

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Fifteenth Meeting of the 27th Senate
Monday, October 8, 1990
Dallas/EI Paso Room, University Center 7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:** Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate
2. **Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:** Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:**
4. **Special Reports:**
5. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**
6. **Report of the President:** Paul Hoglund
7. **Report of the Vice President:** Lee Flemming
8. **Report of the Speaker:** Mark Burge
9. **Reports of the Standing Committees:**
 - a) Academic Affairs: Jan Burns, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: Tiffany Russell, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Joel Richards, Chair
 - d) University Administration & Finance: John Berggren, Chair
10. **Reports of the Select Committees:** None
11. **Special Orders:**
 - a) Senator to Attend Faculty Senate Meeting on October 17 at 12:15 PM in the Farish Hall Kiva
 - b) Confirmation Vote on Student Court Chief Justice - Jason Wilson
 - c) Senator Rosenberger's Motion to Repeal SAR 27009: ADVOCATING THE CONTINUATION OF CENTRALIZED PLACEMENT SERVICES
12. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:**
 - a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda:
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:
13. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - **Adrian Brown** - Graduate and Professional Studies Council
 - **Jose Canedo** - Undergraduate Council
 - **Franklin Chang** - Writing Proficiency Appeals & Grievance Committee
 - **Michael Floreani** - Library Committee
 - **Rebekah Peszco** - Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - **Kandara Harris** - University Center Policy Board

3. Committee on Student Life:
 - **David Konen** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
 - **Ramsey Morris** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
 - **Hayley Waters** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
 - **Stephen C. King** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
 - **Daniel Tapia** - International Student Advisory Board
 - **Hakeem Bishi** - Religion Center Policy Board
 - **Delaine Foss** - Organizations Board
 - **Mohammed Chaudhry** - Organizations Board
 - **Jennifer Pendleton** - Organizations Board
 - **Zaigham Hasan** - Organizations Board
 - **Mary Valle** - Student Publications Committee
4. Committee on University Administration & Finance:
 - **None**

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:
 - **None**
2. Committee on University Administration and Finance:
 - **UB 27014**: ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE NOTIFICATION PROCESS
Sponsors: Michael Berry, D. Lee Grooms, Tiffany Russell, & Mark Burge
 - **SAR 27014**: CALLING FOR FULL TUITION REFUNDS TO STUDENTS CALLED INTO ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES
Sponsors: D. Lee Grooms, Preeti Gandhi & Mark Burge
3. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - **UB 27016**: CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES
Sponsor: Tiffany Russell
 - **UB 27018**: REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE OF STUDENT COMPUTER FACILITIES
Sponsors: Zaigham Shah, M. Ali Saeed & Scott Eastman
 - **SAB 27012**: PURCHASING NEWSPAPER LISTINGS OF COMPUTER FACILITIES
Sponsors: Chris Cooley & Preeti Gandhi
4. Committee on Student Life:
 - **UB 27015**: REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT OF THE NORTHWEST WALKWAY FROM THE NORTH MOODY TOWER
Sponsor: Michael Berry
 - **UB 27017**: CONCERNING A STOPLIGHT AND CROSSWALK AT ENTRANCE 19
Sponsors: Damon Chargois & Jan Burns
5. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - **None**

14. New Business and General Orders:

- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:
- b) Motions on Committee Bypass:
- c) Other New Business and General Orders:

15. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary

16. Comments and Announcements:

17. Adjournment:

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1. Call to order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate Mark Burge at 7: 05 PM.

2. Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the opening roll and the following senators were present: John A. Berggren, Michael C. Berry, Jan Burns, Damon Chargois, Chris Cortes, Chris Cooley, Brodrick Dockery, Scott D. Eastman, Michael T. Floreani, Preeti M. Gandhi, Majid Husain, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Michael S. Oholendt, Joel D. Richards, Michael T. Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Zaigham Shah, Farrel Sharp, Devi Sunderaj.

The following senators were excused: D. Lee Grooms, Richard Corbello.

The following senators were absent: Shawn L. Dunnigan, Mohammed Ali Saeed, Ken Wong.

The following University officials were present: Conseulo 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:

None.

5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

None.

6. Report of the President:

During the President's Report, Directors of Public Relations Mary Valle and Michael Little gave a special report. Mary Valle said the new discount cards (SA Platinum Cards) are in the SA office and encouraged senators to pass the cards around their colleges and distribute them among their constituents. She said there are 10,000 cards at present and they will be getting 15,000 more. Ms. Valle said SA is planning to have a classified section in the Daily Cougar to announce openings in Senate and other activities of SA. The Public Relations Department is willing to assist senators in the design of publicity fliers and should get a copy of the wording and of possible a preliminary design of fliers to put up in their colleges. She said these fliers can be used by the senators to communicate with their constituents and address issues.

