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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tenth Meeting of the Session
Tuesday, September 5, 1989
World Affairs Lounge, University Center Underground
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate, Michael Danke, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

The following Senators were present: Barrus, Browne, Cannon, Danke, Harper, Hicks, Israel, Karim, Kratzer, Marino, Miklos, Nava, Owens, Patel, Regan, Saeed, Sharma, Spacek, Traverse, Wilson, Wuthrich, and Zarka.

The following Senators were absent: Gadberry, Mason, and Ware

The following Senators were excused: Parker, and Potter

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: President Belicove and Mark Burge

The following University Officials were present: William Munson

3. Reading and approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members. Preceding the approval of the Senate Journal, President Belicove swore in Brian Wilson, the new Senator from the College of Optometry.

4. Report of the President:

President Belicove began the first senate meeting of the Fall term by remembering those members of the University Community who passed away over the summer. On behalf of the executive branch, the President extended a warm welcome to the Senators as well as the guests attending the Senate meeting. President Belicove proceeded by informing the Senators of his goals and objectives for the upcoming months.

He quoted the famous American patriot Thomas Paine, reminding all senators that the freedom and the input that the students are allowed at the University of Houston is too precious to waste. He said they must do everything possible to maintain their active standing as a representative in the Students' Association and also a student at the University of Houston.

One of the long term goals President Belicove planned on accomplishing this year was to increase the number of student campus leaders. To fulfill this goal, President

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Belicove expressed his support of the Students' Association Junior Senator Program. He described the program as an opportunity for new students to get a first hand look at Senators in action within the Student Government. He stressed the importance that current Senators need to help raise up the next generation of student leaders.

Concerning the South Campus Recreational facilities, President Belicove assured the Senators of the great support the administration has given for renovations. However, he stressed the importance for the Senators to make sure that the funding and the promises of the administration are kept.

The University of Houston System is currently considering moving onto the third floor of the M.D. Anderson Library. President Belicove reminded the Senators of the severe shortage of student study space available in the library. If this occurs, it will severely inhibit the needs of both the faculty and students.

President Belicove informed the Senate of his involvement with the Presidential Search Committee. He hopes to find a candidate who will examine such priorities as the undergraduate studies and undergraduate students. In addition, the President is also looking for a candidate who will take affirmative action on the issue of add/drop procedures. The president is open to any comments or suggestions concerning the search for the new President of the University of Houston.

On August 23, 1989, Reed Paseur informed President Belicove of the \$3,100 that was left after its yearly allocation. After meeting with Tom Mercado, the Students Association decided to purchase the following: food services for the upcoming Students Association retreat, advertising space in the spring Daily Cougar for information about the 1990 Students' Association elections, and a Macintosh computer for the Students' Association Secretary's desk.

In the upcoming year, the President said he would like to see a couple more standing university committees form. Such committees are a campus wide Food Advisory Committee and a Career Planning and Placement Advisory Board. In addition, the President added that he would like to see student representatives on both the Alumni Board and the Faculty Senate. With the selection of a new Chancellor, President Belicove expressed his interest in the formation of a Chancellor Student Advisory Board in order to improve the relations and communications within the University of Houston System.

President Belicove continued his speech by mentioning the position changes which occurred over the summer. The following people have left: Bernie Lugar, David Hearn, Lance Peterman, Robert Lichenstein, and Biren Kumar. The President also mentioned some of the appointments which were put forward later in the meeting.

In the President's closing remarks, he added that this years Students' Association can have the most productive Senate ever, but he needs all the effort from every Senator. With everyone's help the Students' Association can make a difference

5. *Report of the Vice President:* None



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6. *Report of the Speaker:*

Speaker Danke began by welcoming the Senators back to the Senate. He then proceeded in mentioning several business items: 1) An address list was passed around for all Senators to sign. 2) Michael mentioned the resignation of Biren Kumar. Biren wanted to extend to the Senate that he enjoyed working with all the Senators 3) The upcoming Senate Retreat on September 9, 1989 is very important for all Senators to attend. There will be several distinguished guests as well as plenty of food for all. 4) The Students' Association received comments from Interim President Magner on the Senate Resolution 26001: A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL COLLEGES TO MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT STRUCTURE OF MONDAY- WEDNESDAY- FRIDAY CLASSES. He assured the Students' Association that the University supported the Senate Resolution. He pointed out the severe shortage of medium and large classes, and if the class structure was changed, the matter would only get worse. Speaker Danke informed the Senators that Interim President Magner was going to be the Guest Speaker at the meeting on September 11, 1989. He will be speaking on the state of campus as well as his plans for the future.

5) Over the Summer, President Belicove, Lee Grooms, Alex Abraham, and Speaker Danke attended the Student Affairs Retreat. He felt that they received a lot of input and learned much about student affairs. He hopes that in the future, the administration will realize that the students have a valuable voice on the University campus.

Agenda Item of the Week:

It is very crucial to the Students' Association that Senators make a difference at the University of Houston. He urged all Senators to attend Senate meetings as well as be active in other activities. With this combination, the Twenty-Sixth Students' Association will be the best thus far.

7. *Special Reports:* None

8. *One Minute Speeches by the Members.*

Senator Kratzer welcomed back everyone and announced her resignation of Chairperson for Student Life Committee. She then reminded the Senators of the upcoming State legislative elections. Senator Kratzer stressed upon the Senators that they should inform other student of the importance of education and educational funding in the state of Texas.

Senator Browne stated that Dean William Jenkins passed away several weeks ago after a long battle with cancer. In addition, a professor in the College of Architecture, Myron Anderson also died recently. In honor of Dean Jenkins, a Sense of the Senate Resolution has been introduced to the Senate. This resolution will rename the Architecture Library.

Senator Sharma began by thanking Senator Kratzer for her nice comments. She also mentioned the Shasta referendum, which will give the Interim President information about whether or not to replace the Cougar. She said that she hopes everyone will go out and speak with their constituents about the issue.

Senator Harper expressed his concerns about the University's image on



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Campus. He felt that both the college of Engineering and the Daily Cougar were always focusing on the bad aspects of the University. He wants to start legislation in order to have more tradition on the Campus.

Senator Hicks welcomed back the Senators and informed the Senate of the new Dean in the College of Technology, Dean Brown. He added that the new dean has restructured the college and is very active in the school. Hopefully in the future you will see more student support from the school. On the issue of the Cougar, Hicks showed his support for the cougar by asking the alumni in El Paso. All Alumni thought that the live cougar is the tradition that the University of Houston has carried on for many years. He added that everyone should find out the true facts about the cougar.

9. Report of Standing Committees:

1. Academic Affairs - Yahya Saeed, Chair : None
2. Student Life - Rekha Sharma, Chair : None
3. University Administration and Finance - Robert Miklos, Chair : None
4. Internal Affairs - Chris Browne, Chair : The committee of Internal Affairs met and discussed the re-appointment of Reed Paseur. After working with him this year, the committee felt he was very qualified for the position. They reported out favorably on the reappointment of Reed Paseur. There was no action on Election Code Bill or the Executive Financial Accountability Bill.

10. Report of the Select Committee: None

11. Special Reports: None

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

a. Presidential Nominations and Appointments

Senator Sharma moved to re-appoint Reed Paseur as the Students' Association Treasurer. This was seconded by Senator Browne. There was no discussion. As a result, the appointment was brought to a vote and he was approved unanimously.

b. Legislation

President Belicove wanted to start a discussion on the issue of the Live Mascot. He informed the Senate that Senator Sharma was appointed to the Mascot Committee. Over the summer Senator Miklos, Senator Sharma, and President Belicove attended a Student Government Conference and they thought up an idea. Senator Miklos has thought of a new ways to run the election polls. At the same time, they could poll the issue of whether or not to have a live mascot on the campus. Senator Sharma talked on the issue of the Shasta Referendum. The committee was appointed by Interim President Magner. It included people of from the Athletic Department, the Alumni Department, the Faculty Senate and the Students' Association. The committee came up with a first draft for the referendum. There were three choices made on the referendum: 1) We would obtain a live mascot with 75% of the given total; that total is now \$65,000 and the old cage would be renovated. 2) Obtain



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a cougar housed at the Houston Zoo. The cougar would be on display at the zoo, but would not be permitted to go to any games. 3) No live mascot. After discussion with the Students' Association, they thought that there should be a fourth choice stating full support for a mascot.

Further discussion was given on the mascot with questions from the Senators. Senator Miklos explained the purpose of the restructuring of the election code and the fact that it would be a good time to test out the election process. In more detail, Senator Miklos explained that the election system would basically be the same, but the times and the polling locations would be changed. President Belicove told the Senate that the referendum results would be sent to Interim President Magner's office in the first week of October.

13. *New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetos:*

14. *Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:*

Senator Browne introduced Sense of the Senate Resolution 26005: A SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS RENAME THE ARCHITECTURE AND ART LIBRARY AS THE "WILLIAM R. JENKINS LIBRARY" IN HONOR OF THE LATE DEAN JENKINS. He moved to bypass committee on the Sense of the Senate Resolution. This was seconded by Senator Barrus. As speaker in favor, Senator Browne added that the Council of Deans were eager to have the resolution signed. There was no discussion on the resolution. A vote was taken on the motion to bypass, and it passed unanimously. Senator Browne moved to consider Sense of the Senate Resolution. This was seconded by Senator Regan. There was no general debate. A vote was taken and the Senate passed SSR26005 unanimously.

15. *Presidential Nominations and Appointments:*

The following people were nominated to University Standing Committees:

- Bruce Ciloski - Director of Personnel
- Iram Faridi - Assistant to the Directors
- Carey Eskridge - Co-Director of External Affairs
- Donna Urban - Business Position 2
- Doanh Nguyen - Undergraduate Council
- Kenneth Slavik - Research Council
- Paul Hogle - Organizations Board

16. *Comments and Announcements:*

Senator Traverse - Senator Traverse responded to Senator Harper's earlier comments. As an editor of the Daily Cougar, she did not feel that the newspaper had an inadequate supply of support for the University.

Senator Miklos - Listed the current Senator on the University Administration Committee and asked Senators Wilson to join the committee. He also added that there was going to be a meeting on September 8, 1989, at 4:00 p.m.

Senator Sharma - Wanted the Student Life committee to meet and discuss the current Legislation. She also congratulated Senator Miklos on his recent marriage.

Senator Browne - Announced to the Senate for the Internal Affairs committee to meet briefly after the meeting to discuss a convenient time to hold the committee meetings. He also thanked everyone for



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their patience as well as for voting on the resolution.

President Belicove - The President told all the Senators that we do not need strife between organizations. He added that the Daily Cougar has been accurate on all coverage thus far. President Belicove reminded the Senate of the upcoming Students' Association Retreat.

Speaker Danke - The Speaker thanked everyone for attending the meeting and added that all future Senate Meetings will be on every other Monday, in the Dallas/El Paso Room at 7:00 p.m.

Senator Harper - Appreciated President Belicove and Senator Traverse's concerns.

Senator Hicks - He commented that the faculty is an important part of the University, and that we all need to make an attempt to meet the faculty as well as the Deans of the appropriate colleges.

17. *Adjournment:*

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:25 p.m.