

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Twenty-first Meeting of the 27th Senate
Monday, February 11, 1991
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:** John Bernard, Faculty Senate President
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: Michael Berry, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: Tiffany Russell, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Joel Richards, Chair
 - d) University Administration & Finance: Michael Rosenberger, Acting Chair
10. **Reports of the Select Committees:** None
11. **Special Orders:**
12. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:**
 - a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda:
 - **SAB 27018:** ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE 1991 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS
Sponsor: SA Law
 - **UB 27026:** BEGINNING GREATER PLACEMENT OF HOUSE PHONES ON CAMPUS
Sponsor: D. Lee Grooms
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:
13. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - **Glenda Johnson** - Academic Council
 - **Daniel Lurvey** - Undergraduate Council
 - **Ashish Kulkarni** - Bookstore Advisory Committee
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - **Kathryn Sherman** - SSFPAC
 - **Albert Holden** - Chief Election Commissioner

- **Angela Cowen** - Assistant Election Commissioner
 - **Suja George** - Assistant Election Commissioner
3. Committee on Student Life:
 - **None**
 4. Committee on University Administration & Finance:
 - **Shaik Ahmed** - Safety Committee

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:
 - **SAR 27024**: REQUESTING PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUTURE AUXILIARY FUNDS
Sponsors: Joel Richards & Michael Berry
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
 - **UB 27024**: ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Sponsors: Tuan Vu Nguyen & Mark Burge
5. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - **SAB 27017**: AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION OF THE STUDENT REGENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SAB 27016
Sponsor: Michael Berry
4. Committee on Student Life:
 - **UB 27025**: BEGINNING GREATER PLACEMENT OF BICYCLE RACKS ON CAMPUS
Sponsor: Tiffany Russell

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 roll and the following senators were present: Michael Banta, Michael Berry, Richard Corbello, Chris Cortes, Eduardo Elizando, Matthew Emal, D. Lee Grooms, Lloyd Jacobson, Satish Kauta, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Michael S. Oholendt, Joel Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Zaigham Shah, Devi Sunderaj.

The following senators were absent: Alex Arenas, John Berggren, Damon Chargois, Dean Draper, Scott Eastman, Michael Floreani, Preeti Gandhi, Majid Husain, Mohammed Khan, Cheryl Price, Mohammed Ali Saeed.

The following senators were excused: Farrel Sharp.

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 from the Previous Meeting:

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Special Reports:

Dr. John Bernard, Faculty Senate President reiterated the Faculty Senate's solidarity with SA. He said the two organizations have been working more closely with each other recently. He said the two main issues on the Faculty Senate's agenda are shared governance of faculty members and the administration and extending support to Dr. Barnett's agenda. Dr. Bernard said Dr. Barnett's agenda includes promoting community partnership, cultural diversity, and making the campus more humane. He said his personal priorities in the academic field are to find greater resources for undergraduate education, hiring of more faculty, rewarding good teaching, finding a steady source of funding for the library, and strengthening the core curriculum by adding a multicultural component. Dr. Bernard said his priorities on the human side include protection of individual civil rights, increase environmental activism and increase diversity on campus. He said SA has already taken a lead in implementation of the recycling program. In view of the war in the Middle East he said we should protect the rights of protesters, foreign students from the affected region and Muslim students. He said he intends to monitor the policy regarding student fees. Dr. Bernard said a solution to the perennial parking problem on campus could be carpooling. He said the university community should make an effort to conserve more energy. Concerning health issues Dr. Bernard said cafeterias should be encouraged to serve healthier food. He encouraged senators to look into creating a smoke free campus. Dr. Bernard said he is disturbed

by the number of ways student names and address lists are sold on campus. Dr. Bernard said the university is negotiating the Higher Education Budget in the state legislature. He asked senators to support Dr. Rodgers, chair of the legislative relations committee who will be leading the effort in Austin.

Senator Emal asked if a decision has been made concerning the Texas Employees Union yet. Dr. Bernard said he is not aware of one. Senator Sunderaj said she is bothered to find peers working at the Health Center in possession of confidential information about individual students. Dr. Bernard said he shared her concern and stressed the need for added safeguards. He said he will ask Dr. Elwyn Lee, chair of Campus Life committee to look into it. Senator Banta asked what the Faculty Senate is going to do for the community. Dr. Bernard said the Texas Center for University School Partnerships is an important project on Dr. Barnett's agenda and are trying to work with the surrounding community. Senator Rosenberger asked if Camp Cougar, a program for mentally impaired children is in danger of being canceled. Dr. Bernard said he has not heard of it and asked him where he had heard such a rumor. Senator Rosenberger said the Director of Residential Life told him so. Dr. Bernard said he will ask Dr. Lee to look into this matter as well.

