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The twentieth meeting of the eleventh session of the Student Senate of the University of Houston Students' Association was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the San Jacinto Room of the University Center by Speaker Harry GOLDBERG.

The following senators were absent: EURESTE, GILMORE, JIMENEZ, MOORE, MERCADAL, KUHLMANN, DELMORE, ROCHE, McCLARY AND WYLIE.

President's Report

President Dick FINE asked for the attention of all present for the reading of a special report. FINE called to the Senate's attention that the annual session was two meetings past the "halfway point". Aside from listing the accomplishments of the Students' Association over the past six months, President FINE emphasized the goals established by Senate committees five weeks ago:

Rules & Judiciary: the organization of student governments at the branch campuses

Fiscal & Governmental: incorporation; alternative funding sources

Educational Affairs: Academic Honesty Policy; s/u grading options; grade appeal procedures; student course and teacher evaluation; catalogue revisions

External Affairs: unionization of campus labor and of the student body itself

President FINE stated that even though each committee member had agreed to carry out the stated goals. Yet, many Senators had failed to make any effort to insure the outcome of these goals.

President FINE reminded the Senators that "the student body is depending on you," the Senators.

President FINE stated that the purpose of the Monday night Senate meetings "should be to give the committees the Senate's permission to proceed, by passing legislation which commits all of SA to the committees to do the work."

President FINE ended his remarks for the night before departing, stating that he was convinced that the Senate was capable of carrying out its tasks yet if it were no more capable than the Long Parliament of 17th century England, Fine quoting the words of Oliver Cromwell as he departed that body: "IN THE NAME OF GOD, GO HOME."

Vice- President's Report

Vice-President Debbie COLLIER reported to the Senate on the past University Center Executive Committee Meeting. COLLIER stated that discussed at the meeting was the possibility of student/faculty input in the decision of Chancellor and lower executive appointments.

Vice- President COLLIER offered a few comments concerning the UCPB meeting, Luncheon with Craig Washington and Luncheon with President Hoffman. Senator Jo NELSON offered a few comments about the luncheon with President Hoffman was a discussion centered around the instituting of a Legal Clinic. NELSON added that certain problems such as funding, space, and cases against the university. The clinic would need a full time sponsor.

Senator ELLEDGE questioned whether the clinic would aid only students.

Senator NELSON stated that the faculty wants to include the entire community.

Vice-President COLLIER announced that the Chinese Fair begins Tuesday, October 15, at 10:00 o'clock in the Houston Room. COLLIER also announced the Religion Center Policy Board Meeting in Room 205 of the Religion Center at 2:00 . Dennis Keith urged everyone who could attend this meeting to discuss the possibility of allowing for civil wedding ceremonies in the Religion Center Chapels, which is now specifically prohibited by Religion Center Policy.

Vice-President COLLIER yielded the floor to Pete Williamson, Director Student Protection Agency who brought the Senate up on the COLLIER vs UH.

Ed Martin, State Affairs commented on Resolution 20028, A Senate Resolution expressing the feeling of UHSA Senate regarding the firing of U.T. Austin President Stephen Spurr. MARTIN also stated that letters were being sent to universities in in Texas requesting how much money is used in Building Use Fee and the Percentage of Student Body granted waivers along with a request of the Student Service Fee Budget. Packets will be ready in several weeks for the TSA convention in College Station at Texas A&M Martin added.

Speaker's Report

Speaker Harry GOLDBERG reported to the senate on the recent luncheon with Craig Washington, Representative from this district . GOLDBERG stated that Washington felt strongly that legislaion concerning fees would get favorable action.

Speaker GOLDBERG stated that University Center Policy Board passed the Alcoholic Beverage Policy, now making it legal to sell alcoholic beverages in the University Center. The sell of alcoholic beverages is slated for sometime in November.

Speaker GOLDBERG stated that at the University Council Meeting courses were added in the Sociology and Pharmacy Departments and also that now Faculty representatives do not have to be members of the Faculty Senate.

Speaker GOLDBERG told the Senate that no suggestions have been submitted for magazines for the Resource Center.

Speaker GOLDBERG announced the appointment of Doug Sikes as Assistant Senate Secretary.

Speaker GOLDBERG stated that the Executive Committee Meeting was held but there was no quorum.

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Speaker GOLDBERG stated that all Senators were participating in legislative work. GOLDBERG opened a discussion as to how the problem could be eliminated.

Senator Irma RODRIGUEZ asked if President FINE ever met with the committee heads.

Senator GREEN asked if there could be anything done regarding attendance.

Senator GUERIN and Vice-President COLLIER were unable to decide whether nonfeasance was grounds for impeachment.

Senator Wes WRIGHT stated that he was under the impression that impeachment had not been used.

Senator GUFRIN stated that the Senate had tried impeachment when Robbin Collins was Attorney General and that non-feasance was legal and mal feasance illegal but the students have to mitigate this action.

Speaker GOLDBERG stated that a possibility of enforcing the policy that a senator who misses more than three meetings in succession then given two more chances and if no attempt to attend the meetings is made impeachment action would be taken.

