

THIRTY-THIRD SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS  
Ninth Meeting of the 33rd Senate  
Pacific Room, University Center, 7:00 PM  
July 24, 1996

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer - Jon M. Erickson, Speaker of the Senate, 33rd Administration
2. Call of the Roll
3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal
  - a) Seventh Meeting
  - b) Eighth Meeting
4. Special Reports
5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate
6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members
7. Report of the President - John Moore
8. Report of the Vice President - Kay To
9. Report of the Speaker - Jon M. Erickson *GSCW, HEAC, LAW + at-large available*
10. Reports of the Standing Committees
  - a) Academic Affairs- April Erickson
  - b) Internal Affairs- Steve Hairgrove
  - c) Student Life- Joel Westra
  - d) University Administration and Finance- Benjamin Fricke
11. Reports of the Select Committees
  - a) SA Constitution and Code Committee- Brad Castelo
12. Special Orders
13. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation
  - a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda
  - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor
14. Unfinished Business and General Orders
  - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
    1. Committee on Academic Affairs
    2. Committee on Internal Affairs
    3. Committee on Student Life
    4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
  - b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
    1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
    2. Committee on Academic Affairs *(bill to end classes 10 min. early)*
      - A) UB 33001 → *failed*
      - B) UB 33004 → *passed*
    3. Committee on Internal Affairs
    4. Committee on Student Life
    5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
      - A) UB 33002
      - B) UB 33003

15. **New Business and General Orders:**
  - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
  - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
  - c) Other New Business and General Orders
16. **Closing Call of the Roll**
17. **Comments and Announcements**
18. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was called to order by Jon M. Erickson, Speaker of the Senate, at 7:12 p.m.

**2. Call of the Roll**

The following Senators were present: Robert Anderson, Brad Castelo, April Erickson, Benjamin Fricke, Raquel Garcia, Andre Garrett, Steve Hairgrove, Brenda Johnson, Monica Quintero, Shawn Russell, Cheyenna Smith, Joel Westra, and Zeke Ziliak.

The following Senators were not present: Jaime Aguero, Ryan Boyd, Chad Evans, Hillary Stewart, and Nathan Wittman.

The following Executive Cabinet Members were present: Natalie Merritt and Jennifer Zuber-Hairgrove.

The following University Officials were present: David Daniell.

**3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal**

The Senate Journals for the seventh and eighth meetings were amended and approved.

**4. Special Reports**

**5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate**

**6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members -- There was none.**

Senator Westra moved to suspend the rules to allow for the doors to be closed.

Senator Castelo seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

**7. Report of the President -- President Moore had nothing to report.**

**8. Report of the Vice President --- Vice President To was not present to report.**

**9. Report of the Speaker**

Speaker of the Senate Jon M. Erickson reminded Senators that there are four seats open. He also mentioned that there were a couple pieces of legislation that should be bypassed from committee tonight.

**10. Reports of the Standing Committees**

- a) Academic Affairs- Senator Erickson announced they are discharging UB33001 and UB33004 tonight.
- b) Internal Affairs- Senator Hairgrove said they did not meet.
- c) Student Life- Joel Westra announced the Committee did not meet.
- d) University Administration and Finance- Senator Fricke said the Committee met and discussed UB33002 and UB33003. He added that he met with Dr. Freedman and he is a cooperative man to meet with

**11. Reports of the Select Committees**

Senator Castelo said that Title Seven is being discharged tonight.

12. **Special Orders** -- There was no Special Orders.

13. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation**

a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda -- None.

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor

**SAB 33003 - A Students' Association Bill to Adopt the Title 7 - Code of Impeachment as Amended by the SA Constitution and Code Committee**  
Sponsors: Brad Castelo, Jon Erickson, Andre Garrett, and Steve Hairgrove.

**SAB 33001 - A Students' Association Bill to Provide for Certain Limited Exceptions to Article II, Section 8, Clause 2 of the Students' Association Constitution**  
Sponsors: Brad Castelo, and Jon Erickson

**SAB 33002 - A Students' Association Bill to Allow the Purchase and Placement of New Computers**  
Sponsors: Brad Castelo, and Jon Erickson

**UB 33005 - A University Bill to Prohibit Student Organization Advisors from Utilizing any Exception to The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) with regard to Unauthorized Observance or Disclosure of Educational Records**  
Sponsors: Brad Castelo, and Jon Erickson

14. **Unfinished Business and General Orders** --

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments

1. Committee on Academic Affairs
2. Committee on Internal Affairs
3. Committee on Student Life
4. Committee on University Administration and Finance

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
2. Committee on Academic Affairs

**UB 33001 - A University Bill Adjusting the Class Schedule to Reflect the True Length of Classes**

Sponsors: Brad Castelo, Jon Erickson

Senator Erickson discharged the Bill from Committee unfavorably.

Senator Castelo asked why it was being discharged unfavorably?

Senator Erickson said the Committee felt the intent could be misunderstood. She said that teachers may not take it in the light in which it was intended.

Senator Castelo asked who the committee had spoken with.

Senator Erickson said they had spoken with several people on campus.

Senator Russell asked if the reduction in the schedule would cause problems with credit hours.

Senator Erickson said they did say we would get credit for 3 hours if we were only there for 2 1/2 hours.

Senator Johnson noted that there was a flaw when considering Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes to Tuesday, Thursday classes.

Senator Westra added we would be over extending ourselves to remove the discretion from the instructor.

Senator Hairgrove called the question.

The Bill was defeated.

**UB 33004 - A University Bill Requiring Professors to Hold Exam Materials for Thirty Days After Grades Have Been Posted**

Sponsors: Brad Castelo, April Erickson, Jon Erickson, Chad Evans, Joel Westra, Zeke Ziliak

Senator Erickson discharged the bill from Committee favorably. There was no discussion on the bill, so it was put to a vote. The bill was passed unanimously.

