

THIRTY-FOURTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS
Third Meeting of the 34th Senate
Bluebonnet Room, University Center, 7:00 PM
April 23, 1997

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer - Nathan Wittman, Speaker of the Senate, 34th Administration
2. Call of the Roll
3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal
4. Special Reports
 - a) Student Regent Cassidy
 - b) Carol Beerstecher - Career Planning and Placement
5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate
6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members
7. Report of the President - Natalie Merritt
8. Report of the Vice President - Jon Erickson
9. Report of the Speaker - Nathan Wittman
10. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a) Academic Affairs
 - b) Internal Affairs
 - c) Student Life
 - d) University Administration and Finance
11. Reports of the Select Committees
12. Special Orders
13. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation
 - a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor
14. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs
 3. Committee on Student Life
 4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
 2. Committee on Academic Affairs
 3. Committee on Internal Affairs
 4. Committee on Student Life
 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
15. New Business and General Orders:
 - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
 - c) Other New Business and General Orders

Brenda Johnson → 4/23
~~Patricia~~

May 28 @ 7pm → 1st Summer Mtg.

16. Closing Call of the Roll
17. Comments and Announcements
18. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Wittman, Speaker of the Senate, 34th Administration at 7:03 PM.

At this time, Senators not sworn in at the last meeting were sworn into office.

2. Call of the Roll

The following Senators were present: Amy Altemus, Kathryn Alvarado, Jeff Baily, Allison Beauvais, Adrienne Brooks, Majorie Brown, Michelle Devor, April Erickson, Brenda Johnson, Audrey King, Donald LeGrand, Molly Mize, Bianca Morales, Katie Pham, Calvin Pollard, Gerardo Ramirez, Adam Rose, Heather Shirk, Adam Taylor, Sebastian Villarreal, Randy Volkin and Amy Williams.

The following Senators were not present: Asim Farooq, Dawn Frasier, Sorita Lovings, Amaury Nora, Enrique Parilla-Rojas, Susie Sanchez, Sean Stovall and Jen Watson.

The following Senators-elect were not present: Krysta Ellis and Raquel Garcia.

The following Executive Cabinet Members were present: Tom Cassidy and Natalie Merritt

The following University Officials were present: David Daniell

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal

The minutes from the second meeting of the 34th Administration were approved.

4. Special Reports

Student Regent Cassidy gave a presentation about the trip to Austin last Thursday, he thanked all those Senators who attended the trip and spoke of the things that were accomplished while in Austin. He spoke about the efforts of this administration to retain Athletics at the University of Houston and to provide a voice on the state level for all students wishing to receive financial aid. These two issues were pushed by the delegation while in Austin. Thursday April 24th at 8:00 AM, there will be a Board of Regents meeting in the Shamrock room of the Hilton. Regent Cassidy said that he will be in attendance along with President Merritt. Student Regent Cassidy handed out to all the Senators the proposed tuition raise packet that will be considered at the board meeting. He also asked the Senators to contact him if they have any feedback over the document.

Carol Beerstecher from the UH Career Planning and Placement Center. Ms. Beerstecher gave a presentation on the services offered at the Career Center, and encouraged all Senators to come in themselves or to inform their constituents about the services offered at the Center. If you have any questions about the services and workshops offered please feel free to contact her at [REDACTED].

5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate

There were no students wishing to address the Senate.

6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members

Senator Pollard gave a speech concerning Student Regent Cassidy's speech at the previous Senate meeting. He encouraged Senators to go out into the organizations that they are already involved in and to bring them in to serve on Students' Association committees. This is an ideal time to bring people out and to get them oriented with SA. He encouraged the Senators to bring people to the Senate meetings and introduce them to the Executive Officers in order to help get them involved on the many committees that the Students' Association oversees.

7. Report of the President

President Merritt thanked everyone who attended the trip to Austin. Director of Public Relations will be nominated tonight and the Director of Finance applications were due by 5:00 PM today. Hopefully we will be able to appoint a Director of Finance by next meeting. President Merritt also encouraged all Senators to set up meetings with their Deans, as Senator LeGrand has done, in order to reach out and find the problems that our affecting our University.

8. Report of the Vice President

Vice-President Erickson was absent and left no report.

9. Report of the Speaker

Speaker Wittman announced that next week will be the last meeting of the Spring semester. The first meeting of summer Senate will be Wednesday May 27th at 7:00 PM. He encouraged all Senators to set up meetings with their Deans. Legislative workshops will be held on June 4th and July 16th at 7:00 PM in the large conference room, down the hall from the SA offices. Speaker Wittman also mentioned that there may be a retreat held in the Fall for Senators along with more legislative workshops for those Senators not serving in summer Senate.

10. Reports of Standing committees -

- a) Academic Affairs
- b) Internal Affairs
- c) Student Life
- d) University Administration and Finance

At this time Speaker Wittman announced the committee assignments:

Academic Affairs: Allison Beauvais, Amy Altemus, Jeff Bailey, Marjorie Brown, Amoury Nora, Sebastian Villarreal, Katie Pham and Krysta Ellis.

Internal Affairs: Donald LeGrand, Heather Shirk, Gerardo Ramirez, Brenda Johnson, Adam Taylor, Raquel Garcia, Molly Mize and April Erickson.

Student Life: Kathryn Alvarado, Adrienne Brooks, Michelle Devor, Enrique Parilla-Rojas, Adam Rose, Calvin Pollard, Sean Stovall and Jen Watson.

University Administration and Finance: Audrey King, Amy Williams, Asim Farooq, Sorita Lovings, Bianca Morales, Susie Sanchez, Randy Volkin and Dawn Frasier.

At this time Speaker Wittman announced his nominations for committee chairs: Academic Affairs, Allison Beauvais, Internal Affairs, Donald LeGrand, Student Life, Kathryn Alvarado, University Administration and Finance, Audrey King.

Senator Pollard made a motion to by-pass and consent these nominations, seconded by Senator Johnson. These nominations were unanimously passed.

At this time the Committee Chairpersons announced their Vice-Chairs: Academic Affairs, Amy Altemus; Internal Affairs, Heather Shirk; Student Life, Adrienne Brooks; University Administration and Finance, Amy Williams.

11. **Reports of Select Committees** - There were no Select Committees established to give reports.
12. **Special Orders** - There were no Special Orders
13. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation**
 - a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda - None
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senator Floor - None
14. **Unfinished Business and General Orders** - There were none.
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15. **New Business and General Orders:**
 - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations - President Merritt nominated Senator Brenda Johnson for the position of Director of Public Relations.
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
Senator Pollard made a motion to by-pass and consent Senator Johnson for the position of Director of Public Relations, seconded by Senator Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time Senator Johnson stepped down from the Honors College Senate position and was sworn into office as Director of Public Relations for the 34th Administration.

- c) Other New Business and General Orders - There were none

16. **Closing Call of the Role**

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The following Senators were not present: Marjorie Brown, Asim Farooq, Dawn Frasier, Sorita Lovings, Amoury Nora, Enrique Parilla-Rojas, Katie Pham, Susie Sanchez, Sean Stovall and Jen Watson.

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17. Comments and Announcements

David Daniell announced that the annual Campus Leaders Reception will be held on Thursday April 24th from 3 to 5 PM in the Blaffer Gallery. All Senators are invited to attend the reception.

President Merritt announced that it is very important for the Senators to look over the Board of Regents tuition raise packet and to return their input to Student Regent Cassidy before the Board of Regents meeting on Thursday.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:49 PM.