

Proceedings of the Ninth Meeting of the Twentieth Session

The ninth meeting of the twentieth session of the UHSA Senate was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on August 1, 1983 by Senate Speaker Pat Condon in the Atlantic Room.

Absent were Senators Berry, Butschek, Cunningham, Napoli, Pike, and Wesley. A quorum was deemed present. Senator Butschek arrived late.

The minutes of the sixth, seventh, and eighth meetings were corrected and approved.

President's Report

President Parker brought the Senators up to date on the happenings of the Student Bookstore. It is being relocated and can not open for the fall semester. The money requested for the bookstore will be sent back to the Student Fund Balance. The bookstore will be opened for a few weeks at the beginning and end of the semester, which is the most cost effective way to operate it. At present, all books are being cataloged and new contracts will be sent out to students who have placed books in the bookstore to be sold.

President Parker requested the approval of the appointment of Philip Brown to the Academic Honesty Ad Hoc Committee.

There have been three applicants for the position of Executive Secretary. Hopefully, by the end of the week one will be hired.

A key agreement program is being started to enable Senators to check out keys. If interested, please fill out the form and sign it after the meeting tonight.

President Parker reported that a dorm rent task force is being started. Wade Magruder will head it. It shall consist of two current dorm residents, two former resident, one Senator who resides off campus, and one at large member.

President Parker read a letter that he had received from Kevin Lacobie. He is well and having a wonderful experience at Stanford University.

Next Wednesday President Parker is to attend a meeting of the Friends of Downtown Convention Center. He will speak to those on both sides of the issue and report back to the Senate.

Last Thursday, President Parker attended a meeting of the AH Bellow Communications Corporation and Channel 11. They discussed current problems and the meeting was worthwhile. As President Parker said, it got out name out. (the university's). President Parker is to be sent an updated list of the communications people in the area.

President Parker announced that David Berry would not be at the meeting tonight. They just found out that his wife is expecting a baby.

President Parker reported on the status of the bicycle lockers and yielded the floor to Frank Savage, a representative of the company manufacturing the locker.

Mr. Savage presented a model of the lockers and reported that the lockers are made of galvanized metal and are water and theft proof. Each locker has its own lock and key and Steve will possess a master key. The financing of the lockers has been written and he suggested that all questions of that nature be directed to Steve.

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Senator Shahriari asked if the units were portable. The answer was yes, but they weight 1600 pounds.

Senator Ranade thanked Mr. Savage for his presentation but wanted to know if there were any other companies who offered bicycle lockers. The answer to this was that this company is the only one who offers this type. Senator Ranade also expressed concern about the amount of the rent of each locker per semester.

Senator Shahriari wished to know who would be responsible for the maintenance of the lockers. President Parker answered that the Students' Association would be; Mr. Savage added that the lockers were fairly sturdy and should be a low maintenance item.

Senator Hollis asked if the SA would be the owner of the locker. Yes was the answer.

Senator Hollis also asked about liability for the bikes stored in the locker. President Parker said that this would be written into the contract signed with the renter.

Mr. Savage added that this is a new type of bicycle security. Rice University is also considering purchasing this type of locker. This type of locker is for bikes only.

President Parker announced that he has two new directors and is looking for stipens for them. He will formally announce this under New Business.

#### Vice President's Report

Vice President Phillips reported that Freshman Orientation is continuing. The next days are the 4th and the 11th. Volunteers are needed and if you are interested, contact Rita Franceschini or Cheryl Phillips.

VP Phillips reported that help is needed with the bookstore inventory and if you could, please stay after tonight's meeting and help.

VP Phillips reported that Randy Collins needs help with Block C.

VP Phillips read a memo from Albert Peterson, Interim Director of Academic Affairs concerning the fall 1983 semester calendar. The committee voted to recommend to the Provost that one calss day be added to the fall 1983 schedule. This would make Tuesday, December 6 the last dya of classes instead of Monday, December 5, and the rest of the schedule would be: December 7-8 as reading days and December 9-16 for the final examination period.

Senator Chapman wished to know the reason for this proposed change. The answer was that the number of class days has become fewer and fewer and there is a concern as to whether the number of days of classes proposed in the fall schedule as it now stands is within that mandated by state law.

#### Treasurer's Report

Albert Peterson presented the Treasurer's report.

A handout was given to each Senator concerning the funding for the bicycle lockers. Albert requested that all questions be directed to the handout. This report contains information stating that there is adequate funding for the proposed purchase of the lockers.

#### Speaker's Report

Speaker Condon informed the Senators that excused absence forms were now available and to be sure to fill one out if you were absent from a meeting. Attendance is important

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Speaker Condon announced that there is a new resolution for consideration. The copier is broken again, therefore no copies. He briefly stated that it concerns postponement of the student service fee increase. This resolution was written by a task force of the Chairs of the standing committees of the Seante. Speaker Condon then read the resolution.

Speaker Condon announced that a letter is forthcoming regarding the details of the Senate retreat. He stated that if he did not hear from you, then he will expect you to be there.

The bill concerning the bicycle lockers was sent to Fiscal & Governmental but they did not meet therefore they have no recommendation on the bill.

