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The twenty-seventh meeting of the fifth session of Student Senate was called to order by President RICHARD POSTON in the World Affairs Room of the University Center.

The following Senators were absent: JIM NICHOLAS, BILL NEUMANN, ARLENE SCHWARTZ, AND ROY SMITH.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President POSTON announced the following positions open to appointments:

1. Two Traffic Court Alternates
2. One Student Court Member
3. one Student Assistance Committee
4. One Organizations Board
5. Three Management Systems Review Committee Members
6. One Cougar Paw Editor

The President then announced that the following Senatorial Seats in the Senate were vacant:

1. Bill Neumann
2. Bill Bivin
3. Roy Smith
4. Mike Richard

The President reported that Mike Richard had turned in his resignation to the Senate that day, and he read the resignation to the Senate.

The President announced the appointment of Alan Duff as Press Secretary.

President POSTON announced that the filing deadline for the election is 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 29. The election will be held March 4 and 5.

The President announced that the Executive Committee had met that afternoon and the following Senators have been appointed to Committees:

Rules and Judiciary

Duane Williamsen - Chairman
 Patti Arthur
 Ransom Foreman
 Roy Smith
 Marc Whitman

Fiscal And Governmental Operations

Eric Nelson - Chairman
 Gary French
 Larry Reeves
 David Brown
 Ray Balch

Student Life

Judy Ganem - Chairman
 Gary Pegoda
 Carmen Lodise
 Jim Strong
 Bill Neuman

Educational Affairs and Policy

Tina Svendsen - Chairman
 Les Keaton
 Keith Simpson
 Alana Cooke
 Karl Wedel

State, National, and International

Dave Shehorn - Chairman
 Ralph Harrison
 Jim Nicholas
 Mike Richard
 Zafar Taqvi

Student Involvement Committee

Dennis Delafield - Chairman
 Logan Chamberlain
 Arlene Schwartz
 Peter von Justl

The President read a letter from Mr. Coulson Tough, explaining the situation concerning the traffic light resolution at the intersection of Wheeler and University Oaks. The letter stated that a committee is investigating the problem.

President POSTON read a letter from the Faculty Senate, asking the Senators their position on the question of whether or not to issue mid-term grades.

President POSTON appointed Carmen Lodise to the position of Senator from Graduate School, referred to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary.

President POSTON introduced two visitors to the Senate, Jay Freeman and Bill Riedel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Judiciary

Senator BALCH read the following report:

The Committee met January 9 and excused Senators GANEM and SCHWARTZ, AND TAQVI. Unexcused is Senators REEVES from the meeting of December 13. He stated that the committee had four unexcused absences for Marc WHITMAN.

FISCAL AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Senator WHITMAN read the following committee report:

The Committee met and approved University of Houston Bill No. 14052.

STUDENT LIFE

Senator GANEM read the following committee report:

The Committee met 1/9/69 and the following members were present: Gary Pegoda, Arlene Schwartz, Zafar Taqvi, and Judy Gaem. The committee approved Senate resolution No. 14051. The Committee held Senate Resolution No. 14048. The following legislation was discussed and further research is being done: UH Bill 14051; Senate Resolution No. 14049; and UH Bill 14050.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS AND POLICY

There was no report.

STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

There was no report.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator BALCH moved to accept the portion of his committee report dealing with absences. The motion was seconded. Senator Reeves moved to consider his absence in seratim. The motion was seconded. The motion was voted on and passed. Senator Reeves stated that he had to attend a make-up session with his sociology teacher on Monday night, as his class was having a test Tuesday. The session lasted until 9:00 and there was no opportunity to come to the meeting. There was no further debate. The senate then voted on the portion of the committee report dealing with Senator REEVES absence. The motion failed, and Senator REEVES was found excused. The Senate then voted on the remainder of the Committee Report. There was no debate, and the motion passed.

University of Houston Bill 14042 was brought to the floor for consideration. The sponsor, Senator STRONG, read the bill entitled, A BILL TO AFFECT ALLOCATION OF THE STUDENT SERVICES FEE, AND PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT THEREOF BY THE STUDENT SENATE. Senator STRONG stated that this bill had been worked on by Mr. McElhinney who had helped make the bill congruent with Texas statutes. President POSTON stated that this would give the Student Senate a vote on a larger portion of the Student Services Fee than before. There was no further debate, and the bill was voted on and passed.

Senate Resolution No. 14051 was brought to the floor for consideration. Senator von JUSTL read the bill, entitled, A RESOLUTION URGING THE RETIREMENT OF ELVIN HAYES' BASKETBALL JERSEY AND NUMBER, 44. Senator SIMPSON pointed out that the number could be retired, but that the jersey itself had been stolen from the basketball hall of fame. There was no further debate, and the resolution was voted on and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator STRONG introduced Senate Resolution No. 14052, A RESOLUTION INQUIRING OF THE FACULTY SENATE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE STUDENTS SEND MID-SEMESTER EVALUATIONS OF THEIR PROFESSORS TO DEPARTMENTAL CHAIRMEN, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs and Policy.

Senator PEGODA introduced Senate Resolution No. 14053, A RESOLUTION URGING THE CLOSING OF THE PORTION OF CULLEN BOULEVARD BETWEEN ELGIN AND WHEELER, referred to the Committee on State, National, and International Affairs.

Vice-President COX introduced University of Houston Bill 14053, A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON PROGRAM COUNCIL, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

Senator GANEM introduced University of Houston Bill 14054, A BILL TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND THE SELECTION OF THE TOP TEN STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, referred to the Committee on Student Life.