Senator Wes WRIGHT asked the senate if it would consider taking part in a luncheon possibly held twice a month with President Hoffman and other school officials. Senator WRIGHT stated that this would offer a means of helping each senator to get involved and would strenghten senate relations.

Senator Doug HOLBROOK motioned for a five minute recess. The recess was suggested by the Speaker in order for committee chairs and members to get together for a few minutes.

Vice President COLLIER urged the senators to take part in the Seante Workshop to be held in November in Huntsville.

Speaker GOLDBERG announced that there will be an Executive Committee Meeting after the first Monday in November following the elections whereas all senators will be released of their assignments.

Speaker GOLDBERG urged all senators to consider what committees they feel might

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best fit their needs.

Senate Resolution 20028

Senator Barry ELLEDGE moved for suspension of the rules for Senate Resolution 20028, A SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FEELINGS OF THE UHSA SENATE REGARDING THE FIRING OF UT AUSTIN PRESIDENT STEPHEN SPURR.

Senator BEELER asked why was Spurr fired.

Senator ELLEDGE yielded the floor to Ed Martin, author of the resolution.

Martin stated that the reasons for the firing were not too clear but that Spurr had supported a lot of controversial issues. Martin said Gov. Briscoe desires to make LeMaistre lay down the reasons for firing Spurr.

Senator Barry ELLEDGE- proposed the following amendments to the resolution.

making the first Whereas into two starting at the word "since..." striking "as the fulfillment of " in the second WHEREAS substituting " while " and also striking the words " secondary and "

Senator Jo NELSON moved for approval of the amendments to the resolution.

Senator GUERIN moved for the passage of the resolution by acclamation.

Senate Resolution 20028 was passed by acclamation.

Senate Resolution 20027

Senator Ginger HANSEL moved for suspension of the rules for Senate Resolution 20027, A SENATE RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE EMERGENCY BLUE LIGHT PHONE SYSTEM NEEDS INPUT IN ITS FORMING STAGES.

Senator GUERIN asked what was the proposed date of the Blue-Light phone system?

Senator HANSEL stated that it would be ready in three-four weeks and that a request was made for the Senate's input concerning the installation of these 20-30 phones.

Senator WRIGHT moved for acclamation.

Senate Resolution 20027 was passed by acclamation.

Committee Reports

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Chairpersons Fran Friend requested the approval of Walter Ulrich and Jim Murphy as the new appointments to the University Academic Committee.

Senator SALINAS moved for acclamation for the approval of ULRICH.

ULRICH was approved by acclamation.

Senator MITCHELL moved acclamation for the approval of MURPHY.

MURPHY was approved by acclamation.

RULES AND JUDICIARY

Senator GREEN moved for the bringing out of committee of Senate Resolution 20025 , A SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A TRAFFIC AND SECURITY POLICY CHANGE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING TICKETS.

Senator stated that even though the resolution was very worthwhile, yet he stated that he could not support the resolution.

Senator stated that he could not see how all citations could be suspended.

Senator WRIGHT was asked by Senator ELLIS what kind of alternative statement could he offer.

Senator Jo NELSON made an objection of the suspension ticketing because of a similar incident in 1971.

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Senator WRIGHT stated that he did know that such procedures had been done and he then withdrew his ammendment.

Senator ELLIS stated that the resolution should include an ammendment requesting the suspension of all citations as in the Fall of 1971 .

Senator Doug HOLBROOK also stated that clause should be added stating that if the situation of the problem with parking were not resolved something would have to be done. HOLBROOK then said it should also give an alternative date.

Senator Hastings clarified a statement made that the administration could keep a student from attending school if he did not pay his traffic violation.

Senator added that only if the senators boycotted buying parking decals this might cause T&S to investigate the situation.

The ammendments to the resolution were passed by acclamation.

Senate Resolution 20025 was passed by acclamation.

Senator GREEN announced the appointment of Curtiss Brant as Alternate to the Election Commission.

Senator GUERIN asked Brant what was 144pt. in relation to the Election .

Brant answered, but the senators stated that some of the senators did not know the answer to that statement and that it was not a fair question.

FISCAL AND GOVERNMENTAL

Senator BEELER stated that the committee did not meet and that the next meeting is scheduled for next Monday at 6:30p. m.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator SALINAS stated that his committee had been working ^{on} interpretations ideas, projects, and other ideas for publication in the COUGAR. Senator SALINAS also stated that this was also a way for Senators to utilize the free space and allow them to get involved.

STUDENT LIFE

Chairperson, FRIEND ^{be} stated that the next meeting would Wednesday for discussing appointments made to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Gazebo Project.

Community Book Services needs new ideas for their services.

Old Business

There was no new business.

New Business

Senator GREEN introduced Senate Resolution 20026, A SENATE RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TO WAIVER THE STUDENT BUILDING USE FEE FOR THOSE STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ENROLLING OR ENROLLED IN COURSE NUMBER 540 a, b, c, d INCLUDING ALL SECTIONS OF THAT COURSE.

Senator Jo NELSON announced the meeting of the Legal Aid next Wednesday in the Law School first floor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Redd, Senate Secretary