5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Grooms said Internal Affairs would like to reconsider the nomination of Thomas Creel to SSFPAC. He said they had reported unfavorably on the nomination last semester. However, he has been attending the SSFPAC meetings regularly.

6. Report of the President:

President Hoglund said he and Speaker Burge have written a bill creating a carpooling database. He said it is similar to the Library mailout and will have students put their name and addresses on it. This information will be compiled and kept on a database. This program is mostly an SA effort. Speaking on the teacher evaluation issue he said he is following a report of the 1981 task force on undergraduate education which suggests that the information be summarized and sent to SA. President Hoglund said he is writing a resolution to this effect. He said the SA banquet will be on Friday, April 5th, at 7:00PM in the Cougar den. He said the AAUS Common Ground conference is on February 22-24. Senator Grooms asked if we are still going to pay AAUS money keeping in mind the deficit shown in AAUS records towards SA. President Hoglund said we agreed to pay for it through legislation passed by the Senate. He said the agreement is that if AAUS made a profit we would share it and if AAUS went under we would bear the costs. Senator Grooms said it was stated at the Internal Affairs meeting that AAUS at UH was using our accounts as SA had sound financial ground. He said we were just vouching for them with the understanding that they would return it to us. President Hoglund suggested examining this matter at the next meeting. Vice President Flemming said it is hard to get an organization that does not have money to pay us back. He said we should take an active role in AAUS. He said the AAUS conference on campus got us great publicity. Freddie Saucedo, Director of External Affairs said the Legislative session started in Austin in January. He said it is time we get organized. He said if we had every student on campus write a letter to the legislature then it will have an impact on the course of a bill. He said he needs volunteers to sit at tables and get more people involved. Freddie Saucedo said we should leave some sort of legacy behind.

7. Report of the Vice-President:

Vice President Flemming said the volunteer reception is on February 26 in the Regents Room. He said he would like to see more people involved in the election this year. He said 2,000 people voting is not representative enough. Therefore, SA will be putting out a series of advertisements to reach out to the student population.

8. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Burge nominated Senator Rosenberger as Chair of University Administration and Finance and Senator Eastman as Vice Chair of the committee. He also nominated Senator Rosenberger as the senate designate for the SPB officer selection committee. The nomination passed upon being put to separate votes. Speaker Burge noted that SAB 27020: PRHOBITING FURTHER DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO AAUS would be introduced later on in the meeting in light of the deficit documented in the SA fiscal report at the last meeting. He asked senators to make the most of the upcoming three meetings as legislation from this Senate session does not carry over.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Senator Berry, Chair of Academic Affairs said his committee was reporting out favorably on the following nominations:

Glenda Johnson-Academic Council
Daniel Lurvey-Undergraduate Council

He said he has not been able to contact Ashish Kulkarni for the Bookstore Advisory Committee. Senator Berry said his committee was turning UB 27016: CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES over to the Executive Branch and will therefore report unfavorably. He said SA would have to investigate this as there might be a profit involved.

b) Internal Affairs:

Senator Russell, Chair of Internal Affairs, said her committee is reporting out favorably on the following nominations:

Kathryn Sherman-SSFPAC
Albert Holden-Chief Election Commissioner
Angela Cowen-Assistant Election Commissioner
Suja George-Assistant Election Commissioner

Senator Russell also said that her committee had informally interviewed Kittrie Gleason for Education #1 and recommends that she bypass committee. She said they were reporting favorably on SAB 27017: AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION OF THE STUDENT REGENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SAB 27016.

c) Student Life:

Senator Richards, chair of Student Life said his committee did not officially discharge UB 27025: BEGINNING GREATER PLACEMENT OF BICYCLE RACKS ON CAMPUS, but that this bill should probably be bypasses

d) University Administration and Finance:

Senator Rosenberger, chair of University Administration and Finance said his committee did not meet.

