

TWENTY-NINTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ninth Meeting of the 29th Senate
Monday, September 14, 1992
Regents Room, University Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer: John Bard, Speaker of the 29th Senate
2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal
4. Special Reports: Jason Fuller, Director of Personnel
Kevin Jefferies, Director of External Affairs
Angie Milner, Director of Public Relations
Mitch Rhodes, Student Regent
5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members
6. Report of the President: Rusty Hruska
7. Report of the Vice President: Charles Gaviola
8. Report of the Speaker: John Bard
9. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a) Academic Affairs: Dina Abramson
 - b) Internal Affairs: Michelle Palmer
 - c) Student Life: To be announce
 - d) University Administration and Finance: David Shine
10. Report of the Select Committees
11. Special Orders
12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation
 - a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda
 - SAB29004: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET AS PER TITLE 5 SECTION 2.0.2 PART C OF THE SA CODE.
 - Sponsors: Carlos Morales
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor
13. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - None
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - Pat Brown –Activities Funding Board
 - Jason Gregory –Student Traffic Court
 - Vernita Hoyt –Senator for the College of Architecture
 - Quynh Thai –Student Traffic Court
 - Chris Tom –Child Care Center Advisory Board

- Thao Vuong–Child Care Center Advisory Board
- 3. Committee on Student Life:
 - Chad McMilan–Handicapped Student Advisory Board
- 4. Committee on University of Administration and Finance:
 - None
- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 - UB29002: A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING ELEVATORS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER MORE WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE**
 - Sponsors: shane patrick boyle, Carlos Morales, Michelle Palmer
- 14. New Business and General Orders
 - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
 - c) Other New Business and General Orders
- 15. Comments and Announcements
- 16. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
- 17. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by Speaker of the Senate John Bard at 7:25 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Quynh Thai called the roll and the following senators were present: Dina Abramson, shane patrick boyle, Aijaz Chaudry, Henry Gaw, Dylan Moore, Carlos Morales, Michelle Palmer, Reshma Patel, Gregory Propes, Jennifer Zuber.

There were no late senators.

The following senators were absent: Mark Anderson, Ralph Coatsworth, Aashish Malhotra, Louis Puente, Jerome Ronquillo, Sadiq Sayani, David Shine, Brad Smith.

The following senators were excused: Bobbie Bowen, Stephanie Hawkins, Megan McGovern, Amy Parks.

There following Executive Cabinet members were present: Rusty Hruska, Charles Gaviola, Jason Fuller, Kevin Jefferies.

The following university officials were present: Consuelo Trevino, Director of Campus Activities.

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Special Reports:

Jason Fuller, Director of Personnel reported that there were still a few Senate positions available. He asked for senators to actively help in recruiting students to fulfill those senatorial positions and opening committee positions. Mr. Fuller announced that there would be many nominations seeking approval tonight. He informed the Senate that there were certain committee seat terms that have expired and that the seat holder for those positions would also be seeking approval for their reappointments.

Angie Milner, SA Director of Public Relations was unable to attend the meeting, but gave a written report: "Red, White, & You" promo is Wednesday, September 16 between 10:30 a.m - 2 p.m. We need as many senators as possible to help table-sit in front of the UC and the Satellite for this promotion. At the tables, SA will be passing out information and Cougar Cards. Inside American Cafe, Coog's Cafe and the Satellite, SA will have 17 oz UH collector's cups available for 0.69. Refills will be available for half price this day only. Please sign up in the SA office.

The 1st issue of the SA Newsletter, The Monthly Informer will be available to the Senate tonight. You will be the first to preview The Monthly Informer, each month before we distribute to the campus. We need help tomorrow distributing around campus. Please come by the SA office. All your help will be greatly appreciated. The next issue, I would like for each senator to make an effort to write a column.

Kevin Jefferies, Director of External Affairs said that it was part of his job in bringing legislative speakers to the SA meetings, such as he did tonight in bringing State Representative Debra Danburg to

speak to the Senate about "Higher Education Funding." He said that hopefully throughout his term he will be able to bring "as many legislatures as possible" to speak to SA on all issues concerning the university. Mr. Jefferies said that beginning "now" it was very important for SA as representatives of the university to focus in and try to persuade legislatures that UH and higher education is generally worth the investment. He said that the reason why he says "now" is because once the biennial "kicks in" around January, legislatures are going to be "in business." Mr. Jefferies said that "now" is the time to speak on supporting UH and higher education because "right now," is the time that legislatures have time to listen.

On the issue of electing state representatives for office in the next biennial, Mr. Jefferies asked that the Senate take into consideration the fact that Debra Danburg is a UH person and that she will be arguing for the university at the state level. He said that it should behoove SA and other students to "get out and support" legislatures that will fight for UH's interest.

