encouraged the members of the Senate to make their positions known among the administration.

Dr. Moore noted in closing, that the investigation of the Athletic Department is complete. He commended Mr. Johnson, Interim Director for Athletics on a job well done. Dr. Moore encouraged the members of the Senate to continue to improve relations with the Athletic Department and the student body.

Dr. Moore then opened the floor for questions.

QUESTION - RESPONSE

Senator Mian - The Olymic Festival brought a deal of good will to the university, however, the residents of the dorms were greatly disturbed by their inconvenience - Why was this so?

RESPONSE - Moore

Where there is a positive situation there are always some drawbacks - the city as well as the university needed the revenues brought in by the Festival. We engage in these sort of activities every summer.

FOLLOW-UP

Are you saying this will be done in the future?

RESPONSE - Moore

Yes, however, the festivals in the future won't quite be so enormous.

Senator Brokaw - All departments are working on prioritizing their budgets - the College Education states that if students have not completed their degree including Student Teaching by Fall 1987 additional requirements will be added - it has been said that Summer School 1987 will be cut - What provisions will be made for these students to complete their degrees?

RESPONSE - Moore

I can not answer that question, however exceptions will be made to certain colleges. What you have heard is probably true.

FOLLOW-UP

You stated that your department is developing a list priorities - is it possible for this body to see this list?

RESPONSE - Moore

Yes, however I am not going to publish the list. It might invoke fear, and I do not want to do that unless the situation becomes serious.

President Boates - The Student Leader Compensation Committee is meeting to report to you in the Fall. One recommendation was unacceptable - What are you looking for in the plan?

RESPONSE - Moore

The Chancellor and I will meet to discuss the committee's findings. Probably my major concern is that - Why students are given money for leadership?

FOLLOW-UP

Are you concerned with the number of people that are compensated or the amount they are compensated?

RESPONSE - Moore

Both.

Senator Lela Williams - Elaborate on on-line registration for orientation.

RESPONSE - Moore

This will be available to the campus in late 1987.

Senator Nachtigall - Late registration is only one day - it is also on the first day of classes - Is this being reconsidered?

RESPONSE - Moore

Yes. The primary reason being is that in the past we did not have computing power. Our goal is to get rid of this problem. It will probably be available in the Spring of 1987.

President Boates - Chancellor Van horn states he does not want to cut Summer School - Why is it when the budget cuts are mentioned, Summer School is the first item mentioned?

RESPONSE - Moore

I believe you have the wrong perception; it is the easiest thing to cut because it does not "get at the substance of any unit.

Speaker Bennett thanked Dr. Moore. The members of the Senate applauded.

One-Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Nachtigall urged the members of the Senate to support the teaching evaluation bill which will be brought back in September to the Undergraduate Council.

Senator Mian urged the members of the Senate to share their views with him on the renovations of the University Center.

Senator Lela Williams urged the members of the Senate to strive for the Senator Recognition Award.

Reports of the Standing Committees:

**Committee on Academic Affairs: Lela Williams, Chairperson**

Chair Williams stated that her committee had met on July 28th to discuss UB 32001 concerning Teaching Assistants. She noted that her committee would be reporting favorably on the bill with some amendments. Chair Williams also noted that her committee had met on August 4th to discuss the appointments of Ken Anctil - Undergraduate Council and Ron Mahlmann - Academic Computer Advisory Committee. She noted that the committee would be reporting favorably on the appointments.

**Committee on Student Life: Tariq Mian, Chairperson**

Chair Mian noted that his committee had met on August 1st at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the University Center. He stated that the committee discussed SR 32004, concerning the need to fill the position of Campus Activities Advisor. He further stated that the committee would be reporting on the bill favorably with some

amendments. He noted in closing, the input of the Senate was needed concerning the Judicial Bylaws.

**Committee on University Administration & Finance: Ken Anctil, Chairperson**

Senator Brokaw gave the report for the committee. Senator Brokaw stated that the committee had met on August 4th to discuss SR 32005, concerning short term loans and SR 32006, concerning availability of short term loans for priority registration. He noted that the committee would be reporting favorably on the legislation.

**Committee on Internal Operations: chair to be named**

Senator Ramsey gave the report for the committee. Senator Ramsey noted that the committee had met on July 31st at 6:30pm to interview Deron Gooden - Business Position 3 (Senate) and John Cox - Student Traffic Court. She noted that the committee would be reporting favorably on the appointments. She stated in closing, the committee had discussed SB 32002 and are currently awaiting a redraft of the bill.