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 the Publication of the Agenda:

Speaker Burge said SAB 27018: ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE 1991 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS will have to be introduced tonight by SA Law. UB 27026: BEGINNING GREATER PLACEMENT OF HOUSE PHONES ON CAMPUS was also introduced.

b) Legislation introduced on the Senate Floor:

Senator Cortes introduced SAB 27021: INVESTIGATING THE POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING GARAGE. Senator Grooms introduced SAB 27019: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A CARPOOLING DATABASE. Senator Russell introduced SAB 27020: PROHIBITING FURTHER DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (AAUS). Senator Rosenberger introduced SAB 27018: ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE 1991 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

All university standing committee appointments were dealt with as reported on earlier.

b) Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:

SAR 27024: REQUESTING PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUTURE AUXILIARY FUNDS was brought back for reconsideration. Speaker Burge said the Senate can override the veto by a 2/3 majority, sustain the veto or send it back to committee. Senator Richards said he would like to yield the floor to the senators who requested President Hogle to veto the bill. President Hogle said they were Senator Grooms and Senator Rosenberger. Speaking in favor of a motion to override the veto, Senator Richards said it is a good piece of legislation and has a lot of good points in it. Speaking against the motion Senator Rosenberger said the resolution goes against Dr. Barnett's goals of reducing the athletic debt. Senator Berry said the memo from President Hogle states that several senators and the Speaker asked that the bill be vetoed. He said however, a part of the funds will go to building a parking facility which is what a piece of legislation passed out tonight advocates. Senator Berry said several administrators have stated that this move of Dr. Barnett is not good fiscal policy. Senator Grooms said his concerns are not to do with the premise of the bill. He said he agreed with many of the resolved clauses but disagreed with others in this omnibus bill. He said if the issues dealt with are important enough the bill should be divided to allow the Senate to express its opinion for or against the individual ideas. Senator Eastman moved that the bill be referred back to committee. Senator Emal spoke in favor of the motion and said the author should write another bill. The motion was put to a vote and passed. The bill was referred to UAF.

2. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

None.

3. Committee on Academic Affairs:

Senator Berry, Chair of Academic Affairs, said his committee was discharging UB 27016: CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES to the floor. Senator Floreani spoke against the bill and said the executive branch can put in the needed work. The bill was put to a vote and defeated.

Senator Nguyen spoke in favor of UB 27024: TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. He said the bill is asking the administration to establish a task force. He said his goal is to have it become an influential program like the African-American Studies program. He said he has received a good deal of input from the administration and has assurances that the bill is realistic and in line with the university's "internationalizing" goals. President Hogle said Senator Nguyen deserves recognition for the tremendous amount of research done. The bill was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

4. Committee on Student Life:

Senator Richards, Chair of Student Life recommended bypassing SAB 27025: BEGINNING GREATER PLACEMENT OF BICYCLE RACKS ON CAMPUS. He said the bill does not specify where or how many racks are to be placed. President Hogle said by being less specific we stand a better chance of getting the legislation signed and implemented by Dr. Barnett. The motion to bypass passed with a 2/3 majority. The bill itself was put to a vote and passed.

5. Committee on Internal Affairs:

SAB 27017: AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR THE STUDENT REGENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SAB 27016 passed upon being put to a direct vote.

14. New Business and General Orders:

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations.

President Hogle introduced the nomination of Kittrie Gleason for Education #1 and William Bourque for Senator at Large #2. The nomination was referred to Internal Affairs.

b) Motions on Committee Bypass:

Senator Banta spoke in favor of the nomination of Kittrie Gleason for Education senator #1 and said that she has excellent experience in the college. Senator Eastman said although he does not know the nominee, her showing up for two meetings in a row is better than some senators. The nomination passed upon being put to a direct vote. President Hogle swore Kittrie Gleason in.

Senator Grooms moved to bypass SAB 27018: ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE 1991 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION. The bill passed upon being put to a direct vote.

Senator Russell moved to bypass SAB 27020: PROHIBITING FURTHER DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (AAUS). Speaking in favor of the bill, Senator Grooms said AAUS is fiscally responsible and AAUS at UH should not spend any more SA funds until we get the original money back. Senator Russell said the deficit will continue to grow without this legislation. Senator Emal said the bill SA passed was not a contract and there are