President Hoglelund thanked Freddie Saucedo for coordinating the Voter Registration drive. He said it was a spectacular success. President Hoglelund said he and the Executive Cabinet attended a Department of Campus Activities Financial Workshop which was extremely beneficial. He said he spent the whole afternoon today interviewing Treasurer applicants. He said he and Vice President Lee Flemming interviewed 10 applicants and hope to narrow them down to 3 finalists. A decision will be made before the next Senate meeting so that the nominee can be briefed before the meeting. President Hoglelund said he and Speaker Burge are looking into the implementation of legislation concerning optional donations to the library. He said they are looking into a system where one can pay for registration and make a donation with a single check. President Hoglelund said the administration is thinking of having an enclosure for priority registrants which will have place for information on the students identity and the place they wish their donation to go. The other side will contain choices for the actual amount to be donated. President Hoglelund said a final meeting will be held on October 15th to decide this issue. Senator Burns suggested keeping a box at the library. President Hoglelund said he will bring it up at the meeting. President Hoglelund said he met with Dr. Barnett and Dr. Smith the past week. SA legislation will now first go to Dr. Roland Smith's office. He will check the feasibility of the legislation and recommend it accordingly to Dr. Barnett. In view of this, President Hoglelund asked the senators to research their legislation extensively before writing it. He said the two questions most in Dr. Barnett's mind are 'How much will it cost?' and 'Who is going to pay for it?' Keeping this in mind President Hoglelund said well-researched legislation will have more force. Concerning the Career Planning and Placement Center he said Dr. Small, Director of the Career Planning and Placement Center and Dr. Ivancevich gave presentations to Dr. Barnett on the different sides of the issue and she is going to make a decision this week. He asked that the Senate decide on a formal resolution at this meeting in order that Dr. Barnett is aware of SA's final position before making a decision. He suggested that the Senate consider the matter informally tonight. President Hoglelund said only two delegates from SA have signed up for the AAUS conference this weekend, Senators Grooms and Nguyen. Senator Richards said he was under the impression that senators did not need to preregister. President Hoglelund said a delegates expenses will be paid by SA and he will also have voting rights at the AAUS conference which will run from Thursday evening through till Sunday. Senators who volunteered to be delegates were: Chargois, Richards, and Eastman. Senator Berggren asked how much the expenses for the conference were going to be. President Hoglelund said he is not sure. President Hoglelund said the Department of Campus Activities Leadership Development Seminar will be on October 19th and 20th. It will be a good chance to meet student leaders from all over campus. He said it starts with a dinner on Friday at 6:00 PM and will end on Saturday at 4:30 PM. Senators who volunteered to attend the seminar were: Nguyen, Richards, Chargois, Eastman, Gandhi, and Shah. President Hoglelund introduced Jason Wilson who was recently elected Student Court Justice by his fellow justices. He said his election will come up for ratification by the Senate later this evening.

7. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Flemming requested senators to assist Matthew Emal, Chair of the AAUS Central Region Conference and Mikal Belicove with any help they might need. He said Joe McCormick, Executive Director of Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation and Eileen Crowley, of the Houston Chamber of Commerce will be speaking at the conference. Vice President Flemming informed the senators about UH Parents' Weekend and said that for the first time a UH Parent of the Year Award will be given. He said forms are in the Dean of Students Office and the award will be presented at the Arkansas football game. He said that a lot of students are contacting him about the legislative intern program. He asked senators to call them and have them help do research for them. Senator Russell asked if the applications are available in his office and if the application indicates what their major is. Vice President Flemming said she can stop by his office or leave a note in his mailbox to get the names. He said some of the application forms indicate the major.

8. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Burge read a letter from Dr. Magner thanking the Senate for SR 27002 which commended Dr. Magner for his service as Interim President. Speaker Burge said Education #2 in the Senate is open since Ben Talley has resigned. He said there are eight Senate positions open, meaning we have 24 voting senators and quorum of 13. He said the SA legislation bulletin board is for public use and asked the senators not to remove the legislation posted there. Speaker Burge asked that the legislation be put back in its place if someone borrows it to make a copy.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Senator Burns, Chair of Academic Affairs said her committee met and reported out favorably on the following nominations:

Jose Canedo--Undergraduate Council
Michael Floreani--Library Committee
Rebekah Peszco--Teaching and Excellence Awards Selection Committee

The nominations of Adrian Brown to the Graduate and Professional Studies Council, and Franklin Chang to Writing Proficiency Appeals and Grievance Committee were tabled pending further research. She said they had also tabled UB 27016: CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES. AA reported out favorably on UB 27018: REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE OF STUDENT COMPUTER FACILITIES with some minor amendments, and reported out favorably on SAB 27012: PURCHASING NEWSPAPER LISTINGS OF COMPUTER FACILITIES unchanged. Senator Burns nominated Michael Floreani as Vice Chair of Academic Affairs. Senator Burns spoke in favor of the nomination saying Michael Floreani has one year left to graduate and wants to serve as much as he can in his remaining time here. The nomination was approved upon being put to a direct vote.

