

Minutes
6th Regular Senate Meeting of the 41st Administration
Mediterranean Room, University Center, 7:30pm
Wednesday, September 8, 2004

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Members Present at Opening Call of Roll:

Speaker of the Senate Bobby L. Warren, At-Large Senator Ken Maynard, At-Large Senator Raj Pataskar, At-Large Senator Cameron Pettigrew, At-Large Senator Michael Graves, Business Senator Mayoor Sharma, Business Senator Joel DeYoung, Education Senator Constance Patton, Education Senator Lori Posey, Engineering Senator Rojelio Mendoza, Engineering Senator James Cox, Law Senator A.J. Alexander, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Senator Mark Annas, CLASS Senator Natalie Schultz, CLASS Senator Micah Bynum, CLASS Senator Amanda Guillory, NSM Senator Joseph Maliakkal, Technology Senator Fawaz Shaya.

Members Absent at Opening Call of Roll:

Hotel & Restaurant Management (HRM) Senator and Speaker Pro-Tem Abby Fogarty, Business Senator Dhemil Brown, Honors Senator L. Rachel Ainsworth, CLASS Senator Robin Mitchell, Natural Science & Mathematics (NSM) Senator Chris Crane, Pharmacy Senator Jennifer Potter, Technology Senator Karl Hearne.

Officers, Administrators, and Advisors Present:

President Jon Quintanilla, Vice President Matt Bell, Student Regent Laura Salinas, Director of Public Relations Katy Zylicz, SGA Advisor Dr. Zack Coapland.

Reports to the Senate:

University of Houston Information Technology Web Portal Team

Members of the UH IT Web Portal Team addressed the Senate regarding the status of the development of a web portal for students. Student services such as enrollment services will be available through the new web portal. Student feedback was received through focus groups. There will be four selectable designs for students to choose from.

Felix Robinson, UH Bookstore

Mr. Robinson introduced himself to Senators who he did not meet during his report to the Summer Senate. He encouraged Senators to contact him if they ever have a concern about the operation of the bookstore.

Jon Quintanilla, President, Student Government Association

President Quintanilla reported that the university has released a Request for Proposals for a new food vendor. The university is seeking flexibility in the contract to work directly with franchises. The Senate ought to consider what options it would like to see offered in the new contract. Currently working on campus shuttle routes with Sen. Ken Maynard. Any students who are interested in open Senate seats should come to the SGA offices to submit applications. Announced that he will sign SGAB41011 (the Student Service fee cap bill) if it passes the Senate. The computers in the library are now offering more software. The new part of the library will be opening in early Spring. SGA is helping with a blood drive on September 9, 10, and 11. He encouraged all Senators to give blood. Will be meeting with Dr. Lee on the 9th and Dr. Gogue very soon.

Matt Bell, Vice President, Student Government Association

Vice President Bell announced that University Committee appointments have been finalized and are submitted to the Senate for confirmation. Encouraged Senators to finalize plans for Town Hall meetings with the Director of Public Relations. Also encouraged Senators to begin using

the SGA website forums to discuss bills and issues. The executives have decided that Senators will not be considered for appointment to the Student Fee Advisory Committee nor the University Hearing Board. This policy is designed to reduce the possible conflicts of interest that may arise.

Bobby L. Warren, Speaker of the Senate, Student Government Association

Speaker Warren explained his legislation, SGA41014 (Constitutional Reform Commission), explaining that SFAC has long complained to the SGA that they need to update their constitution and by-laws. Also explained the basics of the bill to the Senate and his reasons for certain sections.

Legislation Introduced

Label: UB41011

Date Introduced: July 28, 2004

Author: Mark Annas

Sponsor(s): Rojelio Mendoza, Micah Bynum

Committee: University Administration and Finance

Draft: Second Reading

Title: A University Bill Extending the Cap on the Amount of Student Service Fees That Any One Unit Is Eligible to Receive

UB41011 passed the University Administration and Finance committee and was presented to the Senate. After discussion of the bill, the Senate voted to send the bill back to committee to further study the effect that a new student service fee cap would have on entities that receive the capped amount.

Label: SGAB41012

Date Introduced: September 8, 2004

Author: Cameron Pettigrew

Sponsor(s): Mark D. Annas

Committee: Internal Affairs

Draft: First Reading

Title: A SGA Bill Establishing Rules Regarding Professional Decorum

The Senate declined to bypass committee on SGAB41012. The bill was automatically forwarded to the Internal Affairs Committee.

Label: SGAB41013

Date Introduced: September 8, 2004

Author: Cameron Pettigrew

Sponsor(s): Ken Maynard, Mark D. Annas

Committee: Internal Affairs

Draft: First Reading

Title: A SGA Bill Requiring Senate Members and Officers to Use UH.EDU E-Mail Addresses

The Senate declined to bypass committee on SGAB41013. The bill was automatically forwarded to the Internal Affairs Committee.

Label: SGAB41014

Date Introduced: September 8, 2004