discrepancies that need to be looked at. President Hogle said we gave money only for the conference. He said AAUS will be giving us the Common Ground conference. Senator Richards said we are overlooking the fact that AAUS is just another student organization. He said justifying spending the money is ridiculous and is setting a bad precedent. Senator Eastman said the bill should be referred back to committee as we are dealing with legal matters and made a motion to that effect. Senator Emal spoke in favor of the motion and said we should put more thought into it. Senator Grooms spoke against the motion. He said all the bill states is that funds be cut off. He said it is malfeasance if SA has entered into a contract differing from the provisions of the bill. Senator Rosenberger said it is obvious that it was a mistake to give money to AAUS, and we should recognize it as such and move on. The motion to refer it back to committee failed upon being put to a direct vote and the bill remained on the floor. Senator Emal moved to amend the first enacted clause by striking references to the national organization. Speaking in favor of the amendment he said it is not fair to hold the national organization responsible for the actions of AAUS at UH. Senator Russell spoke against the motion and said a parent is responsible for the mistakes of its child. Senator Grooms said we could add another enacted clause to send the bill to the National Board. He said AAUS needs to have its attention drawn to the doings of its Central Region. Senator Berry said this was poor planning on our part. He said we should have entered into a contract with the national organization and not AAUS at UH. Senator Rosenberger said this amendment is an attempt to cover up a breach of contract. Senator Emal asked if AAUS at UH is a chartered organization of AAUS. He reiterated that it is irresponsible to hold the national organization responsible. Senator Russell said if AAUS is not chartered, then the national office needs to know about it. Senator Eastman moved the previous question. The amendment was put to a vote and defeated. Senator Emal proposed an amendment to add a third enacted clause which required that the resolution be sent to members of the AAUS national board. Senator Grooms spoke in favor of the amendment and said it is vital to accomplish our purpose of making this bill more than just a piece of paper. The amendment passed upon being put to a direct vote. Senator Rosenberger said he would like some information on the contract. President Hogle said SAB 27005 set aside a temporary use of funds for \$4800 for conference purposes. He said he and the Central Region Chair of AAUS, entered into a contract in keeping with the last enacted clause of SAB 27005. He said it was amended by a majority of the Executive Cabinet. President Hogle said that this is thus a legal document. Senator Grooms asked which officers were in attendance at the Executive Cabinet meeting. Senator Rosenberger said this means that the Executive Cabinet overrode the second enacted clause. Freddie Saucedo, Director of External Affairs, said the point is that the Senate had put that clause in and had authorized the Executive Cabinet to do so. Senator Grooms asked why the cabinet did not report to the Senate about this. He asked if there was any documentation of the meeting. Senator Eastman suggested tabling the bill. Senator Emal asked if Executive Cabinet meetings are open to public. Speaker Burge said they are not public and that normally no minutes are taken. Senator Grooms asked if the members of the cabinet present remember voting on this matter. Speaker Burge said the bill's intent is only to put a stop to further use of funds. Senator Rosenberger moved to recess for two minutes in order that senators could look at the contract. The motion passed and the Senate recessed for two minutes.

The Senate was called to order after two minutes. Senator Emal said a whole lot of people did not get to look at the agreement. He said we are making a mistake by basing our decision on the reports of the 4 or 5 senators who took a look at the contract. Senator Grooms said he would like not to table it. He said the other issues can be considered in another piece of legislation. Senator Emal said we have got off track because the implications of the bill are too deep. Senator Richards moved the previous question. The motion to table failed upon being put to a direct vote. Senator Emal called for quorum. Quorum was present and the meeting continued. Senator Richards read out parts of the agreement. He said the host institution was defined as AAUS at UH. Senator Rosenberger said the agreement was drawn up according to the laws of Pennsylvania. The bill was put to a vote and passed.

c) Other New Business and General Orders:

None.

15. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

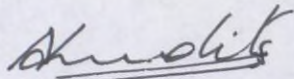
Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: Michael Berry, Richard Corbello, Chris Cortes, Scott Eastman, Eduardo Elizando, Matthew Emal, Michael Floreani, D. Lee Grooms, Lloyd Jacobson, Tuan Nguyen, Cheryl Price, Joel Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany Russell, Kittrie Gleason.

The following senators were absent: Alex Arenas, Michael Banta, John Berggren, Damon Chargois, Dean Draper, Preeti Gandhi, Majid Husain, Satish Kauta, Mohammed Khan, Michael S. Oholendt, Mohammed Ali Saeed, Farrel Sharp, Zaigham Shah, Devi Sunderaj.

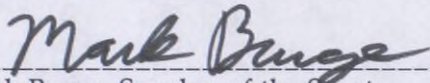
16. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Grooms said he did not mean anything personal by his remarks. Senator Richards said BSU is hosting a play on Sunday. Senator Price said Casino night is on February 23.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 25, 1991



Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary



Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate