

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION

The nineteenth meeting of the Twentieth session of the UHSA Senate was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on November 21, 1983 in the Atlantic Room of the University Center by Senate Speaker Pat Condon.

All Senators were present, therefore a quorum was also deemed present.

The minutes of the eighteenth meeting were corrected and approved.

At this time, Speaker Condon stated that until the Ad Hoc committee reads its formal decision, there will be not discussion of the matter.

President's Report

President Parker issued each Senator a copy of his report.

Elgin Square is to become a parking lot, but it is not certain if that will be a permanent parking lot or a temporary one.

Randy Collins did an excellent job on the distribution of America Magazine .

President Parker had a meeting with Kirk Steinam of the Cougar Guard to discuss Cougar Cage.

Albert Peterson was elected Chair of Student Service Fee Planning and Allocation Committee. Congratulations.

SA needs a representative to Activities Funding Board. Albert Peterson is the representative from SSFPAC. President Parker wanted to appoint Senator Mason, but the Senator pointed out to the President that he had already been removed from the committee. In order to keep the meeting moving, Speaker Condon said that he would meet with President Parker and discuss the matter.

A list of Executive Staff office hours and addresses was given to each Senator.

President Parker received a letter from Dr. Gerald Osborne asking for recommendations regarding what should be done with the Ameristar if Lynn Eusan Park.

Appointments: Timothy Irving UHSA Senator - Social Sciences Position 1

Questions: Senator Magruder inquired about the memo regarding Senate Bills 29013, 29014 and University Bill 29003. President Parker answered that he received these seven days after their passing instead of five. He recommended to the Senate to reintroduce them, bypass, and vote on them. Senator Magruder pointed out that there is no time limit stated regarding University Bills. Senator Mason quoted the section and suggested that the Attorney General clear up the matter. Senator Magruder also wished to know why the bills were late. Speaker Condon said that his copy of the constitution says ten days and he was acting under that assumption. Senator Ranade also asked about the seven days. Speaker Condon again said that he was acting under the assumption of ten days and that the bills were being typed. The Speaker also reminded the Senators that the Secretary was ill that week. Speaker Condon stated that the Constitutions need to be cleaned up in order to prevent these problems from arising again. He said that Fiscal & Governmental Committee has been charged with this and they will begin work on it after Christmas.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Phillips reminded the Senators of the goals set at the Retreat and urged them to keep moving towards them.

Speaker's Report

Speaker Condon reminded Senator Mason and Vice President Phillips that they need to pay him for horseback riding during the retreat.

The findings of the Ad Hoc committee were announced: A meeting was set for 6:00 p.m. on November 15. Speaker Condon notified President Parker and he was informed that President Parker could not make the meeting at that time but could be there at 6:45 p.m. Speaker Condon changed the meeting time. That evening, Senator Magruder ran into President Parker and asked.... Point of Order was called by President Parker. The Senators were told to be at the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The reason President Parker could not make the earlier time was that that was his dinner time. During the meeting, at approximately 8:00 p.m., President Parker called. When he was asked if he could come to the meeting, he replied no. The Ad Hoc committee continued with its meeting and reviewed the known facts without President Parker present: Senate Bill 29004 - On July 18, 1983 it was introduced and sent to Fiscal and Governmental and Student Life Committees. On August 1, 1983, the bill was passed with no recommendation from committee. The bill was considered on the Senate floor. The manufacturer was present and showed a model. The bill provided for the purchase of one eight unit locker and the lease of two eight unit lockers (with a clause to purchase in one year). The cost is \$4230.00 for the purchase of four four unit bike lockers. On November 14, 1983, President Parker admitted that he ok'd the changes to the contract. At no time did he ask the Senate to formally amend Senate Bill 29004 to include proposed changes.

It was the unanimous consensus of the Ad Hoc committee that such action was an illegal abuse of executive powers. The proper action was for President Parker to return to the Senate at the time the changes were proposed, and for the Senate to amend or adopt the changes to the bill.

Committee Reports

Fiscal & Governmental: Chair Mason reported that the committee is continuing consideration of University Bill 29004 which is still tabled. They want to be careful and do it one time. This bill touches many areas and is very important. It should be out next Monday night. Committee members need to meet after this meeting to decide on the next meeting time.

Campus Governance: Chair Van Reenan reported that the committee recommended unfavorably Joe Brasfield to Senate, position Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Richard Crawford to Police Parking and Advisory Board. The committee favorably recommends: Donald Shotton, Senate - Technology, Charisse Ray, Senate position - Humanities and Fine Arts, and Barry Helton, Police Parking and Advisory. The next meeting will be next Monday night at 6:15 p.m.

