

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Seventeenth Meeting of the 27th Senate  
Monday, November 5, 1990  
Regents 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:** Vikram Bhatia - *Report of the Election Code Task Force*
5. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**
6. **Report of the President:** Paul Hogle
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:** None
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
      - **Franklin Chang** - Writing Proficiency Appeals & Grievance Committee
      - **Jerrold Always** - Undergraduate Council
      - **Glenda Johnson** - Academic Council
    2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
      - **Alex Arenas** - SA Senate (At-Large #8)
      - **Lloyd Jacobson** - SA Senate (Graduate School of Social Work)
      - **Mohammed A. Kahn** - SA Senate (Engineering #1)
    3. Committee on Student Life:
      - **Delaine Foss** - Organizations Board
      - **Mohammed Chaudhry** - Organizations Board

- Jennifer Pendleton - Organizations Board
  - Zaigham Hasan - Organizations Board
  - Salim Chatour - Police & Parking Advisory Board
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:
  - None
3. Committee on Academic Affairs:
  - **UB 27016**: CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES  
**Sponsor**: Tiffany Russell
  - **SAB 27012**: PURCHASING NEWSPAPER LISTINGS OF COMPUTER FACILITIES  
**Sponsors**: Chris Cooley & Preeti Gandhi
4. Committee on Student Life:
  - **UB 27017**: CONCERNING A STOPLIGHT AND CROSSWALK AT ENTRANCE 19  
**Sponsors**: Damon Chargois & Jan Burns
5. Committee on Internal Affairs:
  - **SR 27005**: CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES TO BETTER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISEMENT  
**Sponsor**: Tiffany Russell
  - **SAB 27013**: MANDATING THE UPKEEP OF STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS AND THE UNIVERSITY CENTER  
**Sponsors**: Mark Burge & Zaigham Shah
  - **SAB 27014**: REQUIRING MANDATORY OFFICE HOURS FOR COMPENSATED STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS  
**Sponsors**: D. Lee Grooms & Mark Burge

**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 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: Michael Banta, John Andrew Berggren, Michael Berry, Jan Burns, Damon Chargois, Chris Cooley, Chris Cortes, Dean Draper, Scott Eastman, Eddie Elizondo, Matthew Emal, Michael T. Floreani, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Majid Husain, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Michael S. Oholendt, Cheryl Price, Joel D. Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Farrel Sharp, Devi Sunderaj.

The following Senators were excused: None.

The following senators were absent: Richard Corbello, Brodrick Dockery, Mohammed Ali Saeed, Zaigham Shah.

The following University officials were present: Consuelo Trevino, Director of Campus Activities and Willie Munson, Dean of Students.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

**4. Special Reports:**

Vikram Bhatia gave a report on the Election Code Task Force. He informed the Senate of the changes recommended for the Code. Section 1.0.3 has been changed to read 'The Election Code shall not be amended and/or changed after the first Spring Senate meeting until after the General Election and the Run-off Election, if necessary, are over. Section 4.0.3 now reads 'There shall be two (2) candidate seminars held on different days at different times at least three (3) class days after filing deadline.' He said in the past few years candidates did not attend the seminars. He said Section 5.0.1 has been changed to read 'No posting, distributing and/or displaying of any campaign material shall begin until after all candidate seminars are over.' He said in the past candidates were usually not aware of posting policies. Section 5.0.7 now reads 'For the purpose of this code scheduled class will be defined as an assembly of students awaiting or attending a scheduled class per University of Houston class schedule of the respective semester.' Vikram Bhatia said any class listed in the Spring Schedule is defined as a regular classroom even if the instructor is late. Senator Richards asked what would happen if the room is presently unoccupied. Vikram Bhatia said that if it is listed in the schedule it will still be considered a classroom. He said in the past there was no way for the Election Commissioner to determine if the financial statements submitted by the candidates were accurate. Section 5.0.1 now reads 'Each candidate for any office is required to keep up-to-date records of all

