

Minutes  
5<sup>th</sup> Regular Senate Meeting of the 41<sup>st</sup> Administration  
Bluebonnet Room, University Center, 7:30pm  
Wednesday, August 25, 2004

*DRAFT – Not yet approved for publication in the Senate Journal*

Members Present at Opening Call of Roll:

Speaker of the Senate Bobby L. Warren, Hotel & Restaurant Management (HRM) Senator and Speaker Pro-Tem Abby Fogarty, At-Large Senator Ken Maynard, At-Large Senator Raj Pataskar, At-Large Senator Cameron Pettigrew, At-Large Senator Michael Graves, Business Senator Joel DeYoung, 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 Robin Mitchell, CLASS Senator Natalie Schultz, CLASS Senator Micah Bynum, CLASS Senator Amanda Guillory, Natural Science & Mathematics (NSM) Senator Chris Crane, Pharmacy Senator Jennifer Potter, Technology Senator Fawaz Shaya, Technology Senator Karl Hearne.

Members Absent at Opening Call of Roll:

Business Senator Dhemil Brown, Business Senator Craig Clark, Business Senator Mayoor Sharma, Education Senator Constance Patton, Education Senator Karla Anderson, Honors Senator L. Rachel Ainsworth, NSM Senator Joseph Maliakkal.

Officers, Administrators, and Advisors Present:

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

Reports to the Senate:

*Dr. Jerald Strickland, Interim Provost*

Dr. Strickland introduced himself to Senators he had not yet met. Has been interim provost for 11 months and will continue in that post until a new provost is found. The university has been recovering from budget cuts required by lack of state funding. He hopes to add new faculty and staff while also giving raises to both. The new parking garage will begin construction in January 2005 and will be finished by January 2006. In the last two years, approximately 90 classrooms have been renovated and more are on the way. Technology in classrooms is constantly being updated. New adjunct and clinical faculty have been added this year. The new classroom complex is under construction on Cullen.

*Bobby Martinez and Gilda Hart, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center*

There will be a blood drive on September 9, 10 and 11, 2004. 800 to 850 units per day are required in order to meet the demand for the metropolitan Houston area. It is important that students go out and give blood so that the demand can be met. All blood collected will remain in the Houston region. The current blood supply is very safe from disease, including HIV and West Nile. For more information on eligibility to give blood, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org).

*Jon Quintanilla, President, Student Government Association*

President Quintanilla reported that there are three Senators who are no longer with the Senate, so those seats are now open. The SGA is also currently seeking a Director of Finance. An analysis was done of other Texas universities, and it was found that UH was the 7<sup>th</sup> most expensive of Texas public universities when tuition and fees were considered. The University Administration and Finance Committee needs to work to bring the 35% student fee agreement bill back to the Senate by the next meeting. Saturday University has been a great success for UH so far – we're trying to accommodate these students with nearby food options. There is a Presidential Investiture

being planned for Dr. Gogue on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the SGA will be inviting students from other UHS schools to a luncheon. The parking garage proposal was approved by the Regents. Working to get the university to provide more online services, such as financial aid. Still working to get more traffic into Harlon's. Four new Cougar1Card ATM's were installed on campus over the summer. An electronic marquee is being installed in the UC and will display student organization events and announcements. Also seeking an online ticket appeals form.

*Matt Bell, Vice President, Student Government Association*

The SGA has been participating in Cat's Back this week. Committee nominations will be presented to the Senate at the next meeting. The SGA website is currently up-to-date with new features, including an online forum. Senators are asked to register on the forum and use it to discuss issues. Currently seeking candidates for election commission.

*Laura M. Salinas, Student Regent, Student Government Association*

Please help spread word about the blood drive. The Center for Mexican American Studies is currently planning the construction of a \$15 million facility that will include the Center for African American Studies. U.S. Rep. Gene Green is working with the Center to help obtain federal matching funds. Asked Senators to inform the executives of the time and place of their town halls. Will be going to Austin in January for the new session of the Texas legislature.

*Katy Zylicz, Director of Public Relations, Student Government Association*

Introduced herself to the Senate. Asked Senators to stop by her office anytime if they need anything. Also will need Senators to help with Ducks Gone Wild in the UC.

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

Speaker Warren advised Senators to come to his office if they need any help crafting legislation.

#### Legislation Introduced

No legislation was introduced or considered at this meeting.

#### Nominations/Appointments

Neither nominations nor appointments were presented at this meeting.

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