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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Third Meeting of the Senate
Monday, April 17, 1989
Dallas-El Paso Room, University Center
7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate, Michael Danke, at 7:00 p.m.

The President swore in Senator Kevin Mason before the meeting began.

2. *Call of the Roll by the Secretary:*

The following Senators were present: Barrus, Browne, Cannon, Danke, Harper, Hicks, Israel, Kratzer, Kumar, Marino, Mason, Miklos, Nava, Owens, Parker, Patel, Potter, Regan, Sharma, Spacek, Traverse, and Zarka.

The following Senators were absent: Franklin and Ware.

The following Senators were excused: Gadberry, Karim, and Wuthrich.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Reed Paseur, Treasurer.

The following University Officials were present: Thomas Mercado, Willie Munson, and Bill Wentz.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. *Report of the President*

President Belicove welcomed everyone. He spoke on plans that might have the University of Houston hold classes Monday through Thursday only, rather than the traditional Monday through Friday. President Belicove announced that he did not agree with this plan because it create more apathy on campus. He said that if classes were to be held under the new plan, our campus would serve only one purpose, that being for academics - and not student development.

President Belicove announced that he will be authoring legislation to create a Standing University Committee comprised of student, faculty, and staff to express concerns about food service to Campus Dining Services.

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President Belicove expressed his concerns about the Texas Academic Skills Program being placed in a location that would not be accessible to Handicapped Students. He said that the University of Houston is ranked among the top universities in the nation where handicapped services and accessibility are concerned, and that to house TASP in an area that will be unreachable by Handicapped Students would be a great disservice to the Handicapped population at UH. President Belicove informed the Senate that current plans are for TASP to be housed on the 4th floor of E. Cullen along with the UH Writing Lab, and that that area is not accessible to Handicapped Students.

5. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Butt acknowledged the newly appointed chairs of the Senate standing committees: Robyn Kratzer - Student Life, Yahya Saeed - Academic Affairs, Chris Browne - Internal Affairs, and Biren Kumar - University Administration and Finance.

The Vice President also spoke on the architecture merger issue. The former Dean of the Architecture College, Dr. Jenkins, wrote a memo to the Students and Faculty of the College of Architecture stating that the issue of a merger is a "dead issue."

Vice President spoke on the Sense of the Senate Resolution 26003 about housing the memoirs and papers of George Bush at the University of Houston. The school needs to get the college and the general public involved for recognition to the University of Houston.

6. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker of the Senate, Michael Danke, made some corrections to the evening's agenda. The Speaker also passed around a list for Summer Senate.

Speaker Danke asked each of the Senators to write a list of what they expect from the office of the Speaker and to place them in his box.

The Agenda item of the week is an orientation of the facilities that are available in Students' Association office. The Speaker will be happy to give any of the Senators a tour of the equipment and how to use it.

The Speaker reminded the Senators to check their mailboxes at least two times a week. Speaker Danke has posted his office hours in the Senate Offices.

7. Special Reports:

Bill Wentz, the General Manager of Campus Dining Services spoke about dining services at the University of Houston, the possible creation of a committee consisting of students, staff, and faculty to meet with the food service managers on a regular basis, and that the Campus Dining Services at the University of Houston is encouraging student employees.



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8. *One Minute Speeches by the Members.*

President Belicove stated that he will be offering legislation for a standing committee on food service and if any of the Senators would be interested in co-authoring this legislation please get in touch with him.

Senator Miklos announced that he will be introducing legislation to strengthen the election code at the University of Houston. The best time to discuss the legislation specifics is in the Internal Affairs Committee meeting and Mr. Miklos will be happy to answer any questions.

Senator Owens reported that students enrolled in freshman and sophomore level English courses are being charged a \$15 computer use fee above the \$30 computer use fee for the entire campus.

Senator Parker announced that he is interested in authoring legislation about the TASP program location but has not been able to research the issue.

Senator Harper stated that he was against the four day week classes. He also stated that a fee for people who attend the athletic events is appropriate because the people who go do not mind paying extra money. Mr. Harper also commented on cheating in classes. He stated that many of the times Professors turn their heads and ignore the problem. Also, some of the Engineering students that he spoke with were not interested in housing the George Bush library at the University of Houston campus, until he explained it to them.

Senator Israel corrected his phone number on the Senate phone list. The correct number is 749-4736.

9. *Report of Standing Committees:*

At this time, there are no standing committees.

10. *Report of the Select Committee:*

The Ad hoc Committee approved all appointments to the Presidential cabinet and SSFPAC. The appointments were:

- Lance Peterman, Director of Personnel
- Robert Lichenstein, Director of External Affairs
- David Hearn, Assistant to the President and Vice President
- Bernie Luger, Assistant to the Directors
- Mark Burge, Co-Director of Public Relations
- Mark Brokoveski, Co-Director of Public Relations
- Michael Gorman, SSFPAC

11. *Special Reports:*

None

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12. *Unfinished Business and General Orders:*

a. Presidential Nominations and Appointments

Senator Kratzer made a motion to approve the nominations listed in the Order of Business as a block. Senator Kumar seconded the nomination, the Senate moved to a direct vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Senator Zarka made a motion to approve the committee chair appointments Robyn Kratzer - Student Life, Biren Kumar - University Administration and Finance, Chris Browne - Internal Affairs, Yahya Saeed - Academic Affairs, and Karl Barrus - Academic Affairs Vice-Chair as a block. Senator Sharma seconded the nomination, the Senate moved into a direct vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Legislation

No Reports.

13. *New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetos:*

None

14. *Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:*

Senator Miklos introduced Senate Bill 26001: A SENATE BILL AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTION CODE.

15. *Presidential Nominations and Appointments:*

President Belicove nominated the following person for SSFPAC: Mary Monasterio.

16. *Comments and Announcements:*

Senator Saeed requested that all of the members of the Academic Affairs Committee meet after the meeting to discuss an appropriate time for the meeting.

Senator Kratzer will be phoning the members of the Student Life Committee to set up a meeting time.

Senator Marino announced that he and Senator Sharma met with Dean Rodgers and had the beginnings of a good working relationship with the dean. He will also be working on legislation concerning pass/fail classes. He encouraged Senators to meet with the Deans of their colleges.

President Belicove thanked the Speaker and the Selection committee for approving the Cabinet appointments.



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Vice President Butt thanked Bill Wentz for addressing the Senate about Campus Dining Services.

Senator Browne congratulated the Presidential nominees and announced a meeting with the Internal Affairs Committee. He announced the Spring Gala at the Architecture college on 4/22 at 10:00 p.m. the cost is \$7 per person.

Senator Kumar announced that he would like to meet with the members of the University Administration and Finance Committee after the Senate Meeting.

President Belicove announced the birthday party for Shasta at the cage tomorrow at noon.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:53 p.m.