b) Internal Affairs:

Senator Russell, Chair of Internal Affairs said her committee met and is reporting out favorably on the nomination of Kandara Harris to the University Center Policy Board.

c) Student Life:

Senator Richards, Chair of Student Life said his committee did not meet but will do so this Friday at 1:30 PM.

d) University Administration and Finance:

Senator Berggren, Chair of University Administration and Finance said his committee met and is reporting out favorably on SAR 27014: CALLING FOR FULL TUITION REFUNDS TO STUDENTS CALLED INTO ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES and UB 27014: ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE NOTIFICATION PROCESS. He said they will meet again this Friday.

10. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

11. Special Orders:

Speaker Burge asked if any Senator will volunteer to attend the Faculty Senate Meeting on October 17 at 12:15 PM in the Farish Hall Kiva. Senator Devi Sunderaj volunteered to do so.

Speaker Burge said that under SA bylaws Student Court Elections have to be confirmed by a majority Senate vote. He said the election of Jason Wilson needs to be confirmed by SA. During General Debate Senator Richards moved that the confirmation be sent to Internal Affairs as a precedent was set to review a candidate before confirmation. Senator Burns spoke in favor of the motion saying she does not have any problem with a committee interview. The motion was put to a direct vote and passed unanimously and the Chief-Justice designate was referred to Internal Affairs. Senator Dockery said he met with Hereberto Leon, Assistant Dean of Students the past week. The Dean asked that the Senate be more cautious of court nominations being voted upon.

Senator Rosenberger moved to informally consider a compromise position and work out a resolution on the Career Planning and Placement Center issue. He spoke in favor of the motion and said he and Senator Berggren met and came up with a compromise. The vote on going into an informal discussion passed and the Senate formed a Committee of the Whole to discuss Career Planning and Placement.

After moving back to the Order of Business Senator Russell moved to approve the resolution reached in the informal discussion. Senator Rosenberger spoke in favor of SAR 27004: SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT SERVICES BY CREATING A BUSINESS PLACEMENT CENTER. He said a Business Career Planning and Placement Center will benefit all students embarking on a career in business.

Senator Berry spoke against the resolution and said last week a decision was made not to keep bringing issues the Senate has voted upon back to the floor. He said it first needs to be proved that the present centralized career planning and placement center is inefficient. He said when confronted with a choice small companies will send their representatives to the business school only because they do not have the resources to send more than one or two representatives. He said some of the majors are not even looking for specific majors. He said he does not see where such a center is going to help anyone other than business majors.

Senator Eastman commended Senators Rosenberger and Berggren on reaching a compromise. He said as the proposed business placement center will receive its funding from outside sources it will mean more money being put into placement services.

Senator Chargois asked what will happen if the Business School does not get enough funding. He asked if monies will be diverted from the present UH system. Senator Rosenberger said this was Dr. Magner's initial hesitation, too. He made an analogy of not one pie being split to the detriment of others but two completely separate pies. He said Dean Ivancevich and Dr. Bisesi said the proposed business center will close if there is no outside funding. Senator Richards moved the previous question and debate was closed after a two-thirds vote.

The resolution was put to a direct vote and passed with 8 votes on favor, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

Senator Berggren introduced UB 27019: ESTABLISHING ADEQUATE EXTERIOR LIGHTING ON THE I-45 SIDE OF THE ARCHITECTURE BUILDING.

Senator Richards asked for a count of quorum.

A roll call vote was taken and the following senators were present: John A. Berggren, P. Jan Burns, Damon Chargois, Chris Cortes, Scott D. Eastman, Michael T. Floreani, Michael T. Rosenberger, Preeti M. Gandhi, Michael S. Oholendt, Joel D. Richards, Tiffany E. Russell.

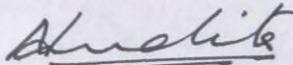
The following senators were not present: Michael C. Berry, Richard Corbello, Chris Cooley, Brodrick Dockery, Shawn L. Dunnigan, D. Lee Grooms, Majid Husain, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Mohammed Ali Saeed, Zaigham Shah, Farrel Sharp, Devi Sunderaj, Ken Wong.

Speaker Burge said he was disappointed that so many Senators had left the meeting so that the Senate could not vote on any legislation reported out on by committee.

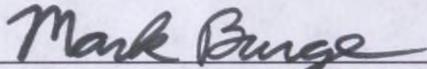
Senator Richards said the Senate should vote on legislation with the full force of the Senate behind it and not just a few members.

Speaker Burge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM for lack of quorum.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary



Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate