

TWENTY-THIRD SENATE  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Twelfth Meeting, Monday, September 22, 1986  
Dallas-El Paso

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Speaker of the Senate Alfred Bennett in the Dallas-El Paso Room in the University Center.

A verbal roll call was made and the following Senators were present: Bhagani, Brokaw, Droll, Gill, Gooden, Heard, Imperial, Kacir, Lee, Nachtigall, Ramsey, Saade, Williams J. and Williams L.

The following Senators were absent: Anctil, Ibrahim, Khan, Masud, Riaz, Sheppard, and Sosa.

Also in attendance were: Chaney Williams, Senate Secretary; Dr. Benton Cocanougher, Senior Vice President/Provost; Paul Prince SA Treasurer-elect; Peggy Gereighty Social Science Senator-elect; Charlene Carroll, Daily Cougar; Ferryl Boyance Pharmacy Senator-elect; and Willie Munson, Director of Campus Activities.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Report of the President:

President Boates welcomed Dr. Cocanougher, Senior Vice President/Provost. He noted that Dr. Cocanougher would be addressing important issues.

President Boates stated that Senator Ramsey would be working with the Dean of Students Office on their new pilot program, Freshman Retention.

President Boates announced that the Dean of Students Office has created a new position for a student. President Boates distributed information regarding the position.

President Boates noted that the Senate would be considering Paul Prince for the SA Treasurer. He encouraged the Senate's approval.

President Boates noted that Leadership Development Seminar would be taking place this weekend. He encouraged the Senators to attend.

President Boates commented that the target for more local revenues to balance the current budget cut would probably be coming from the student service fees. He noted that he would be working with the Daily Cougar to raise the awareness of the students concerning the upcoming budget crunch issues.

Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Husain was ill for this meeting.

Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Bennett reminded the Committee Chairpersons to submit names for the Senator Recognition Award no later than Monday, September 29th. He noted that the winner would be announced at the October 6th Senate meeting.

Speaker Bennett noted that Donald Heard would be acting as chairperson for the Committee on Internal Operations.

Speaker Bennett noted that Dr. Benton Cocanougher, Senior Vice President/Provost would be addressing the Senate. Speaker Bennett reviewed the guidelines and procedures the question and answer session.

Speaker Bennett noted that there would be a meeting of the Joint Committee between the Faculty/Student Senate on Wednesday at 12:30pm in 301 E. Cullen. He noted that the topic of discussion would be Student Empowerment Awareness Month (SEAM).

Speaker Bennett noted that Mark Bookman, Assistant Vice President of Student Auxiliary Services sent a note of thanks for being allowed to speak before the Senate on September 8, 1986.

Speaker Bennett noted that Senator Anctil has resigned as chairperson for the Committee on University Administration and Finance. He commended him on a job well done.

Special Reports:

Dr. Benton Cocanougher, Senior Vice President/ Provost

Dr. Cocanougher thanked the Senate for being allowed to address them on some critical issues. He noted that the university is facing a 10 1/2% budget cut for the coming academic year. He also noted that the university will be facing some problems such as; course reductions, and loss of faculty. He noted that the possible long range effects of the budget cut would be dramatic. Dr. Cocanougher stated that the administration will proceed with caution in a effort to devise a plan that will pull the university through this era.

Questions & Answers

Senator Donald Heard  
Is there a plan to eliminate any colleges?

Dr. Cocanougher  
No, not at this time.

Senator Bhagani  
How much money did we save this year?

Dr. Cocanougher  
About several hundred thousand dollars. Dr. Fitzgerald is in charge of those

figures.

Senator Nachtigall

Is it true that the pass/fail option was denied due to finances? Can it be implemented in the future.

Dr. Cocanougher

Other issues were involved besides finances. The Registrar does not have the system to do this. Some aspects are controversial. Maybe if it comes up again I will be involved at the beginning.

Senator Gooden

How will Summer School be condensed?

Dr. Cocanougher

Possibly one six weeks. However, nothing has been decided.

FOLLOW-UP If that session is not sufficient, will there be any changes in the university criteria for students beyond 60 hours?

Dr. Cocanougher

That would have to go before the Academic Council if it happens.

Senator Bhagani

How many faculty positions will be cut?

Dr. Cocanougher

Hopefully, none. However, vacant positions will not be filled.

Senator Gooden

Do you feel students have a right to see teacher evaluations?

Dr. Cocanougher

I understand their interest; however, I have to review both sides.

Senator Heard

Are there any plans to reduce the top level administration system salaries?

Dr. Cocanougher

I am not familiar with that at this point.

Senator Nachtigall

How will the fate of graduating seniors be decided?

Dr. Cocanougher

If we allow flexibility, it will be up to the Departments to decide this. This is a problem every year. However, it might become larger with the budget cuts.

Senator L. Williams

What is the current number of students needed to make a class?

Dr. Cocanougher

Undergraduate 10 - Graduate 5.

Senator L. Williams

Would you review the legal ramifications of students viewing the teacher evaluation forms?

Dr. Cocanougher

The Legal Council has reviewed the documents. I have not looked into it personally.

Senator Heard

Is there a proposal to save funds on utilities by reducing the academic work week to 4 days?

Dr. Cocanougher

It is not feasible for this campus.

President Boates

Is your office planning a program on how to proceed with the budget cuts?

Dr. Cocanougher

Yes.

Speaker Bennett thanked Dr. Cocanougher for addressing the Senate. The Senate applauded.

One-Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Gooden encouraged the committees to meet at a regular meeting time and interview as scheduled.

Senator Heard encouraged the Senate to draft more legislation. He also encouraged the Senators to become involved with SEAM.

