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The first meeting of the tenth session of the Student Senate of the University of Houston Students' Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m., in the San Jancinto Room of the University Center by President FINE.

President FINE introduced Chief Justice Forsythe who issued the oath of office to President FINE and Vice President TEIXIERA. President FINE then issued the oath of office to the following certified Senators: HANSEL, GILMORE, GUERIN, HERRERA, KEITH, JIMENEZ, MEDINA, COLLIER, HOLBROOK, SCHREIBER, KUHLMANN, BOYD, TRUSCOTT, HUTCHINSON, NELSON, BEELER, GREEN MCCLARY, SLATER.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President FINE said in political organizing, there are basically two sources of power: money and people. Students' Association is most fortunate to have access to both these. He added that the decisions this Association faces in its 11th year are decisions of priority, decisions of how and to what ends to best utilize our available resources. President FINE then said that the first factor we must understand is the nature of S.A. We are not a student government at all. We pass no real laws, we maintain no order; our only resemblance to a government is our mock government structure. Rather, S.A. is a student lobby, operating primarily within the political realm of the University, but also at other governmental levels, particularly the state level. The difference between a lobby and a government is fundamental to say the least, and one of which the new Senators will become increasingly aware. President FINE finally added that we must see how the University itself operates. Traditionally, academic leadership comes from the faculty, but the faculty here are apparently just too disorganized or incompetent for that assignment. Which means the direction of the University must be set principally by either the administration or the students. All this goes to say simply that what we do here could be pretty damn meaningful. We need only to see what the University and Students' Association are all about, and to seize the time.

President FINE stated that all appointments expire as of April 1. Section 203.03 of the Bylaws allows the Senate to extend the appointments of office of the previous President. He then asked for a motion from the floor to extend the terms of office for the Attorney General, Department of Information, and Department of State Affairs for 30 days.

Senator GUERIN asked why the treasurer was not added to that group.

President FINE said that there is a new treasurer that is in the process of learning all the information.

Senator HERRINGTON moved for acclamation for the extension of the terms of office.

President FINE said that there are two appointments on the Student Fee Allocation Committee that need to be approved. Suspension of the Rules was granted 23-0.

He said that without the vacancies the committee is down from a 5-4 student majority to a 4-3 minority.

Appointment of Elsa Herrera to SSFP and AC

Senator BOYD moved for the approval of Elsa Herrera to the Student Service Fee Planning and Allocation Committee.

Senator GUERIN asked for the basis for her qualification. President FINE answered that he had known that the vacancy would occur and for the past few weeks he had looked for replacements.

Her appointment was approved 22-0.

Appointment of Martha Roco to SSFP and AC

Senator BOYD moved for the approval of Martha Roco to Student Service Fee Planning and Allocation Committee.

Senator HERRINGTON moved for acclamation which was accepted by the Senate.

Vacancies

President FINE announced the following vacancies: University Loans and Scholarships Committee (4), University Admissions Committee (2), University Center Policy Board (2), Student Life Council (1), T&S Advisory Board (2), all Cabinet Positions, and Cheerleader-Mascot

Senate Bill 20001

Senator COLLIER moved for suspension of the rules to consider Senate Bill 20001, A SENATE BILL TO ALLOCATE \$500 TO PARTIALLY DEFRAY SPEAKERS EXPENSES FOR THEATRO CAMPESINO AND REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED FARMWORKERS. She said that if they waited for committee approval it would take five weeks and it is needed now. Senator GUERIN asked why this could not be waited on for a week. President FINE said that the committees will not be constituted for a week. Suspension passed 15-6.

Senator COLLIER said that the reason for the allocation is that Ceasar Chavez cannot come because trouble with the Teamsters. This group and speaker will be brought in his place to discuss the same things he would.

RUBEN CANO said that the Teatro Campesino does skits about the farmworkers and their lifestyle. They will also have a tape that Chavez recorded explaining why he couldn't come.

Senator ELLEDGE asked where and when they will perform. RUBEN said that it will be April 30 in the Houston Room. Senator ELLEDGE asked the number in the company. RUBEN answered 12. Senator ELLEDGE then asked the time the skits will last. RUBEN replied 1 1/2 hours.

Senator GUERIN asked who the speaker will be.
RUBEN said that it will be Bill Chandler the leader of the Texas Boycott.
Senator GUERIN then asked where the money will go.
Senator EURESTE said that the money will be spent for transportation, lodging, etc.

The bill was approved 25-1.

Senate Bill 20002

Senator COLLIER moved for suspension of the rules on Senate Bill 20002, A SENATE BILL TO TRANSFER FUNDS.

Senator ROCHE moved for acclamation which was approved.

Senate Bill 20003

Senator EURESTE moved for suspension of the rules on Senate Bill 20003, A SENATE BILL TO TRANSFER FUNDS. He said this bill moves the leftover money from Senate Contingency to the new account for Senate Contingency.
Suspension was approved 23-0.

Senator BOYD moved for acclamation, which was accepted.

Senate Bill 20004

Senator EURESTE moved for suspension of the rules on Senate Bill 20004, A SENATE BILL TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE ETHNIC AFFAIRS BUDGET. He said that this only moves funds from one line item to another.
Suspension was approved 19-0.

Senator BOYD asked if there was still time to apply the funds to the April 20 SAT's and if the census was done away with.
Senator EURESTE said that the census was cut in half, they only had to pay half the amount they originally anticipated.
Senator MARTIN said that they were getting the census from another source than they had planned on.

Senator ROBICHAUX asked the number of students that would be able to take the SAT with the added funds.
Senator BROWN replied 100 extra students.

Senator WYLIE asked how much the SAT text costs.
Senator BOYD replied \$6.00

Senator RO. ICHAUX moved for acclamation, which was approved.

Introduction of Legislation

Senator GUERIN introduced Senate Resolution 20000, A SENATE RESOLUTION URGING TAX DEDUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL FEES. He requested that it be sent to Educational Affairs because it was being researched there during the last term of office. Senate Resolution 20000 was sent to Educational Affairs.
Senator BOYD introduced Senate Bill 20000, A SENATE BILL TO AMEND THE BYLAWS. It was sent to Rules Committee.

Senator GUERIN asked for a condition of the budget report. Vice President TEIXIERA said that currently S.A. has \$53,000 left in the budget to spend March - August, but currently we are overdrawn on salaries by \$1500. He said that the Senate should cut spending so that they do not go over budget. The balance of Senate Contingency is \$1300.

Candidacy for Speaker

Senators BOYD, HERRINGTON, and SALINAS announced their candidacy for Speaker of the Senate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Russell
Senate Secretary

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