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The sixth meeting of the fifth session of Student Senate was called to order by President RICHARD POSTON at 8:35 p.m. in the World Affairs Room of the University Center.

Twenty-five Senators were present. Those absent were: LES KEATON, BILL NEUMANN, JIM NICHOLAS, AND ZAFAR TAQVI.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President POSTON reported that the Executive Committee met at 5:30. They discussed legislation that is coming out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND JUDICIARY

Senator LOMBARDINO reported that the committee met on Wednesday, May 8, 1968 at noon. Present were Senators Ciscel, Lombardino, Norman, and Smith. Absent was Senator Nicholas. Senators Neumann and Nicholas were excused from the April 29, 1968 meeting and Senators Saxe and Flores were considered unexcused. For the third time Jerry Patchen (the attorney general appointee) did not attend the meeting in order to gain committee approval. The matter will be turned over to Student Court. Glen Harrison was approved as Parliamentarian. Pat Judice's appointment as Senator was disapproved.

FISCAL AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Senator WHITMAN reported that the committee met at 2:15 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 1968. Present were Senators Balch, Nelson, Plank, Whitman, and Williamsen. The Committee considered and held in committee Senate Bill 11. UH Bills 8, 9, and 14 were favorably reported out of committee. Senate Bills 5, 7, and 13 were favorably reported out of committee.

STUDENT LIFE

Senator POTTER reported that the committee met May 8, 1968. The committee considered the following appointments: Lee Martin to the University Center Policy Board, approved 4-0; Donna Sikes, Orientation Steering Committee, approved 4-0; Linda King, Orientation Steering Committee, approved 4-0; Cookie McAvoy, Orientation Steering Committee, approved 2-1-1; Bobby Brownstein, Orientation Steering Committee, tabled; and Ted Sinadinos, University Center Policy Board, approved 4-0. UH Bill No. 10 was reported out favorably.

Senator POTTER then read a majority report on the appointment of Cookie McAvoy:

Miss McAvoy's appointment to the Orientation Steering Committee was quite possibly ill-advised. Her case for appointment was prejudiced against by the behavior of the administration's representatives on the committee who wanted to control the committee by controlling all the student representatives. However, she demonstrated a sincere desire to make up for her lack of experience and information concerning the orientation of freshmen to education. Further, the abstaining member of the Student Life Committee objected not to the appointee, but to the method of her selection, and to the fact that by already serving on committee we are in fact being asked to rubber stamp administration initiated appointments. The committee further recommends that all appointments be made by the Student Association and that the terms of their appointments begin with the planning of the next year's orientation and not (as it is now) beginning after most of the planning of the next year's orientation has already been developed. Further, we wish to call upon all committees to reconsider their roles as responsible representatives of the best interests of the student body and in the future demand that all appointees be scrutinized objectively before approval--whether or not they are already serving in the capacity to which they are being appointed. In addition, we request that the executive department make appointments prior to the necessity for their service so that proper deliberation may occur and only the most fitting appointments may be made--and not expect us to be pressured into approval by expediency.

Senator POTTER then read a minority report on the appointment of Cookie McAvoy:

I would recommend that the Senate seriously consider the appointment of Cookie. I voted against her appointment on the grounds that I feel she is not ready or qualified for a position on the Steering Committee. She is a very personable individual and appears to be a good worker; but I disagree with her opinion of what should be emphasized during Freshman Orientation. She seems to be ignorant of the newest trends of Orientation. I am sure she can learn, but is it fair to burden her with responsibility before she gains experience and knowledge? Submitted by Irene Salinas.

Senator POTTER then read a letter from Cookie McAvoy, who could not attend the meeting:

I am unable to attend tonight's Senate Meeting because the Law Hall Dorm Council, of which I am President, is having its banquet off-campus. This banquet has been planned for three weeks, and I felt it unfair to ask the Dorm Council to reschedule the dinner just because I was to go to the Senate Meeting. Regarding my appointment to the Orientation Steering Committee I would like to say the following on my behalf:

1. Although I was notified of the Orientation Steering Committee position by an administrator, I feel that I would be representative to the Committee from the students and would therefore be open-minded to suggestions given me by my fellow students.
2. At present I have done no work on the Orientation Steering Committee. I hope that the way in which I found out about the position will not be held against me. By no means, do I feel that I am a member of the steering committee until I have the Senate's approval.
3. I sincerely hope that the Senate will consider my appointment solely on my qualifications. I don't pretend to have all the answers about the newest trends of Orientation. However, I am willing to put in the time and effort necessary to find out how to do the best job possible.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS AND POLICY

Senator SVENDSEN reported that a sub-committee of Robert Black and Tina Svendsen met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 1968. The sub-committee decided to hold UH Bill 15 in committee. UH Bill 12 is reported out favorably upon completion of Section 3. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator SHEHORN reported that the committee met at 8:55 p.m. May 6, 1968, and moved to report Senate Resolution 9 out favorably. All members were present.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Senator GANEM reported that the committee met Tuesday, May 7, 1968, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Senators Delafield, Freeman, Neumann, and Ganem. The Committee interviewed Susie Jarrett for her appointment as chairman of the Department of Organizational Affairs. Her appointment was approved unanimously. The committee then discussed Senate Bill No. 16 and decided to hold it in committee.

Senator NELSON asked the reason for turning the appointment of Jerry Patchen over to the Student Court. Senator LOMBARDINO replied that the role of attorney general had not been approved, and that the committee felt he was assuming the duties. The committee asked Patchen to appear three times, and he did not. President POSTON then stated that the type of work was not the type that you could get an injunction to prevent. He further stated that Patchen was doing the work of an executive assistant. The only time an injunction could be brought is if Jerry were actually prosecuting.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator LOMBARDINO moved that the portion of his committee report dealing with absences be accepted. There was a second. The motion passed.

The appointment of Glen Harrison as Parliamentarian was then brought before the Senate. Senator WHITMAN stated that he felt the people should be here when they were being discussed. Senator KOHLER stated that Glen was studying for an exam; President POSTON stated that he had called three or four times when he was absent to tell him. Senator GANEM asked Glen's qualifications. Senator LOMBARDINO said that Glen had been attending a class in Parliamentary Procedure, that he had been a parliamentarian in high school, and that he was on the Honors Program. The vote was taken, and failed.

The appointment of Lee Martin to the University Center Policy Board was then brought before the Senate. Senator NELSON asked Lee who he was and what he was. Lee stated that he was vice-president of the Program Council, a sophomore, and that he had worked up to vice-president from being a member of a committee. He stated that he would like to be on the Policy Board for the experience and for the students. The appointment was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Donna Sikes to the Orientation Steering Committee was then brought before the Senate. Senator POTTER said he couldn't speak for her because he didn't know her; but she was a real nice girl. President POSTON said that in the future he wanted the committee reports to be more detailed. He said this would clarify the committee reports. He further said the purpose of someone appearing before committee was to interview them in depth. POTTER stated that Donna came from the same source as Cookie McAvoy. He said she was pretty open-minded and did not have real definite ideas about it. She was open to suggestions and willing to listen. POTTER further stated that he couldn't say in a few sentences her whole impression. The appointment was voted on and approved.

The appointment of Linda King to the Orientation Steering Committee was then brought before the Senate. Senator POTTER stated that the "same goes for Linda." He stated that she was smart, and well informed; she also has had a lot of experience in student government. Senator SHEHORN asked how much money the committee members got. President POSTON stated that they got \$400 for the summer. The appointment was voted on and approved.

The appointment of Cookie McAvoy was then brought before the Senate. Senator POTTER stated that if you listened to his committee report you got it. It was voted on and approved.

The appointment of Susie Jarrett as Director of Organizational Affairs was then brought before the Senate. Senator WHITMAN asked what duties this office had. Susie stated that she would be helping with the President's Forum and trying to get better relations between organizations and student government. She would be working closely with the Organizations Board and fall orientation.

Senator BALCH asked her qualifications. She stated that she was chairman of the organizations board this year and was appointed to it for a while last time. President POSTON said she officially is appointed a member of the organizations board also, but that will have to be done next time. She was voted on and approved.

Then Chairman POTTER said that there was one further appointment, that of Ted Sinadinos to the UC Policy Board. Senator POTTER further stated that his committee felt that there should be an international student on the Policy Board, and that Ted was very active in ISO. He was voted on and passed.