Senator FRENCH introduced Senate Resolution No. 14054, A RESOLUTION URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE A TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLED ON ELGIN BETWEEN CALHOUN AND CULLEN, referred to the Committee on State, National, and International Affairs.

Senator FRENCH moved to amend Rule 11, Section D of the Standing Rules of the Senate in the following way. Omit the numbered sections and substitute the following: "No Senator shall absent himself from meetings of the Senate or his committee. Impeachment proceedings based on non-feasance shall result automatically against any Senator who is absent from four(4) meetings of the Senate or four (4) meetings of the committee. President POSTON stated that this would eliminate excused absences. Vice-President COX stated that there is no criteria in the rules as to what shall be an excused absence. If a Senator were impeached, the Committee would hear his excuses and so would the Senate if the committee recommended to impeach him. This would give the senator an adequate time to state why he had been excessively absent. Senator FRENCH stated that there was no way right now to tell if an excuse was valid or not. There was no further debate. The motion was voted on and passed, 17-6.

Senator SHEHORN moved to impeach Bobby Brownstein. The motion read as follows:

A Motion for the Impeachment of the Chairman of the Election Commission

Move that the University of Houston Student Senate impeach the Chairman of the Election Commission (Bobby Brownstein) on the charges of Malfeasance and Nonfeasance. The trial committee should be selected by the Chairman of the Standing Committees of the Senate publicly at the February 3, 1969, meeting.

1. Malfeasance:
 - A) Illegal counting of ballots during and after the spring election, 1968;
 - B) Certifying candidates who had not met the requirements of the Election Code;
 - C) Usurping the authority of the commission, i.e., giving approval to a candidate's action without consulting the commission as a whole;
 - D) Releasing the candidates' property deposit without the consent of the commission as a whole;
 - E) Concealing charges of the Election Code filed by individuals against the candidates.
2. Nonfeasance:
 - A) Failing to submit reports of the elections as required by the Election Code.
 - B) Failing to call meetings of the Commission when necessary to make a policy decision not outlined in the code;
 - C) Failing to execute the duties of the Chairman, ie, notifying individuals who were scheduled to appear at meetings;
 - D) Failing to appear at called meetings;
 - E) Grossly neglecting duties and responsibilities i.e, leaving cast ballots in public accessible places.

Witnesses for the prosecution: Linda King, Rocky Sehnert.

David A. Shehorn
Senator: Technology

Senator NELSON moved to amend the bill to read "and for eating apply pie and saluting the American Flag."

Vice-President COX stated that the complaints had been lodged from a number of sources. "This only gets the investigation off the ground. We are not finding him guilty. If we are to maintain any kind of credibility this should be passed." President POSTON stated that this would be a two-week process. Each committee chairman would select one of the members to represent them. The Committee would investigate, and report its findings the next week. The following week the Senate would try Bobby. There would have to be a two-thirds vote on each phase of the impeachment proceedings. Senator NELSON stated that when he made his amendment he was being facetious. "We have had an election code for some time that is entirely unworkable. The point is that, when there is something that is unworkable you have to make do and be flexible in a lot of

things. How many of you have actually read the code? How many of you have tried to use that election code or have tried to apply it to an everyday situation? I am interested in knowing the background of Senator SHEHORN's actions." Senator STRONG said that he had read the election code. "There are parts of the code that are unworkable. I got hacked off at the whole commission. I think that I would like to see these charges brought out. Bobby Brownstein is not the only one violating this at all. I would like to know if subsequent witnesses can be brought out." President POSTON said that they could. Senator RICHARD stated that he thought that the motion should be defeated. "If this body should pass this it will look like Bobby is guilty, although impeachment is only bringing the charges." He further said that he thought the code itself was inefficient. Vice President COX stated, "You say you have an unworkable code. When you approve somebody for an office you assume that they are doing a good job. I see people sitting here not wanting to be a bad guy. You say you have an unworkable code. Some of the minutes weren't even turned in until six months later. You are here doing a job; sometime its not pretty but its got to be done." Cox further stated that if the code was not enforced it meant nothing. Senator NELSON stated that he didn't see why Bobby had been singled out of the whole election commission. Senator GANEM stated that she had been an election commissioner under the code and had not found it unworkable. Senator NELSON said, "Why has it taken so long for any charges to be filed? Why didn't the persons who know what was going on, namely, the President and Vice-President of the Student Association, bring charges? I am wondering how they are tied to this; whether or not it is a conspiracy or what else. The burden of proof is on Shehorn himself." Vice President COX stated, "I knew about the different things happening. Enough of them built up to that I am wholeheartedly for it. I guess I didn't have the guts enough to be enough of a bastard to bring it up. I guess somebody else did." There was no further debate. The motion was voted on and passed, 19-6. President POSTON called a 15 minute recess to let the committees choose their representative. The impeachment committee for the Bobby Brownstein Charges will be meeting at 2:30 Wednesday, February 5, and the impeachment proceedings against Marc Whitman for his absences will be at 3:00 Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator REEVES announced that he would be on television to answer questions about the Senate.

Senator DELAFIELD announced that Student Involvement would be meeting at 2:30 Tuesday.

Senator SHEHORN announced that State, National, and International Affairs would be meeting at 10 Thursday.

Senator GANEM announced that Student Life would meet at 2:00 Tuesday.

Senator NELSON stated that Fiscal and Governmental would meet Tuesday at 1:00.

President POSTON reminded the Senators of their obligation to have monthly constituency meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the Senate adjourned at 9:00.

APPROVED:

Richard G. Poston, President

Pat Fitzgerald, Senate Secretary