3. Committee on Internal Affairs
4. Committee on Student Life
5. Committee on University Administration and Finance

**UB 33002 - A University Bill to Make the Doors Entering Oberholtzer Hall Dining Area Handicap Accessible**

Sponsors: Brad Castelo, April Erickson, Jon Erickson, Chad Evans, Benjamin Fricke, Andre Garrett, Joel Westra, Zeke Ziliak

**UB 33003 - A University Bill to Encourage the Administration to Make the Elevators in PGH Barrier Free**

Sponsors: Brad Castelo, April Erickson, Jon Erickson, Chad Evans, Benjamin Fricke, Joel Westra, Zeke Ziliak

**15. New Business and General Orders:**

- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
- b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Castelo moved to bypass and consent SAB 33003. The motion was seconded by Senator Westra.

Senator Fricke recommended that the bill go to committee.

Speaker Erickson reminded Senator Fricke that the Senate passed a Senate Resolution, which he sponsored that would recommend the bill not go back to committee.

Senator Castelo stated that the committee will waste its time by further reviewing the bill.

Senator Ziliak said that he agreed and that the bill should be held in committee.

Senator Fricke reiterated that he wanted to have time to read the bill.

Senator Ziliak moved to refer the bill back to committee. The motion was seconded by Senators Fricke and Anderson. The motion passed.

Senator Castelo moved to bypass and consent to SAB 33002. The motion was seconded by Senator Westra.

There was no discussion and the bill passed unanimously.

Senator Castelo moved to bypass UB 33005. Senators Garcia and Erickson seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and the bill passed unanimously.

Senator Castelo moved to bypass and consent SAB 33001. Senators Anderson and Erickson seconded the motion.

Senator Westra cautioned the senate that they should consider sending some legislation to committee.

Senator Castelo said that he authored the clause mentioned. He further explained that the bill corrected any problems that were not provided for when the clause passed last year.

Senator Ziliak asked for clarification on whether the policy is cumulative or semester academic standing.

Speaker Erickson informed him that it is cumulative.

Senator Westra reminded the Senate again that this type of legislation should be sent to committee.

Senator Garcia asked if the Bill would allow for exceptions for medical reasons.

Senator Castelo said yes.

Senator Castelo then divided the question so the motion was to bypass from committee only.

Senator Castelo called for division as the first vote was unclear. The motion failed.

c) Other New Business and General Orders -- There was none.

#### **16. Closing Call of the Roll**

The following Senators were present: Robert Anderson, Brad Castelo, April Erickson, Benjamin Fricke, Raquel Garcia, Steve Hairgrove, Monica Quintero, Shawn Russell, Joel Westra, and Zeke Ziliak.

The following Senators were not present: Jaime Aguero, Ryan Boyd, Chad Evans, Andre Garrett, Brenda Johnson, Cheyenna Smith, Hillary Stewart, and Nathan Wittman.

The following Executive Cabinet Members were present: Jennifer Zuber-Hairgrove.

The following University Officials were present: David Daniell.

#### **17. Comments and Announcements**

Director Zuber-Hairgrove commented that the University Bills 33002 and 33004 should not have been written. She then commented that a Bill is the last resort in every situation. The second issue she addressed was the Con and Code Committee revisions. Director Zuber-Hairgrove said that they are not doing what they said they would do in the first meeting this year. She continued by saying that if anyone has Constitutional questions on SAB 33001 to contact her.

Senator Fricke recommended that Ms. Zuber-Hairgrove tell John Moore about legislation because he recommended that the Senator write the Bill. Senator Fricke then said he thought it was unfair for us to expect him to have to read legislation for the first time at a meeting. He continued by saying that if legislation gets held in committee it is not his problem. He said he will do whatever it takes to fix things on this campus. He explained that he does not like for people to sit and tell him what he is doing wrong, he said all the little picky things are not his problem. He doesn't care how it gets fixed just do it. He closed by saying that he had nothing left to say and that he did not want to talk about it any more.

Speaker Erickson then said that he did want to talk about it and as chair of the body he would. He mentioned to Senator Fricke that the legislation that Ms. Zuber-Hairgrove used as an example was not his legislation and he should not take it as a personal attack. He continued by saying that the legislation that anyone writes is his problem and that he challenges Senator Fricke to prove otherwise. Speaker Erickson said that she expressed her opinion and that was all it was. He said that he encouraged that type of legislation.

Senator Castelo said that it is all of our problems. He said that as long as we felt that it is not our problem we will delay progress.

Senator Fricke said that he apologized for saying it is not his problem. He said what he meant was that if the bill went to another committee it was not his problem. He said that he agreed with what Director Zuber-Hairgrove had to say but that the manner in which it was done was incorrect.

Senator Garcia said she agreed with what Ms. Zuber-Hairgrove said. She then asked that if anyone was unclear on State Law could they ask Ms. Zuber-Hairgrove.

Speaker Erickson said that she could always be used as a source.

Senator Erickson said she did not see how holding the bill in committee would slow down the Con and Code Committee. There was not an answer.

Speaker Erickson reminded that all committee meetings are open and if you want to review changes then you should come to the meetings. Speaker Erickson said he wanted the talk on bypass stopped as we would be here all night.

Director Zuber Hairgrove said that the backlog would occur if titles were held in committee because the Code is intertwined, and they all relate to one-another.

Senator Ziliak thanked Ms. Zuber-Hairgrove for her input.

Senator Castelo apologized for not lobbying his legislation and promised to do it in the future.

Senator Fricke said that we need to work together since we all have the same interest, the University.

Senator Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Senators Erickson, Quintero, and Ziliak.

**18. Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:18 p.m.