#### Committee Reports

Fiscal & Governmental: Did not meet therefore do not have a report.

Campus Governance: Chair Butschek reported that the committee had met and had favorable recommendations for: Richard Reuth, Athletic Committee; Ernest Clayton Epps, HCPB; Robin Coillouet, Intr'l. Advisory Council; Barbara Washington, Undergraduate Council; and Mark Gibson, Organizations Board.

The committee had no recommendation for the following as they were unable to contact them: James Bradley & Duane Varan, Student Publications; Gregory Jordan, Scholarship and Financial Aid; Robert Moldrow, Undergraduate Council; Mike Manley, Writing Profeciency Appl./ Graduate Council; Robert Walker, Organizations Board; and Eric Stump, Student Court.

The committee will meet and interview Philip Brown for the Academic Honesty Ad Hoc Committee.

Student Life: There was no report. The committee will meet August 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Senate Office. There was no recommendation on the bike lockers.

External Affairs: No report. Meeting time is pending.

Educational Affairs: The Education Affairs Committee met on July 22, to discuss the academic course evaluation. The committee has decided to pursue a master syllabus. The master syllabus is a questionnaire to be completed by instructors. The questionnaire asks for a course description, course objectives, and course requisites. The final form has not yet been designed. The committee is consulting with students, faculty and staff. The committee plans to present this to the Deans Council.

#### New Business

President Parker had two appointments for approval:

Rita Franceschini as the Director of TEAM. The motion for advice and consent was seconded and voted on. The appointment was approved unanimously.

Albert Peterson as the Interim Director of Academic Affairs. The motion for advice and consent was made and seconded. The appointment was approved unanimous

The appointment of Rita Franceschini has left a vacancy in Humanities and Fine Arts.

Other appointments: Ricard Reuth, Athletic Committee - motion made and seconded, no discussion, voted on and unanimously approved.

Ernest Epps to UCPB. Motion made and seconded. Some discussion. Unanimously approved.

Robin Coiltouet to Int'l. Advisory Committee. Motion for advice and consent made and seconded. Unanimously approved.

Barbara Washington to HCPB and Undergraduate Council. Motion for advice and consent made and seconded. Unanimously approved.

Byron Jubert to PPAB. Motion for advice and consent made and seconded. Unanimously approved.

Mark Gibson to Organizations Board. Motion for advice and consent made and seconded. Unanimously approved.

Speaker Condon moved that no recommendation be made on those persons who had not been interviewed yet. Was seconded and passed with no objection. Those appointments have been tabled.

SENATE RESOLUTION # 29005 A UHSA SENATE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT STUDENT SERVICE FEES NOT BE INCREASED UNTIL ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCES ARE CONSIDERED. Senator Hollis read the resolution.

A motion for bypass was made and seconded. No objection to bypass.

Speaker Condon reread the bill. There was some discussion on the bill.

A move was made for direct consideration of the resolution. It was then voted on and unanimously approved.

#### Old Business

SENATE RESOLUTION # 29004 A UHSA SENATE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER OF DECREASING THE RATES FOR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING.

There was no recommendation from Student Life.

Senator Ranade read the resolution.

Point of Information: Can the bill be sent back to committee for recommendation.

Senator Magruder made a motion to table it. Was seconded. Voted on. Resulting: not in favor of tabling the resolution.

Moved back into consideration. General discussion: Senator Ranade in favor of the resolution.

Senator Magruder spoke against the resolution. Senator Hollis said that it needs to be on the agenda of the Board of Regents before they can discuss it.

President Parker was recognized. He agreed with Senator Hollis and emphasized that fact. Senator Magruder made a motion to amend the resolution. A typo in the fourth Whereas.

No objection.

Moved back into direct consideration. A hand count was taken in voting: 5 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstention; The resolution passes.

SENATE BILL # 29004 A UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SENATE BILL TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BICYCLE LOCKERS.

There was no recommendation of this bill. There was discussion. Senator Ranade spoke against the bill. Questions were directed to President Parker. Senator Swingle spoke in favor of the bill. A Point of Information was made on the size of the lockers; they hold eight bikes.

Speaker Condon reminded the Senators that this bill deals only with the purchase of the lockers, not the rates of student rental.

Point of Information: Whose decision will it be for the rate? President Parker answered this; the executive staff.

Senator Chapman moved for a call to question. Was approved.

Direct consideration of Bill # 29004. Voted on; 1 not in favor, rest in favor. Bill passes

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Comments and Announcements

Senator Hollis asked for Connie Wallace's help.

Senator Chapman raised the question of whether it was appropriate for the Speaker to make motion to table. Speaker Condon answered saying that in this case it may not have been, but generally yes.

Senator Ranade wished to know if future meetings could be at 6:30. Speaker Condon responded that this would require a bylaws change.

Vice President Phillips reminded all to stay and help with the inventory.

President Parker announced that several committee positions are open.

President Parker announced the Shakespeare festival at Miller Theater.

Senator Ranade warned all Senators to be careful on what they vote for. Ex. a Director was appointed for TEAM, but TEAM has not yet been approved.

Senator Magruder was recognized as the new President of RHA.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.