Director Jefferies informed the Senate about his project called "Students As Constituents." He said that every other year the Director of External Affairs traditionally forms a group of student led lobbying efforts. He said that the purpose of "Students as Constituents" would be to inform UH students about what going on in Austin and to coordinate responds to bill and general issues concerning the university at state level. Mr. Jefferies said that he would like to see it as an "on-going" project not just a biennial one. He said that ideally he hopes that this project will be promoted at other school to also push for higher education.

Lastly, Mr. Jefferies said that he will be organizing a small group of people to work with State Representative Debra Danburg to help get her elected, so that she may "push" at state level for UH. He said that he will also be willing to form other support groups for other legislatures who are UH connected or who are for higher education, if the Senate had any in mind.

Mitch Rhodes, the Student Regents gave a report on the UH Board of Regent's meeting. He reported that UH is beginning to conduct a self evaluation to determine areas where budget cuts and consolidations can be made within the system. He said at the end of meeting President Pickering stated that with the approval of budget, the main campus will have the necessary budget in place to have the phone registration in place by summer of 1993. Mr. Rhodes said that the date set will probably be used as a "trouble shoot" time for the system.

Student Regent Rhodes also reported that in the budget approved, 70 million dollars out of 313 million dollars allocated to the university comes from student's tuitions and fees, and that 146 million comes from state grants. Mr. Rhodes said that with the decrease of funding from the state, the only place the funding will come from next is "out of our own" tuitions and fees. He said what was stressed during the meeting was to enlisted funding from alumni and future alumni of the university.

Lastly, Mr. Rhodes said that if the senators had any questions about the university budget or other issues of the report see him at his office hour.

5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Palmer said that as the Assistant Director of the Metropolitan Volunteer Program, she was wondering if the Senate would be interested doing a "one day" volunteer project in the month of November. She asked that interested members leave a message in her box.

6. Report of the President:

President Rusty Hruska informed the senators that the first edition of the SA Newsletter is out! He asked that the Senate participate in making it an informative and exciting newsletter.

Secondly, he announced to the Senate that the SA budget plan for the 92' and 93' administration has been completed and is set at 93,595.00.

Lastly, President Hruska reported that a week or two ago SA had the opportunity to speak in front of the University Policy Planning Committee on the subject of student issues. He said that hopefully as the Faculty members of the university decides on a process of reshaping the image of UH, SA's opinions and concerns will have an effective influence and impact on their decision-making.

7. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Charles Gaviola encouraged members of the Senate to take part in writing for the SA Newsletter. He said that the newsletter will be distributed to faculty, administration and students.

Mr. Gaviola said that the newsletter is a great opportunity for senators to let their ideas be known and to let students of the university know the priorities of SA. He said one of the great things about SA administration this year is our showmanship of UH pride. Mr. Gaviola emphasized again that the newsletter was "great" opportunity for SA to be promoted and that he hopes all will get involved.

8. Report of the Speaker

Speaker John Bard announced that October 3, would be the date scheduled for the Senate Lock-In Seminar. He said that it would be a "one day affair," which will start in the early hours of the morning at 6 a.m or 7a.m. Speaker Bard said to think of the seminar as a "committee of the whole meeting," which will be applied to the senators' attendance record. He said that with the three weeks advance notice, there would be limited excused absences.

He asked that all senators meet with him individually to talk about starting a "town meeting" project within their respective colleges. Speaker Bard asked that senators set up an appointment with him in the next three weeks.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Dina Abramson, Chair of Academic Affairs, said her committee had no business to discuss.

b) Internal Affairs:

Michelle Palmer, Chair of Internal Affairs, reported that her committee discussed and approved the following nominations:

Pat Brown	Activities Funding Board
Jason Gregory	Student Traffic Court
Vernita Hoyt	Senator for the College of Architecture
Quynh Thai	Student Traffic Court
Chris Tom	Child Care Center Advisory Board
Thao Vuong	Child Care Center Advisory Board

c) Student Life:

The Chair of Student Life has resigned, so the remaining committee members has not met.

d) University of Administration and Finance:

David Shine, Chair of University of Administration and Finance, was not in attendance.

10. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

11. Special Orders:

None.

12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda

None.

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor

Quynh Thai, the Senate Secretary introduced SAB29004: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL

ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET AS PER TITLE 5 SECTION 2.0.2 PART C OF THE SA CODE.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a) Presidential Nomination and Appointments
 - 1. Academic Affairs

None.

- 2. Internal Affairs

The following nominations were put to a vote and passed unanimously:

Pat Brown	Activities Funding Board
Jason Gregory	Student Traffic Court
Vernita Hoyt	Senator for the College of Architecture
Chad McMilan	Handicapped Student Advisory Board
Quynh Thai	Student Traffic Court
Chris Tom	Child Care Center Advisory Board
Thao Vuong	Child Care Center Advisory Board

- 3. Student Life

The nomination of Chad McMilan was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

- 4. University of Administration and Finance

None.

- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 - 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:

None.

- 2) Committee on Academic Affairs

None.

- 3) Committee on Internal Affairs

None.

- 4) Committee on Student Life

The committee reported that UB29003: A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING ELEVATORS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER MORE WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE remains in committee.

14. New Business and General Orders:

- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

President Hruska introduced the following nominations:

Loida Casares	Student Publications Committee
Angie Milner	Student Publications Committee
Hilary Harmon	Director of Finance

Nivine Zakhari	College of Engineering Senate Position
Roger McBride	College of Engineering Senate Position
Randy Kirby	College of Optometry
Cipriano Romero	University Hearing Board (Alternate)
Ruben Cantu	Student Traffic Court
Erika Schmidt	Student Traffic Court
Drue Terry	Student Traffic Court
Bill Carroll	Undergraduate Council
Jerry Alwais	Activities Funding Board
Lynn Wang	Bookstore Advisory Committee
Maria Schmitt	Organization Board
Rick Boeker	Organization Board
Greg Wassberg	Organization Board
Kathryn Lilie	Organization Board
Cheri Morgan	Organization Board
Rupal Patel	Organization Board
Roxanne Martinez	Child Care Center
Denise Guerra	Child Care Center
Gwyn Walker	Committee on the Status of Women
Jennifer Daly	Committee on the Status of Women
Dina Abramson	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Lissa Korn	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Blanca Villarreal	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Brian Griffin	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Lise Drewes	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Corey Olomon	Parking Advisory Board
Frederic Boudreaux	Planning and Placement Center Board
Bonnie Newman	President's Art Committee
Amanda Maceo	Religion Center Policy Board
Stephen Wimmer	Religion Center Policy Board
Phil Packwood	Sexual Harassment Committee
Blair Hodges	Health Center Policy Board
Bianca Ionescu	Health Center Policy Board
Michael Stein	Athletic Advisory Committee
Amber Martin	Wellness Tack Force
Jeff Fuller	Student Fees Advisory Committee

b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Palmer moved to bypass the following nomination:

Hilary Harmon	Director of Finance
Randy Kirby	College of Optometry
Lynn Wang	Bookstore Advisory Committee
Rupal Patel	Organization Board
Denise Guerra	Child Care Center
Gwyn Walker	Committee on the Status of Women
Jennifer Daly	Committee on the Status of Women
Dina Abramson	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
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seconded by Senator Morales, the motion bypassed committee.

After a Senate vote, the nominations passed.

Senator Morales moved to bypass the nominations of Cipriano Romero for the University Hearing Board (Alternate) and Frederic Boudreaux to the Planning and Placement Center Board, seconded by Senator Propes.

Senator Palmer moved to divide the question, seconded by Senator Boyle.

The bypass nomination of Cipriano Romero was called to a vote.

Senator Palmer spoke against the nomination by saying that she would like to see Mr. Romero to go through committee, because she realizes that he has a lot of other commitments.

Senator Morales asked Director of Personnel, Jason Fuller how important the alternate position was.

Director of Personnel, Mr. Fuller said that there was already another alternate in the committee, so the position is not so important.

The bypass of the nomination was called to a vote and failed.

The motion to bypass Frederic Boudreaux was called to a vote and the nomination bypassed committee. After a Senate vote, the nomination passed.

c) Other New Business and General Orders

Speaker Bard made the following committee assignment:

Academic Affairs:

None.

Internal Affairs:

Roger McBride	College of Engineering Senate Position
Cipriano Romero	University Hearing Board (Alternate)
Ruben Cantu	Student Traffic Court
Erika Schmidt	Student Traffic Court
Drue Terry	Student Traffic Court

Student Life:

Maria Schmitt	Organization Board
Rick Boeker	Organization Board
Greg Wassberg	Organization Board
Kathryn Lilie	Organization Board
Cheri Morgan	Organization Board
Roxanne Martinez	Child Care Center
Jennifer Daly	Committee on the Status of Women
Lissa Korn	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Blanca Villarreal	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Lise Drewes	Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Amanda Maceo	Religion Center Policy Board
Stephen Wimmer	Religion Center Policy Board
Phil Packwood	Sexual Harassment Committee
Blair Hodges	Health Center Policy Board
Bianca Ionescu	Health Center Policy Board
Amber Martin	Wellness Task Force

University Administration and Finance:

Jeff Fuller Student Fees Advisory Committee
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15. Comments and Announcements:

None.

16. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary

Senate Secretary Quynh Thai called the closing call of the roll and the following senators were present: Dina Abramson, shane patrick boyle, Aijaz Chaudry, Henry Gaw, Vernita Hoyt, Randy Kirby, Dylan Moore, Carlos Morales, Michelle Palmer, Reshma Patel, Gregory Propes, Jennifer Zuber.

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17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SENATE OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 5, 1992

Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary

John Bard, Speaker of the Senate