

THIRTY FOURTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS
Sixteenth Meeting of the 34th Senate
Pacific Room, University Center, 7:00 PM
November 5, 1997

December

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer**

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Watson, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate, 34th Administration at 7:05 PM.

2. **Call of the Roll**

The following Senators were present: Amy Altemus, Jeff Bailey, Charles Boyd, Amy Branch, Michelle Devor, Dawn Frasier, Jackie Johnson, Donald Large, Stephanie Maynard, Bianca Morales, Amaury Nora, Enrique Parrilla-Rojas, Monica Quintero, Gerardo Ramirez, Justin Ray, James Stringfellow, Randy Volkin, Jen Watson, and Robert Williams.

The following Senators were not present: Allison Beauvais, Raquel Garcia, Adam Taylor, and Sebastian Villarreal.

The following Executive Cabinet Members were present: Kathryn Alvarado, Tom Cassidy, Brenda Johnson, and Natalie Merritt.

The following University Officials were present: None.

3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal**

The minutes from the Sixteenth meeting were approved.

4. **Special Reports**

Student Regent Cassidy addressed the Senate. Garnett Coleman sent a thank you letter to the Students' Association. Thanking us for the assistance at his last trip to U of H.

5. **Students Wishing to Address the Senate -**

There were none.

6. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members**

Senator Large addressed the Senate. He wished everyone the best of luck on their upcoming finals. He also encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming run-off election. He also suggested that at the first meeting of next semester that we have more ideas on legislation that we can write to improve the University.

Senator Nora addressed the Senate. He talked about the UH library hours. He has a meeting setup to try to get the library hours increased so that students will have more time to do research especially on the weekends. Please fill out these surveys in order to show the library that the hours need to be increased.

7. **Report of the President**

President Merritt addressed the Senate. Natalie spoke about the recent veto of a piece of legislation and it will be reconsidered on the floor. We also had our last town hall meeting of the semester and it went well. Good luck on your finals and have a happy holidays.

8. Report of the Vice President

Vice President Alvarado addressed the Senate. There are two appointments this evening. The Cougar Card is coming out in January and she needs your help. The card is like a credit card but it has discounts for food and other items. It offers useful discounts to students. Kathryn will be in her office during the break if you need to get in touch with her.

9. Report of the Speaker

Speaker Pro Tempore Watson addressed the Senate. There are seven senators who are no longer with us due to malfeasance. Donald Large is the new IA chairman. January 28th is the first meeting of the Spring Semester. Also all Senators must serve on a University Committee so please contact Kathryn Alvarado.

10. Reports of Standing committees -

- a) Academic Affairs - No report
- b) Internal Affairs - No report
- c) Student Life - No report
- d) University Administration and Finance - No report.

11. Reports of Select Committees - No report at this time.

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 -
- b) Legislation Introduced on the Senator Floor -
 - 1. UB34009
 - 2. SR34004

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 - 1. Committee on Academic Affairs
At this time Senator Parrilla-Rojas called for a two minute recess.
 - a) **UB34003** - No Discussion at this time.
 - 2. Committee on Internal Affairs
No report at this time.
 - 3. Committee on Student Life
 - a) **UB34007** - No report at this Time.
 - b) **SR34002** - Released Favorably
 - c) **SAB34006** - Released Disfavorably
 - 4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - a) **UB34002** - No report at this time.
 - b) **UB34006** - No report at this time.
 - c) **UB34008** - No report at this time.
 - d) **SAB34004** - No report at this time.
- 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.
Sebastian Villarreal Health Center Policy Board
Jen Watson Health Center Policy Board
- b) Motions on Committee Bypass
- c) Other New Business and General Orders -

16. Closing Call of the Role

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17. Comments and Announcements

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:51 PM.