Student Life: Chair Martinez reported that the committee has reviewed University Bill 29005 and recommends it favorably with some amendments. Their next meeting will be Monday at 5:00 p.m.

External Affairs: Chair Condon reported that the committee had contacted the Harris County Voter Registration Office and obtained the requirements for deputy registrars. The goal is to have a registration drive. A

letter will be compiled and sent to other schools. The committee's next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on Monday. It was noted that George Dealey and Cheryl Phillips are deputy registrars. Chair Hollis noted that NOW has had a drive and the committee might wish to contact them. Chair Condon stated that he will contact other organizations on campus.

Educational Affairs: Chair Hollis reported that last Tuesday the Master Syllabus was presented to the Dean's Council and they liked it. On the top right corner of the syllabus will be added, please complete by December 5. The committee hopes to have the completed list out by regular registration. The committee's next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

As Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee investigating the inactivity of the Academic Enrichment Council, Chair Hollis issued the following statement: The Ad Hoc committee investigating the inactivity of the Academic Enrichment Council has found both President Parker and Chair Iacobie guilty of gross negligency.

The committee concluded that Chair Iacobie is intimately responsible for the actions of his committee. The committee concluded that Chair Iacobie has neglected to:

1. Organize the committee in any way
2. Inform the student body of the \$5,000.00 available for funding
3. Collect and finalize forms and applications needed for AEC funding requests
4. Or, inform the Senate of any problems restraining him from carrying out his duties.

The committee has decided that President Parker has neglected to:

1. Aggressively pursue the Faculty Senate to appoint a faculty member to the AEC
2. Appoint the two at-large student needed for a quorum
3. Supervise the activities of Iacobie as AEC Chair
4. Or, inform the Senate of any problems restraining him from carrying out his duties.

The committee has not found Treasurer Peterson or former Treasurer Bartkowiak guilty of any negligency whatsoever.

There was no objection to move back into the President's Report.

President's Report

President Parker reported that he cannot appoint Timothy Irving so he is therefore withdrawing the appointment.

There was no objection to move back into the Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Peterson gave each Senator a Budget report. He then entertained questions regarding it/ Senator Barnes wished to know why \$275.00 was missing from the AEC budget. Treasurer Peterson reported that that \$275.00 was used for the Leadership Seminar, Senate Bill 29007. Senator Lanza noted that there was not much left for Postage and Printing.

It was explained that much of that was used for printing new stationery and there was sufficient funds left in the account.

Connie Wallace wanted the Senators to understand that the remaining money has been budgeted, but not actually spent.

Senator Magruder moved that the Senate move into Executive Session to consider impeachment proceedings. All except the Senators, Speaker and Senate Secretary left. The Senate went into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

At 8:25 the open session of the Senate reconvened.

Old Business

University Bill 29005 A UHSA UNIVERSITY BILL URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE PROGRESSIVE ACTION TOWARDS FULFILLING STUDENT NEEDS IN THE AREA OF PARKING BY BUILDING MULTI-LEVEL PARKING, OR PARKING GARAGES. The committee recommended the bill favorably as amended.

General Discussion. Senator Magruder wished to know which parking lot is being displaced. 1B. He then moved that the bill be amended to include parking lot 1B in the third whereas. The motion was seconded. Senator Ranade objected. Senator Magruder spoke in favor of the amendment stating that the location needs to be precisely stated. Senator Ranade spoke against it saying it was unnecessary. There was some general discussion. There was no objection to an immediate vote on the amendment. Vote - one against, one abstention, passes.

Further comments on the bill as amended. Senator Magruder wished to know what letter fo recommendation? Senator Caillouet cited the letter. Senator Magruder then moved that the bill be amended to include "in their annual report to the faculty Senate dated June 2, 1983. The motion was seconded. Senator Magruder spoke in favor of the amendment. No one spoke against the amendment. There was no objection to an immediate vote on the amendment. Vote, amendment passes.

General discussion of bill as amended. Senator Caillouet spoke in favor of the bill. No objection to an immediate vote on University Bill 29005 as amended. Vote- passes.

New Business

Motion for the appointment of Joe Brasfield to the position of Senator, Natural Sciences and Mathematics. There was no motion for advice and consent. Appointment dies.

Motion for the appointment of Richard Crawford to the position of committee member on Police Parking and Advisory Board. There was no motion for advice and consent. Appointment dies.

The appointment of Barry Helton to Police Parking and Advisory. He was recommended favorably and Chair Van Reenan gave background information. There was a motion for advice and consent which was seconded. Vote, passes.

