



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SENATE JOURNAL

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STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Meeting of the Senate
Monday, April 3, 1989
Dallas-El Paso Room, University Center
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the President-elect, Mikal Evan Belicove, at 7:12 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

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

The following Senators were absent: Franklin, Mason, and Ware.

The following Senators were excused: Gadberry.

The President and Vice-President were sworn in by Anne Wilkerson, Chief Justice of the Student Court and the President in turn swore in the members of the Senate.

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

There were no minutes available to be read and corrected.

4. Report of the President:

President Belicove welcomed everyone and told of the trip to Austin and the Texas State Students' Association (TSSA). The University of Houston will be hosting the fall conference for TSSA. Wendy Trachte, outgoing president of the Students' Association, has been elected as the president of TSSA. Mr. Belicove has been elected as the Service/Information Director for TSSA.

John Davis is the current director of external affairs and is in charge of the Students As Constituents program and is looking for support for his program.

President Belicove announced the Junior Senator/Mentor program and would like to implement it for three reasons:

1. It encourages new people to join the Students' Association.
2. It encourages present Senators to stay involved.
3. It develops leadership skills needed for further SA involvement.

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President Belicove stated that academic advising should be made more accessible and immediately available to the students. It should be a process that helps the students from the day they enter until the day they graduate.

He also spoke on the Department of Financial Aid and how they had an insensitive attitude that some students are afraid of. There should be a system of accountability to and support for the students who receive Financial Aid.

The South Campus Recreation project is embarrassing and an eyesore. The area between Moody Towers and the Quadrangle should be developed.

The area retail development is another plan that President Belicove is implementing so that the area around the university can better serve the students.

Architecture and Humanities and Fine Arts merger is an area that students in both colleges need information about.

President Belicove spoke on organization and obligations that members have to the people who pay their salaries. He also regretted the possible loss of Dr. Van Horn. Dr. Van Horn represents consistency at its finest. If the University of Houston loses Dr. Van Horn, then the loss of Roland Smith and Sue Warren are inevitable.

The Students' Association front office houses the mailboxes for the Senators, please check them every few days. There will be training sessions for the Senators and the Department of Campus Activities will hold the Spring Officers Seminar for all interested Student Leaders. The Students' Association will pay the bill for the Spring Officers Seminar, contact President Belicove.

5. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Butt introduced himself and spoke on the importance of students working together. He stressed the necessity of each of the Senators to cooperate and also to speak with the Dean of each college. If the Senate will "work together," they can "build the campus for tomorrow."

6. Report of the Speaker:

There has not been an elected Speaker; however, President Belicove spoke on the office of the Speaker and the importance of actively questioning each candidate.

7. Special Reports:

Dr. Small, the assistant Vice President for Counseling and Career Services, spoke on the possible decentralization of the career services office. He would like the Senators to talk with the students in each college and possibly write letters or sponsor legislation concerning the decentralization of this office. His office is located on the first floor of the Student Life Building and his office number is 749-3674.



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8. *One Minute Speeches by the Members.*

Senator Miklos stated that he thought that the election process caused problems and they need to be addressed and corrected. He would like to sponsor a bill to correct the election process.

Senator Hicks stated that he was in support of an active Senate and if anyone needs him, do not hesitate to call.

Senator Marino stated that he travelled to ^{[Austin] ms} with the Social Science alumni and again to TSSA. He also stated the importance of TSSA and the Students As Constituents program.

Senator Nava stated that attendance at the Senate meetings is very important.

9. *Report of Standing Committees:*

At this time, there are no standing committees.

10. *Report of the Select Committee:*

None

11. *Special Reports:*

None

12. *Unfinished Business and General Orders:*

a. Presidential Nominations and Appointments

None

b. Legislation

None

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

None

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

Senator Danke introduced Sense of the Senate Resolution 26002: A SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NOTES AND MEMIORS OF GEORGE BUSH BE HOUSED IN A LIBRARY ON THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CAMPUS.

Senator Wuthridge ^{ch} introduced Sense of the Senate Resolution 26001: A SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTH CAMPUS RECREATION PROJECT.

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Senator Kumar introduced University Bill 26003: A UNIVERSITY BILL CHANGING THE DESIGNATION AND SCOPE OF THE AD HOC BOOKSTORE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Senator Sharma introduced University Bill 26002: A UNIVERSITY BILL CHANGING THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR PARKING LOT CLASSIFICATION CHANGES.

Senator Browne introduced University Bill 26001: A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS-WIDE POLICY FOR THE POSTING OF GRADES.

All of the legislation was assigned to the ad hoc committee that President Belicove established for reviewing this legislation.

15. Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

President Belicove nominated Ryan Chadwick to SSFPAC.

16. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Regan made a motion to go around the room and have everyone introduce themselves. The motion was seconded by Senator Nava. The Senate moved to a direct vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Senator Owens announced that this week is Disabled Awareness Week.

Senator Marino inquired about what the standing committees in the Senate do.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.