campaign receipts and expenditures.' Mr. Bhatia said when Internal Affairs revised the code last year some of the polling sites were open for one day only. He said the Election Code Task Force changed Section 6.0.3 to ensure that polling sites with the exception of Pharmacy and the Medical Center remain open on both days. Senator Berggren asked if the Atrium in the Architecture Building is the designated space for the polling booth. Mr. Bhatia said that is upto the discretion of the Election Commissioner. Senator Berggren asked if there is a ban on hanging banners in the Atrium. Vikram Bhatia said there is a ban on hanging any election material within fifty feet of the booth in any direction. Concerning complaints, he said the Election Commissioner is currently given 24 hrs to review complaints. He said now it has been extended to 2 class days. This gives them time to get the facts together. Section 7.1.2 now reads 'The Chief Election Commissioner may request the Dean of Students office to review the case in accordance with the the University disciplinary procedures.' He said in the past it was difficult to find the violator. Now the Dean of Students office can look into the matter. 7.2.2 reads ' Only the person complaining or complained against in the original complaint may appeal.' Section 7.2.3 ensures that an appeal will now go directly to Student Court. Part (b) reads 'All Parties shall be entitled to the counsel of their choice. Counsel may speak only upon permission by court.' Section 7.2.4 gives more power to the Student Court. Part (6) reads ' When the Student Court decides University Service is an appropriate sanction, then the court may request an approval of the decision by the Dean of Students office.' Senator Emal asked if this means the court does not have to ask the Dean of Students office. Mr. Bhatia said the Dean of Students office already has a lot of work. Senator Richards asked if the appeal process can take upto 3 days after filing. Mr. Bhatia replied that the Election Commission can apply a ceaseorder for 3 days. He said on election days the student court will hold a session everyday. Senator Berry asked what the reason for mandatory attendance at the seminars is. Mr. Bhatia said it is to avoid the Election Commission the task of going over the material again. He said last year 26 among 149 candidates attended the seminar. Senator Russell asked if any appeals went through Student Court last year. Senator Richards asked if Section 7.2.4 is applied by Student Court only after the appeal has been filed. Mr. Bhatia replied in the affirmative to both questions.

#### 5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Emal said Election Day is tomorrow and that he hopes everyone will vote a straight Democratic ticket.

Senator Eastman said he would like to welcome all the new senators, including Senator Emal who he said may be "too Democratic."

Senator Berry said he hopes to bypass committee on SAR 27017: DENOUNCING PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF TASP TESTS. He requested senators to look it over before then.

#### 6. Report of the President:

President Hogle welcomed the new senators and said he is happy to see an almost full senate. He said the details of the library donation bill have been worked out and the form will be going out with Priority Registration fee bills. He said it has been named Students for the Library. He said students can pay their fees and donations with a single check. President Hogle said he will pass them around the Senate and asked the senators to contribute at least \$2 so that other students can join the Senate in supporting the Library.

President Hogle said the Faculty Senate discussed the issue of housing student athletes in the Cambridge Oaks apartments. He said the Senate can play a part in settling this issue. Senator Grooms asked what the issue is. Senator Berry said the problem is that athletes got a discount on living in Cambridge Oaks. He said the Police say that most of the complaints they receive about noise have to do with the athletes.

President Hogle said the Students Needs Survey Committee has finished the survey form. He said they are trying to get samples from different departments. He said all units of the Division of Student Affairs are being evaluated. Senator Sunderaj said a lot of courses are being taught by TA's and asked if they were going to be evaluated too. President Hogle said he would like to see Senate input on the sample evaluation sheets he passed out. He said he will retype it and send it back to the department after he receives feedback from the Senate.

President Hogle said Dr. Barnett is in favor of having a Student Regent here. Senator Eastman asked if he would have the same voting privileges as a regent. President Hogle said the regent would.

President Hogle said SSFPAC just held its 4th meeting. He said they were discussing emergency allocations for problems arising from an increase in enrollment. He said they were going through the 6 year plan which covers the objectives and goals of the Division of Student Affairs. He said SSFPAC looked over the goals to see where our input makes a difference. He said they were targeting nontraditional students within campus activities. President Hogle also noted that SSFPAC meetings are open to the public.

Senator Grooms said he was under the impression that SSFPAC made a call for both optimistic and realistic plans. He said he envisages a problem with units turning in budgets which assume an increase in fees and these projections being used later to justify an increase in fees. President Hogle said he believes an increase in fees will not be accomplished without student input and that a move to flexible tuition would be a similar case. Senator Rosenberger asked if it is correct that a student referendum is required to increase student service fees. President Hogle said a student referendum would be needed to increase the fees past \$90. Senator Grooms said no referendum can increase the fees beyond \$90 under current state law. Alex Arenas, a pending Senate nominee, asked President Hogle to elaborate on what he meant by flexible tuition. President Hogle said it meant Board of Regent authorized increases up to 10%. Concerning a 10% increase, Senator Rosenberger asked if it can be done yearly. President Hogle said it could, but prior notification will have to be given to students.

President Hogle announced Dr. Barnett decided in favor of maintaining the centralized career planning and placement center.

President Hogle said he will be nominating Sandhya Sanghani for SA treasurer. He said 15 applications had been narrowed down to this one after a lengthy search.

President Hogle presented his and the Executive Cabinet's goals for the remainder of the term. He said he has set a timeline for the teacher evaluation project and would like to see it published upon completion. He said he is thinking of creating a compensated position within SA to coordinate this. He said we need more people to work on environmental issues.

He said the Senate Executive Committee discussed the concept of credit card fee payment. Senator Banta suggested adding telephone registration to this. President Hogle said that is already being planned. Senator Sunderaj said she called someone in the administration to talk about the charges in installing credit card machines. Senator Eastman pointed out that when credit cards are used the company keeps a percentage of the money. Senator Sunderaj said it would be helpful to draw up a proposal. Senator Chargois said that a university credit card fee would take care of the surcharge problem.

President Hogle said SA's voice needs to be increased. He said one of the goals is election of a student regent. He said Freddie Saucedo is working on the reactivation of student lobbying of the state legislature. President Hogle yielded the floor to Freddie Saucedo, Director of External Affairs. Freddie Saucedo said the first step towards this goal was the Voter Registration drive. He said the second step is to get everyone involved. He said the reactivated Students as Constituents will be a powerful group and this is a good way to get SA's voice heard.

President Hogle said we need to increase SA publicity. He said SA's display at the Activities Mart is not impressive. Senator Grooms said more people are needed to work at the desk. He said students are looking for involvement with real people and not necessarily something expensive. President Hogle said he felt that the SA display could be improved without too much expense.

Senator Sunderaj said she has researched a bill on updating the UC information boards. She suggested that someone talk to Jean Munson on this issue.

President Hoglund said that work on publicity is equally important. He said SA should get a dependable campus calendar and distribute it too. He said it should be put on bulletin boards too. Senator Banta said the University of Texas sells \$3 calendar books that work rather well. Senator Richards said such a calendar is feasible for major events but not for smaller events which have less advance planning. Senator Grooms suggested that they talk with other programming groups on campus. He said on other campuses' students are given projects whereas here they are more in control of events, sometimes causing later preparation. In conclusion President Hoglund said Mary Valle and Mike Little have been doing a good job on press releases of the Senate meetings and other public relations work.

#### **7. Report of the Vice President:**

Senator Berggren asked if there is anything that can be done to make the meetings move a bit faster. Speaker Burge that there is no rule concerning the length of a report.

Senator Richards asked when the agenda was changed back to its original form. Speaker Burge said the agenda was different only for the previous meeting.

During his report Vice President Flemming said he needs a senator to sponsor findings of the Student Disciplinary Code Review Committee. He said Sandhya Sanghani is an excellent candidate for the post of Treasurer. He said she was the editor of the yearbook and treasurer of ISA and that he would appreciate the Senate's support for Sandhya.

#### **8. Report of the Speaker:**

Speaker Burge pointed out an error on the appointments on the agenda where two names had been left off.

Speaker Burge said there has been no reply from the administration concerning a University Bill since August 10 and that the last University Bill which was either signed or vetoed by the UH President was UB 27005, passed by the Senate on June 4 . He said that there are at least 10 bills on which no action, either for or against has been taken.

