



# STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SENATE JOURNAL

TWENTY-SIXTH SENATE  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Third Meeting of the Summer Senate  
Monday, July 17, 1989  
Conference Room, University Center Underground  
7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate, Michael Danke, at 7:15 p.m. At this time quorum was not met, and Mike Bell began speaking on the issue of Shasta.

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

The following Senators were present: Barrus, Browne, Danke, Kumar, Miklos, Nava, Parker, Potter, Sharma.

The following Senators were absent: Harper, Karim, Kumar, Marino, Saeed .

The following Senators were excused: Spacek, Wuthrich.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Mikal Belicove, Lance Peterman, and Mark Brokowski - Co-Director of Personnel.

The following University Officials were present: Thomas Mercado.

With the arrival of Senator Parker, Quorum was called for and met at 7:45 p.m. as above. At that time, a motion was made by Senator Sharma for Mike Bell to continue with his speech and have his comments entered in the minutes under Special Reports. The motion passed unanimously. Following Bell's speech, Senator Potter moved to have Xiabo Kan and Ming Shi speak on the situation in China and have their comments entered in the minutes under New Business. The motion passed unanimously.

*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 Belicove began by telling the Senators that Faisal Butt has gone home to Pakistan and will return in mid-August. He then informed the Senators of the Students' Association recent involvement in Freshman Orientation. The Executive Branch as well as individual Senators gave a mock Senate meeting in order for the Freshman to see and participate in the meeting's proceedings. Next, President Belicove informed the Senate that the University of Houston has a new Interim President, George Magner. President Belicove has already held a meeting with the Interim President and has submitted both University Bill 26003 and University Bill 26005 to him. Magner had numerous questions pertaining to the Bookstore Bill. On August 10, 1989, President Belicove is going to be in Washington, D.C. for the weekend. He will be meeting with the Under Secretary for Public Liason in order to lobby to have President Bush's Library at the University of Houston. President Belicove then stressed the importance that all Senators should meet with the Dean of their College. General consent was given to let Mark Brokowski touch on his goals. Mark plans to write a monthly Senate newsletter, keep up with the Students' Association recruiting, and also design Students' Association shirts. His office hours are from 2:30-5:00 everyday and most evenings.

*5. Report of the Vice President:*

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Faisal Butt is in Pakistan until mid-August.

## 6. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Danke addressed three items: 1) He received a note from the Student Programming Board about their Allocations Committee meeting on July 28, 1989. Meeting are every Friday at 1:00 p.m. as needed. Whoever is interested in this, see Speaker Danke. He reminded the Senators that this is a good way to see what is happening with the Student Programming Board. 2) Speaker Danke agreed with President Belicove on the issue of meeting with the Dean of Colleges and added that it is pertinent and beneficial to get to know them. 3) Speaker Danke wanted to meet immediately after the meeting to set up the next Executive meeting. In addition, Speaker Danke urged all Senators to turn in all goal sheets. Agenda Item of the Week:

Speaker Danke expressed his views on computer viruses. He feels that the lack of a comprehensive policy is a crime. They are a great loss of time and effort on the students' part. On the campus there are no policies in regard to viruses in the work environment. Anyone interested in getting involved and working on the bill please contact Speaker Danke.

## 7. Special Reports:

Speaker Danke introduced Mike Bell, the Captain of the Cougar Guard. Bell began by informing us on the current situation concerning the purchase of a new Shasta. He referred to the pamphlet and cleared many misconceptions about Shasta. Many people felt she was inadequately cared for. In fact, she was cared for 365 days a year by the Cougar Guard. Danke questioned why he kept referring to Shasta in the present tense. Bell answered that she (Shasta) has always lived as a tradition, since 1946, when they purchased the first Cougar. The first proposal for a new facility was introduced in 1980 when the Guard felt that Shasta's home should have a phone system and also running water. He pointed out that she is not abused, they just want better conditions for her. In 1987, they were given approval for off campus fundraising. In order to get a new Shasta, it will cost between \$600-1500. Bell added that the strongest opposition so far is the lack of knowledge on the issue of the Cougar. Miklos put forth the idea of asking for money at athletic events. Bell answered that there are many stipulations concerning fundraising in the Astrodome. In an economic perspective, Bell said the dream of the Cougar Guard is to become self-sufficient. However, until this goal is met, the Cougar Guard will continue to hold fundraising events in order to eventually build new facilities and a new Shasta.

## 8. One Minute Speeches by the Members: None

## 9. Report of Standing Committees:

1. Academic Affairs - Karl Barrus, Vice Chair: None
2. Student Life - Rekha Sharma, Vice-Chair: Senator Sharma reported that they are waiting for correspondence from Daniel Booth, the Manager of Parking and Transportation Services. Also, the committee wants to wait until the Fall to act on Shasta. This will give more of the Fall Senators a chance to decide on the issue.
3. University Administration and Finance - Biren Kumar, Chair: None
4. Internal Affairs - Chris Browne, Chair: None

## 10. Report of the Select Committee: None

## 11. Special Orders: None

## 12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

a. Presidential Nominations and Appointments: Senator Sharma moved to consider the nomination of Brian Perry to the Activities Funding Board. This was seconded by Senator Barrus. The motion was unanimous.

b. Legislation: None



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## 13. *New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetos:*

Xiabo Kan and Ming Shi, both from the Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars, shared with the Senators their concerns for the Chinese University Students. The Senate was informed that upon graduation, all students and scholars who hold a J-1 visa will be forced to return to China. The House Resolution 2712 will waive the two year country requirements. So far the efforts have been very successful. About 216 congressmen have co-sponsored Nancy Pelosi's Bill. Both students stressed how important it is for the American people and students to lobby and help the Chinese students in order for their goal and dreams to be accomplished.

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

Senator Miklos introduced UB26006:

A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING A GRADUATE SCHOOL TUITION INCREASE NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Sponsor was Senator Miklos. It was referred to University Administration and Finance.

In addition, Senator Miklos introduced the SSR26004:

A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 2712 BY NANCY PELOSI ENABLING CHINESE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS WHO HOLD J-1 VISAS TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING ELIGIBILITY FOR VISA ADJUSTMENT

Senator Miklos was in favor of the Senate Resolution. Sponsors were: Danke, Barrus, Sharma, Parker, Browne, Nava, and Potter. Motion to bypass and consider was made by Senator Parker and was seconded by Senator Sharma. As Speaker in Favor Senator Miklos felt that the SSR26004 said what needed to be said. In general debate, President Belicove commented that we had better get it out quickly in order for it to get to Washington as soon as possible. Speaker Danke made some spelling corrections with general consent. Further corrections were made on the last "ENACTED" so that it would read as follows: "That is resolution be forwarded to the Texas Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C.". The motion passed unanimously.

## 15. *Presidential Nominations and Appointments:*

President Belicove put forth the nominations of the following people and they were referred to the following committees:

Brian Wilson- To represent the College of Optometry, Internal Affairs  
John Walker- Academic Computer Advisory Board, Academic Affairs  
William Marko- Organizations Board, Student Life  
Shari Walsh- Health Center Policy Board, Student Life  
Vicky Cannon- Undergraduate Council, Academic Affairs  
Catherine McBrian- Handicapped Students' Advisory Committee, Student Life

## 16. *Comments and Announcements:*

Senator Browne: Announced that he was going to be absent at the next Senate meeting.  
Mark Brokowski: Added that if anyone had ideas on shirt designs please contact him.

## 17. *Adjournment.* The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:47 p.m.