Consideration of the Budget, UH Bill No. 8, was then brought before the Senate. Senator WHITMAN read the bill. Senator SVENDSEN moved to amend CA505, the Contingency, to read \$500 rather than \$3,000. The motion was seconded. There was debate on the motion; the main points made were that it was merely a proposal; the budget in its final form would be submitted in September. It was explained that that programs such as TAC came out of the Executive Department and Committee Expenses, and that Contingency was created in case something ran over. The motion was voted on and failed. Senator KOHLER asked why Law Day, \$500, had been added. President POSTON stated that it was because it fell under Campus Dances and Events, which subsidize certain all school functions. Law Day received \$200. Senator KOHLER moved to amend to delete CA501D, Law Day; the motion was seconded. Senator NELSON stated that it would cover all law-oriented programs. Debate followed on why Law Day received special interest. The motion was voted on and passed. Senator CISCEL moved to amend CA503 to add I, TAC, \$5,000. The motion was seconded. There was extended debate on the motion. It was voted on and passed. Senator NELSON moved to amend CA503C to \$15,400. It was seconded. Senator KOHLER stated that it was unrealistic to present this to the administration. The motion was voted on and passed. The bill was then voted on and passed.

UH Bill No. 5, A bill to Establish the Safety and Security Advisory Board, was then brought up for consideration. Senator WHITMAN read the bill. Discussion on the bill brought out the point that this board would set the rules and the Traffic Appeals Board would continue to interpret them. Senator POTTER asked if they would accept Robert's Rules. The President stated that they probably would. The bill was voted on and passed.

Senate bill No. 7, A bill to establish a Broadcast Board for KUHF, was brought before the Senate. Senator BALCH read the bill. Senator POTTER amended Section 3 to strike philosophy; Section 4,A,2 to read "Dean of Students or his designated representative; to add between 4 and 5 "two appointed members of the Student Association; to add "8, Program director; to add to Section C,"beginning June 1," and add "D, that the chairman of the Broadcast Board be elected from student members." All motions passed. Senator SVENDSEN made a friendly amendment that Section 5 leave out "to consider the problems of KUHF." BALCH wouldn't accept it. Debate followed, and it was pointed out that this restricted the board to that subject. Senator BALCH accepted it as friendly. The bill passed.

UH Bill No. 9, A bill to establish a Special Committee to Study Student Financial Costs at the University of Houston, was brought before the Senate. There was little debate on the bill, and it passed.

UH Bill No. 10, A Bill to Provide for a Loading Zone in Front of the University Center, was then brought for consideration. There was little debate on the bill, and it passed.

Senate Bill No. 13, a Bill to Provide for the Removal of Elected and Appointed Student Association Officials that Fail to Meet Their Academic Requirements, was brought up for consideration. Vice President COX read the bill. Senator CISCEL stated that this bill was designed to remove power from the Senate and give it to the Executive Committee. Vice-President COX stated that it was to give power to the committee to compute the Grade Point Average of the officials. There was no further comments, and the bill passed.

Senate Bill No. 14, A Bill to Establish an Advisory Committee on Printing Plant Policy, was then brought before the Senate. The Bill was tabled for ten minutes so that the sponsors could rewrite some of it. Senator POTTER then read the bill. He pointed out that this was not intended to be a standing committee; the policy was to be reviewed, and recommendations made. The bill passed.

Senate Resolution No. 9, A resolution Urging the Establishment of an Annual Conference at the University of Houston, was brought up for consideration. Senator SHEHORN read the bill. There was no debate; the bill passed, highly.

At this time Senator CISCEL moved that the Senate by-pass committee on University of Houston Bill No. 12, A Bill to Establish an Advisory Library Committee. The motion was seconded, and passed. Senator SAXE read the bill. He stated that this bill was establishing something that already existed, and thereby making it official. The bill passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator BALCH introduced Senate Resolution No. 13, A RESOLUTION URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HIRE MORE MINORITY GROUP FACULTY MEMBERS ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH WHITE FACULTY, and it was referred to the Committee on Student Involvement.

Senator Balch introduced Senate Resolution No. 14, A RESOLUTION URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THEIR EFFORTS TO SEEK OUT AND ENCOURAGE MORE MINORITY GROUP STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, which was referred to the Committee on Student Involvement.

Senator BALCH introduced Senate Bill No. 17, A BILL TO CHANGE ALL MENTION OF "NEGRO" IN STUDENT ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS TO "AFRO-AMERICAN," which was referred to the Committee on Student Involvement.

The election of the Summer Senate was then brought up. Senators LOMBARDINO, CISCEL, WHITMAN, SVENDSEN, and BALCH were nominated. Senators LOMBARDINO, CISCEL, AND SVENDSEN were elected.

President Poston announced that he vetoed the Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the Senate adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard G. Poston, President

Pat Fitzgerald, Senate Secretary