Speaker Burge said that SAR 27015: ENUMERATING CONCERNS TO BE PURSUED IN THE 1991 SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE would be introduced later during the meeting. He said that he hopes Senators will give it close attention and consideration. He read the portion of the bill listing UHSA concerns which were as follows:

- Achieve the appointment of a student representative with full membership privileges to the governing boards of Texas universities and/or university systems;
- Under no circumstances allow the power to impose increases in undergraduate tuition to leave the hands of the popularly elected state legislature and fall under the jurisdiction of appointed university governing boards;
- Oppose amendments to the Texas Higher Education Code, Section 54.503, part B, which would increase the Student Service Fee cap from \$90, an opinion the Students' Association has already voiced in previous legislation (SAR 27010);
- Return control over graduate tuition to the state legislature, inasmuch as tuition costs have skyrocketed under university governing boards' control;
- Preserve the present levels of tuition and fees as much as possible, and stipulate that any new fees to be approved by student referendum;

- Fund higher education at adequate levels, as this is not the current practice;
- Distribute the Permanent University Fund monies more equitably among public higher education institutions.

Speaker Burge said that he hopes to see Senate support for these issues.

**9. Reports of the Standing Committees:**

a) Academic Affairs:

Senator Floreani, Vice Chair of Academic Affairs said his committee reported out favorably on the nominations of the following:

Adrian Brown--Graduate and Professional Studies Council  
 Franklin Chang--Writing Professions Appeals and Grievance Committee  
 Jarrod Alwais--Undergraduate Council  
 He said they have not been able to get in touch with Glenda Johnson for Academic Council so her nomination was tabled.

b) Internal Affairs:

Senator Russell, Chair of Internal Affairs said her committee did not get quorum, but that the members who were present suggested discharging the appointments of the following:

Alex Arenas--SA Senate ( At-Large #8)  
 Lloyd Jacobson--SA Senate( Graduate School of Social Work)  
 Mohammed A. Kahn--SA Senate ( Engineering #1)

She said AAUS needs to repay the funds borrowed from the Students' Association. Senator Russell said they have 14 days left to repay it.

President Hoglund said a full record of expenditures will be available available in the October budget.

c) Student Life:

Senator Richards said his committee reported out favorably on the nominations:

Delaine Foss--Organizations Board  
 Mohammed Chaudhary --Organizations Board  
 Jennifer Pendleton--Organizations Board  
 He said they reported out unfavorably on the nomination of Zaigham Hasan to the Organization Board.

d) University Administration and Finance:

None.

**10. Reports of the Select Committees:**

None.

**11. Special Orders:**

None.

#### 12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

Senator Grooms introduced SAR 27015: ENUMERATING CONCERNS TO BE PURSUED IN THE 1991 SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE. Senator Floreani introduced SR 27006: CONCERNING A STOPLIGHT AND CROSSWALK AT ENTRANCE 19. (This resolution later became a substitute for UB 27017). Senator Price introduced SAR 27016: CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF A LIVE MASCOT HOUSED ON CAMPUS. Senator Berry introduced SR 27017: DENOUNCING PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF TASP TESTS.

Senator Grooms moved to question Sandhya Sanghani as she had taken the trouble to attend the meeting. He spoke in favor of the motion and said it is on rare occasions that such a large portion of the Senate attends the meetings. He said this is a major appointment and although it is the role of the Internal Affairs committee, the whole Senate has demonstrated an interest in this appointment. Senator Richards spoke against the motion. He said people interested in the nomination can go to the Internal Affairs committee meeting.

Senator Rosenberger asked if this was a motion to bypass committee.

Speaker Burge said the motion on the floor was only to interview the candidate and not to bypass committee.

Senator Russell said it was a waste of time and that she would like to concur with Senator Richards.

President Hoglund suggested setting a time limit and opening the floor to questions.

Senator Nguyen said Senator Russell does not know the definition of time. He said it will take 20 minutes to question her now whereas it will otherwise take 2 weeks.

Senator Eastman moved the previous question. After a vote, debate was closed and a voice vote taken.

Senator Richards called for a division of the assembly. A hand vote showed there were 13 votes in favor, 5 opposing and 2 abstentions. The Speaker cast a vote in favor and debate was closed.

The motion on allowing Sandhya Sanghani to speak failed with 6 votes in favor, 10 opposing and 3 abstentions.

#### 13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

Senator Grooms moved that the Senate bypass the nomination of Alex Arenas, Lloyd Jacobson and Mohammed A. Kahn to Senate positions.

Senator Russell spoke in favor of the motion and said all the applicants had come to the informal IA meeting and all have impeccable credentials.

The motion to bypass committee passed with a two-thirds majority.

Senator Nguyen spoke in favor of Alex Arenas and said he is a good student and is very involved in school. He said he would be an asset to SA. The nomination passed unanimously.