**Committee on Budget and Appropriations: Ben Sheppard, Chairperson**

No report at this time.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

Senator Ramsey reported favorably on the appointment of Deron Gooden to Business Position 3 (Senate). Senator Ramsey spoke in favor of the appointment. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the appointment. The appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Senator Ramsey reported favorably on the appointment of John Cox to the Student Traffic Court. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the appointment. The appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Chair Williams reported favorably on the following appointments:

Ken Anctil - Undergraduate Council

Ron Mahlmann - Academic Computer Advisory Committee

Chair Williams spoke in favor of the appointments. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the appointments. The appointments were unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Senate Resolution # 32004

Sponsor: K. Anctil

A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF THE POSITION OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES ADVISOR BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK.

Senator Mian reported favorably on the resolution with some amendments. Senator Mian spoke in favor of the resolution. Speaker Bennett called for a motion to suspend the rules in order to have Willie Munson, Director of Campus Activities speak before the body. Senator Nachtigall spoke in favor of the motion. After motion was made and seconded, the motion carried. Mr. Munson noted that the position has been denied by the Chancellor. He urged the members of the Senate to approve the legislation. Speaker Bennett called for the orders of the day. The motion carried. Senator Mian made motion to amend the resolution. Senator Ramsey spoke in favor of the amendment. Senator Nachtigall made motion to amend Mian's

amendment. The Senate went into direct consideration of Nachtigall's amendment to the amendment. Senator Nachtigall spoke in favor of the amendment to the amendment. The amendment to the amendment carried. The Senate then went into direct consideration of the amendment, it passed unanimously. The Senate then went into direct consideration of the entire resolution, the resolution passed unanimously.

Senate Resolution #: 32005

Sponsor: J. Brokaw

A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNT FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS TO BE RAISED FROM \$300.00 TO \$400.00.

Senator Brokaw reported favorably on the resolution. Senator Brokaw spoke in favor of the resolution. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

Senate Resolution #: 32006

Sponsor: J. Brokaw

A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CHANGE IN THE SHORT-TERM LOAN POLICY WHICH WOULD MAKE SHORT-TERM LOANS AVAILABE FOR PRIORITY FEE PAYMENT.

Senator Brokaw reported favorably on the resolution. Senator Brokaw spoke in favor of the resolution. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

University Bill 32001

Sponsor: M. Ul-Haque

A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY POLICY WHEREBY ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT BY TEACHING ASISTANTS (TA's) ARE APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED AS SUCH IN THE CLASS SCHEDULE.

Senator Jim Williams reported favorably on the bill. Chair Lela Williams spoke in favor of the bill with the committee's attached amendments. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the bill. The bill passed unanimously.

#### Approval of Members-at-large for SPB Allocations Committee

Speaker Bennett called for the approval of the following individuals:

Rohini Gupta  
Noe Baltazar  
Thomas Berton  
Deron Le John Gooden

Senator Mian spoke in favor of the individuals as a block. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the appointments. The appointments were unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

#### New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes:

None at this time.

Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

Senate Resolution #: 32009

Sponsors: K. Anctil, J. Brokaw, and T. Mian

A SENATE RESOLUTION OPPOSING ACADEMIC CUTS.

Senator Nachtigall made motion to bypass the resolution. Senator Nachtigall spoke in favor of the motion to bypass. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the motion. The motion carried. Senator Nachtigall spoke in favor of the resolution. The Senate then went into direct consideration of the resolution. Senator Mian made motion to amend the resolution. After motion was made and seconded, the motion to amend carried. The Senate then went into direct consideration of the entire resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

Senate Bill #: 32003

Sponsor: J. Williams

A SENATE BILL ESTABLISHING THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987.

Simple Resolution #: 32002

A SIMPLE RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 99 OF SUBCHAPTER C OF THE SENATE CODE.

Simple Resolution #: 32003

A SIMPLE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF SENATE.

Comments and Announcements:

Speaker Bennett commended the Senators on the great amount of work that they had put forth toward legislation. He noted that the next meeting of the Senate would be on August 25th at 7pm in the Dallas-El Paso Room of the University Center.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.