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The sixth meeting of the eleventh session of the Student Senate of the University of Houston Students' Association was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the San Jacinto Room of the University Center by Speaker Boyd. The minutes were approved.

The following Senators were absent: BEELER, COLE ELLEDGE, EURESTE, FREEMAN, GREENE and SALINAS.

## President's Report

President FINE announced that the Student Service Fee Planning and Allocation Committee has completed its deliberations for the 1974-75 year appropriations. The Committee has recommended that Student Service Fees be assessed at the rate of \$2.50/semester-hour, up to the statutory maximum of \$30 for students enrolled for 12 or more hours. President FINE also said that the SA operating budget should be about \$103,000 next year including a \$5,000 fund-balance from last year. The Child Care Center will operate as an independent organization, and the Uh Tutorial Project and Perr Tutorial Project will be taken over by The Student Life Division President FINE announced.

The question of the Religion Center prohibiting marriages by Justices of the Peace was raised by SA President FINE said President FINE in the committee on funding the Religion Center. The Religion Center budget was approved contingent upon the resolution of the policy.

FINE

President announced that NSA will hold its 27th annual National Student Congress in St. Louis from August 18-24. President FINE said that he hoped that the Senate would act promptly on the question of attendance in order to be able to get registration fees in on time.

President FINE commented that the new 1974-75 Faculty Senate Chairperson is Dr. James R. Cox, an associate professor of chemistry. Dr. Bredo C. Johnson, associate professor of philosophy will be the Vice chairperson President FINE announced.

Debbie Danburg has been appointed by Dr. Harry Sharp to be the next Women's Advocate, President FINE said.

There are three vacancies on the Senate, that of one technology position and two business positions, said President FINE.

President FINE said that he has appointed Gary Teixeira as his representative

on the Health Center Policy Board.

State Affairs Report

Ed Martin, Director of State Affairs talked about the new Student Service Fee structure of 2.50/hour up to 12 hours and a maximum of \$30. He said that because of John Hill's opinion committee relating to House Bill-83, fees are now proportional to the hours taken. The State Auditor intervened and attempted to set an overall standard fee structure. However because of a May 15 meeting, which both Ed Martin and President FINE attended at which many universities and student governments protested the opinion may be reversed. Ed Martin also added that no state system has the right to set up a de-facto fee system. at the end of the May 15 meeting John Hill and his committee promised that in the future they would contact student governments on any future changes concerning student fees.

University Bill 20006

Senator TRUSCOTT in lieu of Chairman COLLIER moved to approve University Bill 20006, A UNIVERSITY BILL REQUIRING THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AND THE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY TO ACCEPT A ONE, TWO OR THREE HOUR SPECIAL PROBLEMS COURSE FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION WORK CYCLE. However, TRUSCOTT said that the approval included a recommendation to strike Sections 1-4 because of the sections' confusing and unnecessary nature.

Senator FRIEND said that the members of co-op education wrote the bill. Why is this bill unnecessary?

Senator TRUSCOTT replied that the bill is not unnecessary, but most of the sections seems confusing or redundant. In most special problems courses the student has the option of choosing the teacher anyway.

Senator FRIEND said that this is because many departments wanted to appoint one teacher for the co-op student without any choice. The registrar's office said that this was the only to get this through without completely restructuring many departments and the catalogues.

Senator ROCHE asked who requested the writing of the bill?

Senator FRIEND replied that Dean Kirkpatrick and Terry Slusher had.

Senator ROCHE said that he thought that having the credit for the Co-op program is a good idea. The bill in essence has good points.

Senator FRIEND said that Terry Slusher kept saying that if the bill is not specific enough, the students will get messed around by the departments.

Senator HERRINGTON said that it is a good idea for the students to pick the teachers, because they know the different teachers in their own major and can more easily decide on the teacher that would help them the most. The bill has merits.

Speaker BOYD passed the gavel to Senator NELSON.

Speaker BOYD said that he had been through the co-op program and has wanted course credit for students. BOYD said that he was behind the idea of the bill, but that the wording was too confining. The bill would only work in the Engineering department with a lot of coercion. Speaker BOYD said that the best way to do this is through the individual departments. Speaker BOYD then moved to postpone the bill for a month to further examine it.

Senator FRIEND said that they want to get it in effect for fall. There will not be enough time if it is postponed for a month.

Senator ROCHE commented that the bill needs to be really workable instead of something done hastily. ROCHE said that we need some time to rewrite it and study it, but maybe not for an entire month.

Senator GUERIN asked who will rewrite the bill?

Senator FRIEND said that the co-op people could be asked to rewrite it.

Speaker BOYD said that the Fall schedules are being made up now and we should not rush something through. One semester will not hurt too many people. BOYD said that the idea of pass-fail must be considered.

Senator FRIEND replied that the printing date is July 6 for Fall schedules. FRIEND also added that the Deans are against the idea of an easy letter grade for the students' transcript.

Speaker BOYD moved to call the question on whether to postpone the bill for a month.

The vote to postpone University 20006 passed 7-2.

#### New Business

Senator KEITH moved to suspend the rules on University Bill 20016, A UNIVERSITY BILL TO AMEND THE BY LAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER POLICY BOARD: RULES OF OPERATION OF PROGRAM COUNCIL. KEITH said that they need to get the committee

off the ground, and the language of the bill was clear and precise.

The vote to suspend the rules on University Bill 20016 passed by 10-1.

Senator ROCHE said that he wanted to clarify the fact that the bill can not be amended without sending it back to the University Policy Board. The bill must be passed in its entirety.

Senator NELSON asked what the bill is for?

Senator ROCHE then yielded the floor to Senator HERRINGTON. Senator HERRINGTON said that the bill was written to help the Black and Brown Coalition get more Ethnic programming. In the past Program Council has been very unresponsive. HERRINGTON said that Louis LeBlanc came up with the idea of creating a committee to deal with the needs of students.

Senator KEITH said that he was the Vice-President of Program Council. Program Council could not approve of the wording of the bill. However, if this passes Program Council can then get going and use funds out of summer council.

Senator GUERIN said that S.A. spends \$17,000 on Ethnic Affairs, and does this have any effect on Ethnic Affairs?

Senator KEITH said that it did not affect Ethnic Affairs very much.

Senator HANSEL asked if it added up to a couple of hundred dollars?

Senator KEITH said that it did.

President FINE said that \$2,500 will be transferred from Ethnic Affairs to Program Council to be part of this committee's budget.

Senator GUERIN asked where the line was drawn between programming and cultural awareness?

President FINE replied it would be like the Chicano Theatre in contrast to Graduate Recruitment. Strictly cultural programming totalled \$2,500, the sum of which was arrived with the help of Ruben Cano.

Senator ROCHE said that he wanted to disagree with Senator KEITH'S statement that these amendments went through Policy Board easily and that everyone was amenable. ROCHE said that one point brought up was the fact that Program Council is divided into Entertainment fields and not Ethnic compartments.

Senator KEITH called the question.

University Bill 20016 passed by 7-1.

Introduction of Legislation

Senator ROCHE introduced Senate Bill 20015, A SENATE BILL TO ALLOCATE \$1216.00 FOR NSA CONGRESS EXPENSES. The bill was sent to Fiscal.

Senator KEITH introduced Senate Bill 20014, A SENATE BILL TO JOIN NSA. The bill was sent to Fiscal.

Senator GUERIN introduced University Bill 20013, A UNIVERSITY BILL TO CHANGE THE TRAFFIC AND SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP. The bill was sent to Rules.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislation passed  
University Bill 20016