Senator Nguyen spoke in favor of the nomination of Lloyd Jacobson. He said he served with Lloyd in the Metropolitan Volunteer Program and that he too will be an asset to SA. The nomination passed with one abstention.

Senator Nguyen also spoke in favor of the nomination of Mohammed Kahn. He said he has been involved in CEO and PSA. The nomination passed with one abstention.

President Hoglund swore in Lloyd Jacobson and Alex Arenas as Senators.

#### b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business:

##### 1. Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business:

None.

2. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

None.

3. Committee on Academic Affairs:

Senator Banta said he did the research requested from the past meeting on SAB 27012: PURCHASING NEWSPAPER LISTINGS OF COMPUTER FACILITIES. He said the Daily Cougar does not have any record of on campus computer facilities listings. Senator Eastman asked the author of the bill Senator Berry if he has any information regarding cost. Senator Berry said he leaves that to the discretion of the President. He suggested maybe taking a box ad in the Daily Cougar. Senator Berry said he discussed this with President Hogle who confirmed the availability of funds in the budget. The bill was put to a direct vote and passed with two abstentions.

4. Committee on Student Life:

Senator Floreani moved to discharge UB 27017: CONCERNING A STOPLIGHT AND CROSSWALK AT ENTRANCE 19 and reintroduce it as a Senate Resolution. President Hogle suggested proposing an amendment instead of killing the bill. Senator Richards asked if the bill still needs to go through committee. Speaker Burge said not, since the bill is still on the floor from the last meeting. Senator Floreani spoke in favor of the resolution and said his legislative intern Kaushik Dutta did extensive research on the bill. He said the Houston city council has not taken any action yet because they think UH should share the cost as such a move will benefit mostly UH students. Senator Banta asked if building a pedestrian walk will solve any problems in view of the fact that jaywalkers still walk on Cullen. He suggested building a bridge. Senator Gandhi asked if they had any estimate of the costs involved. The resolution was put to a direct vote and passed with 1 opposing vote.

5. Committee on Internal Affairs:

Senator Russell moved to bypass SR 27005: CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES TO BETTER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISEMENT and SAB 27013: MANDATING THE UPKEEP OF STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS AND THE UNIVERSITY CENTER and SAB 27014: REQUIRING MANDATORY OFFICE HOURS FOR COMPENSATED STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS. After no debate the bypass motion was approved.

President Hogle spoke in favor of SR 27005: CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES TO BETTER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISEMENT. He said the bill supports the Students' Association's goals. The resolution was put to a direct vote and passed. Next, discussion was on SAB 27013: MANDATING THE UPKEEP OF STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS AND THE UNIVERSITY CENTER. Senator Banta asked what is present on SA publicity boards now and what will be put on the boards in the future. Speaker Burge said information on SA, how to join SA etc. will be put on the boards. Senator Rosenberger said he believes that is the intent of Devi Sunderaj's bill. He said these boards are in public areas. President Hogle said SA has boards meant strictly for Students' Association. Senator Russell asked what is there on the cards now. President Hogle said the boards are being used by everyone else now. Senator Grooms said there are boards in the UC and Quadrangle. The bill was put to direct vote and passed with 19 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Senator Grooms spoke in favor of SAB 27014: REQUIRING MANDATORY OFFICE HOURS FOR COMPENSATED STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS. He said this is a proactive bill and not a reactive bill. He said student leader compensations constitutes about 30% of SA's budget. Senator

Grooms said at present our bylaws do not require compensated leaders to maintain office hours. He said he doesn't think 10 hours a week is an outrageous amount. He said the reason this is so low is to enable officers to fulfill their obligations outside the office too. He said 2 of the authors and 1 sponsor are affected by the bill. Senator Berggren asked why the hours specified are between 8 AM and 6 PM. Senator Grooms said an hour before and an hour after general office hours is convenient to most students. Senator Berggren said it would prevent a person who wants to come in earlier from doing so. President Hogle said he is in support of the bill. Senator Elizando asked on which days these hours will be. Senator Grooms said the bill allows for a lot of flexibility. He said officers who want to post more than 10 hours are free to do so. Senator Eastman moved the previous question and debate was closed by general consent. The bill was put to a direct vote and passed with a two-thirds majority with 18 votes in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