Senator Bhagani encouraged the Senators to tell their constituents that Summer School has not been cancelled.

Reports of the Standing Committees:

Committee on Academic Affairs: Lela Williams, Chairperson

Senator Williams noted that her committee had met on Wednesday, September 10 to interview Fabian Vaksman for the Graduate and Professional Studies Council. She noted that at the request of Robbie Laux, Director of Personnel the appointment had been brought back into committee. Chair Williams noted on September 15th, Senator Nachtigall chaired the meeting. Senator Nachtigall noted that the committee

reviewed the appointments of Terry Ramsey -Undergraduate Council and Jackie Giddens-Academic Council.

Committee on Student Life: Tariq Mian, Chairperson  
No report at this time.

Committee on University Administration & Finance:  
No report at this time.

Committee on Internal Operations: Donald Heard - Acting Chairperson  
Senator Heard noted that the committee had met on Monday, September 22 to discuss appointments in committee. He noted that the committee would be reporting favorably on those appointments.

Committee on Budget and Appropriations: Ben Sheppard, Chairperon  
No report at this time.

Reports of Select Committees:

None at this time.

Special Orders:

None at this time.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

Senator Lela Williams reported favorably on the following appointments as a block:  
Terry Ramsey - Undergraduate Council  
Jackie Giddens - Academic Council

After motion was made and seconded, Senator Nachtigall spoke in favor of the appointments as a block. The Senate went into direct consideration of the appointments. The appointments were unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Senator Williams reported favorably on the appointment of Fabian Vaksman to the Graduate and Professional Studies Council. After motion was made and seconded, Senator Williams spoke in favor of the appointment. Senator Heard questioned Senator Williams on why the appointment was being considered when eariler she noted the appointment had been brought back into committee. Senator Williams noted that Dr. Cocanougher would veto the appointment of Fabian Vaksman because of his attitude. However, the committee found him to be a qualified candidate for the position. The Senate went into direct consideration of the appointment. The appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Senator Ramsey report favorably on the following appointments as a block:

Jackie Giddens - A.D. Brice Religion Center  
Bob Parker - Handicapped Advisory Board  
Carlos Santana - University Health Center Advisory Board  
Robbie Laux - Activities Funding Board / Organizations Board  
John Whitfield - Handicapped Advisory Board

After motion was made and seconded, Senator Bhagani spoke in favor of the appointments as a block. The Senate went into direct consideration of the appointments. The appointments were unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Senator Heard reported favorably on the following appointments:

Ferryl Boyance - Pharmacy (Senate position )  
Gregg Russell - Alternate University Student Court  
Anu Shah - Alternate University Student Court  
Peggy Gereighty - Social Science position #2  
Paul Prince - SA Treasurer

After motion was made and seconded, President Boates spoke in favor of Paul Prince, SA Treasurer. President Boates then reviewed the qualifications of the other appointees. Senator Gooden made motion to suspend the rules to allow nominees to speak. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Prince reviewed his qualifications. Speaker Bennett called for a motion to return to the orders of the day. After motion was made and seconded. The motion carried. The Senate then went into direct consideration of the appointments. The appointments were unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Speaker Bennett then swore in Ferryl Boyance - Pharmacy (Senate position) and Peggy Gereighty. The Senate applauded.

Senator Heard made motion to bypass the appointment of Melissa Hoodenpyle -Student Traffic Court. After motion was made and seconded, Senator Lela Williams spoke in favor of the motion to bypass. The motion carried. Senator Heard yielded the floor to Robbie Laux, Director of Personell. Mr. Laux reviewed her qualification. After motion was made seconded, Senator Heard spoke in favor of the appointment. The Senate went into direct consideration of the appointment. The appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Constitutional Amendment 32001

Sponsor: T. Mian

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Senator Heard reported favorably on the amendment. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the amendment. There were no speakers in favor or against. The legislation passed.

S.B. 32001

Sponsor: B. Sheppard

AN ACT to amend the Executive Bylaws of the Students' Association of the University of Houston-University Park.

Senator Heard reported favorably on the bill. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the bill. Senator Ramsey spoke in

favor of the bill. The bill passed unanimously.

Simple Resolution 32002

Sponsor: A. Bennett

A SIMPLE RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 99 OF SUBCHAPTER C OF THE SENATE CODE.

Senator Heard reported favorably on the resolution. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the resolution. Senator Ramsey spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

S.B. 32004

Sponsor: D. Gooden

A SENATE BILL AMENDING RULE 19 OF THE SENATE RULES OF ORDER

Senator Heard reported favorably on the bill. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the bill. Senator Gooden spoke in favor of the bill. The bill passed unanimously.

Simple Resolution 32003

Sponsor : A. Bennett (by request)

A SIMPLE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF SENATE

Senator Heard reported favorably on the resolution. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the resolution. Senator Ramsey spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes:

Speaker Bennett referred the following appointments to committee:

Salma Khan - Health Center Policy Board - Student Life  
Mary Walton - Calendar Board - University Adm. & Finance  
Markham Watson - Research Council - Academic Affairs  
Nicole Saade - Health Center Policy Board - Student Life  
Sanjay Khanduja - Health Center Policy Board - Student Life  
Eric Teltschik - Library Committee - Academic Affairs  
Leonardo Cervantes - Athletic Advisory - Committee University Adm. & Finance

New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes:

None at this time.

Introduction and First Reading New Legislation:

S.R. 32014

Sponsors: D. Heard and D. Gooden

A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION AND EXPANSION OF STUDENT LOANS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

S.R. 32013

Sponsor: D. Gooden

A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PENCIL SHARPENERS IN MELCHER HALL.

Comments and Announcements:

Speaker Bennett thanked the members of the Senate for their participation.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

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