The appointment of Donald Shotton to the position of Senator, Technology. He was recommended favorably and background given. He was present. Motion for advice and consent was made and seconded. Vote, one abstention, passes.

The appointment of Charisse Ray to the position of Senator, Humanities and Fine Arts. She was recommended favorably and background given. Chair Hollis also recommended her highly. There was a motion for advice and consent which was made and seconded. Vote, passes.

The two new Senators were sworn in by President Parker.

Senator Cunningham left at 8:35 p.m.

Senator Magruder made a motion that the appropriate committee investigate the outcome of the Ameristar located in Lynn Eusan Park. Seconded. No one spoke in favor or against the motion.

General Discussion of the motion. Senator Chapman wished to know why. Speaker Condon answered that at the Retreat a new policy was stated; a motion must be made so a committee can look into a matter before legislation comes to the floor. Senator Chapman said that he did not think the Senate should investigate this matter. Chair Hollis countered that she feels that Dr. Osborne is asking for our opinion. Senator Magruder said that giving input on matters like this is part of the Senate's purpose. Senator Ranade said that the Senate is not responsible for everything and that some things are more important than others. Chair Condon called the question and there was no objection. Senator Magruder stated the motion and a hand count was taken: 11 in favor, 4 against, motion passes. The motion was sent to Student Life Committee.

Senator Pike moved to reconsider Senate Bill 29013, 29014 and University Bill 29004. Senator Pike then withdrew her motion.

Senator Mason moved that the status of Senate Bill 29013, 29014 and University Bill 29004 be addressed by the Attorney General. Seconded. Chair Mason spoke in favor of this motion. The Attorney General was recognized and reported that he could not give an answer right now. His copy of the Constitution says five days, but that may not be correct.

Chair Condon wanted to know if they could be suspended and Matt Woodruff answered that you cannot suspend the Constitution. President Parker suggested that the bills be reintroduced with new number and go by pass.

The motion on the floor was declared moot.

Chair Hollis moved that the bill be reintroduced. Seconded. Chair Hollis spoke in favor of the motion and no one spoke against it. There was no objection to an immediate vote. Vote - passes, one abstention.

University Bill 29006 A UHSA UNIVERSITY BILL STRONGLY RECOMMENDING IMPROVED LIGHTING ON CAMPUS. There was no objection to an immediate vote since all Senators remembered the original discussion of the bill. Vote - passes.

Senate Bill 29016 A UHSA SENATE BILL TO DISAPPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE ACADEMIC COURSE EVALUATION AND MOVE THE FUNDS TO SENATE CONTINGENCY. There was no objection to immediate vote as all Senators remembered the original discussion. Vote - passes.

Senate Bill 29017 A UHSA SENATE BILL AMENDING SECTION 205.01 ARTICLE H OF THE UHSA BYLAWS. There was no objection to immediate vote of the bill since all remembered the original discussion. Vote - passes.

Speaker Condon apologized for the mistake.

Senator Magruder moved that Fiscal and Governmental take up investigating consistency of bylaws and updating. Seconded. Senator Magruder spoke in favor of this motion. There was no speaker against it. No discussion. It was identified as a goal of the Senate. No objection to immediate vote. Vote - passes. F & G was charged with the task.

Senator Hollis made a motion that \$100.00 be allocated from Senate Contingency to pay for photocopying 2500 copies of the Master Syllabus. Seconded. Senator Hollis spoke in favor of the motion. No one spoke against it. General Discussion. Senator Hollis noted that the Dean's Council is supportive of the Master Syllabus and that is noted.

on it. Senator Ranade wished to know how many instructors are on the campus and Chair Hollis reported approximately 1400. Senator Chapman wished to know if the pages were going to be printed front and back or on separate sheets. Chair Hollis reported front and back and that there is not much difference in price. Senator Magruder called the Question which was seconded. No objection. Vote on motion - passes.

Comments and Announcements

Senator Ranade noted that several bills have been passed but no action has been taken. He requested that President Parker follow the bills.

Speaker Condon stated that a Senate Resolution requires no action. All bills are sent out with cover letters and we generally get no response. It is the responsibility of all Senators to keep tabs on legislation.

Senator Hollis wished to know if a form letter would be feasible. Speaker Condon said he would look into it.

Senator Hollis reminded the Senators to check the box in the SA office.

Senator Magruder thanked all Senators for being present tonight and congratulated the new Senators.

Speaker Condon said that the Senate is doing a good job and welcomed the new Senators.

Motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.