#### 14. New Business and General Orders:

##### a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

President Hogle introduced nominations and they were referred as follows:

Mark Burge--Activities Funding Board -- Student Life  
Vidhi Sahae--Handicapped Student Advisory--Student Life  
Sandhya Sanghani--SA Treasurer--Internal Affairs  
Satish Kauta--Business #1--Internal Affairs  
Kaushik Dutta--SSFPAC--Internal Affairs  
Kathryn L. Sherman--SSFPAC--Internal Affairs  
Thomas R. Creel--SSFPAC--Internal Affairs  
John M. Parker--SSFPAC--Internal Affairs

##### b) Motions on Committee Bypass:

Senator Berry moved to bypass SAR 27017: DENOUNCING PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF TASP TESTS. Speaking in favor of the motion Senator Berry said he is bypassing committee because the Texas Higher Education Board will be giving a decision on this matter very soon. The motion to bypass was put to a direct vote and passed with 19 votes in favor and 3 abstentions.

Senator Grooms spoke in favor of the bill. He said it is spooky that his standardized tests are psychologically evaluated. Senator Banta said kids who write such material need help and questioned the harm in evaluating of these tests. Senator Chargois said it is not in the best interest for students to have their tests evaluated in this way. Senator Elizando said he spoke with Senator Berry and said it while it is true that two kids were psychologically evaluated it is also true that the two kids did need help. Senator Arenas asked who sets guidelines for what is considered suicidal and homicidal. Senator Berry said the psychologists determined this. Senator Rosenberger asked if he has documentation from TASP to prove that psychologists use their own judgment. Senator Berry said he knows that two psychiatrists were hired by the board. Senator Eastman said it is scary that what he writes on a test is used to evaluate him. He said this is an invasion of privacy. Senator Richards moved the previous question. The motion was put to vote and failed with 12 votes in favor, 8 opposed and 1 abstentions, so debate continued.

Senator Banta said the TASP evaluation is important as it will help kids in trouble. He said teachers and psychologists can pinpoint the trouble. Senator Banta asked if the test is only for high school seniors. Senator Banta said he took it in December. Senator Sharp moved the previous question which passed. The resolution was put to a direct vote and passed with 15 votes in favor, 5 oppositions and no abstentions.

President Hogle requested that the nominations to SSFPAC bypass committee. Senator Richards

asked if he wanted to bypass committee on all the nominations. President Hogle said he wants to bypass committee on those members who have served before. Senator Cooley asked why they are being renominated. President Hogle said their terms expire on November 1. Senator Richards asked why quorum was not adjusted accordingly. President Hogle said that SSFPAC quorum is set at 5 members and does not fluctuate like Senate quorum does. Senator Richards asked how many active members are present. President Hogle said there are 5. Senator Grooms called for the orders of the day. No motion on bypass was offered and the meeting continued according to the agenda.

c) Other New Business and General Orders:

None.

**15. Closing Call of the roll by the Secretary:**

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: Michael Banta, John Andrew Berggren, Michael Berry, Damon Chargois, Chris Cooley, Dean Draper, Scott Eastman, Eddie Elizondo, Michael Floreani, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Michael S. Oholendt, Cheryl Price, Joel D. Richards, Tiffany E. Russell, Farrel Sharp, Alex Arenas, Lloyd Jacobson.

The following senators were absent: Jan Burns, Richard Corbello, Brodrick Dockery, Majid Husain, Michael Rosenberger, Mohammed Ali Saeed, Zaigham Shah.

The following senators were excused: Matthew Emal, Devi Sunderaj.

**16. Comments and Announcements:**

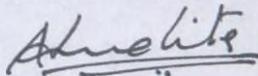
Senator Richards said TSSA conference is on the 15th. He said he would like to see UH send several delegates. He said CEO is in the midst of publicity week. He said he would like to commend the administration on filling up the Senate positions, but that he would like to see more women in the Senate.

Senator Grooms said SPB is screening Torch Song Trilogy tomorrow. He said the inventive minds speaker series starts on Wednesday in the UH Ballroom.

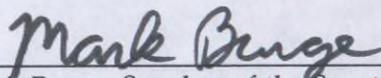
**17. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:35 PM.

APPROVED AS AMENDEND BY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON NOVEMBER 19, 1990



Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary



Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate