

TWENTY-NINTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thirteenth Meeting of the 29th Senate
Monday, November 9, 1992
Regents Room, University Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer: Michelle Palmer, Speaker Pro-Tem of the 29th Senate
2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal
4. Special Reports: Mitch Rhodes, Student Regent
5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members
6. Report of the President: Rusty Hruska
7. Report of the Vice President: Charles Gaviola
8. Report of the Speaker: Michelle Palmer
9. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a) Academic Affairs: Dina Abramson, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: To be Announced
 - c) Student Life: Jennifer Zuber, Chair
 - d) University Administration and Finance: Carlos Morales, Chair
10. Report of the Select Committees
11. Special Orders
12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation
 - a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda
 - None
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor
13. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - Jerrold Alwais –Undergraduate Council
 - Michael Berry –Teaching Excellence Award Committee
 - Elizabeth Carter –Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee
 - Jason LaGate –Library Committee
 - Jennifer Murray –Writing Proficiency Appeals
 - Rajuh Shah –Academic Computer Advisory Board
 - Makkala Srihari –Graduate and Professional Studies Council
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - Ruben Cantu –Student Traffic Court
 - Roger McBride –Senator for the College of Engineering #2
 - Alan Matheson –Senator for the College of Law
 - Cipriano Romero –University Hearing Board
 - Erika Schmidt –Student Traffic Court

- Kevin Soebbing –Senator for the College of Education #2
 - Drue Terry –Student Traffic Court
3. Committee on Student Life:
- Om Chawla –Health Center Board
 - Jennifer Daly –Sexual Harassment Board
 - Will Davis –Police Advisory Board
 - Lise Drewes –Handicapped Advisory Board
 - Frank Futral –Undergraduate Council
 - Patrick Griffin –Sexual Harassment Board
 - Blair Hodges –Health Center Policy Board
 - Bianca Ionescu –Health Center Policy Board
 - Lissa Korn –Handicapped Students Advisory Board
 - Amanda Maceo –Religion Center Policy Board
 - Roxanne Martinez –Child Care Center
 - Heather Meley –Health Center Board
 - Phil Packwood –Sexual Harassment Committee
 - Chris Pena –Police Advisory Board
 - Saud Qazi –Parking & Transportation Advisory Board
 - Marc Rosenthal –Ad-Hoc Committee on Food Service
 - Raquel Roy –Spirit Board
 - Howard Rushing –Organizations Board
 - Robbie Strong –Health Center Policy Board
 - Rob Temple –Police Advisory Board
 - Lana Thomas –Committee on the Status of Women
 - Blanca Villarreal –Handicapped Students Advisory Board
 - Stephen Wimmer –Religion Center Policy Board
 - Greg Wassberg –Organization Board
4. Committee on University of Administration and Finance:
- Delwyn Trusty –Title IX Grievance Committee
- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
 - None
 2. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - None
 3. Committee on Internal Affairs
 - SR29003:** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SENATE BILL REQUIRING THAT THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SHOULD NOT BE AN ACTIVE SPONSOR OF POLITICALLY PARTISAN EVENTS.
 - Sponsor: Michelle Palmer
 4. Committee on Student Life
 - UB29002:** A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING ELEVATORS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER MORE WHEELCHAIR -ACCESSIBLE
 - Sponsors: Dina Abramson, shane patrick boyle, Carlos Morales, Michelle Palmer
 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - SAB29004:** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET AS PER TITLE 5 SECTION 2.0.2 PART C OF THE SA CODE.
 - Sponsors: Carlos Morales
14. New Business and General Orders
- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
 - c) Other New Business and General Orders
15. Comments and Announcements
16. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
17. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Pro-Tem of the Senate Michelle Palmer at 7:10 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Quynh Thai called the roll and the following senators were present: Dina Abramson, Chris Barelo, Bobbie Bowen, shane patrick boyle, Aijaz Chaudary, Ralph Coatsworth, Vernita Hoyt, Randy Kirby, Carlos Morales, Amy Parks, Reshma Patel, Gregory Propes, Sadiq Sayani, Crystal Wallace, Greg Wassberg, Coy Wheeler, Nivine Zakhari.

The following senators were late: Stephanie Hawkins.

The following senators were absent: Om Chawla, Henry Gaw, Megan McGovern, Jennifer Zuber.

There were no senators excused.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Rusty Hruska, Charles Gaviola, Jason Fuller, Kevin Jefferies.

The following university officials were present: John Logan, Advisor from Director of Campus Activities.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Special Reports:

Student Regent, Mitch Rhodes reported that with the approval of the library resolution of last spring, the M.D Anderson Library journal will be increased by approximately 13%. He said that Don Easterling and his committee should be highly commended for their work on the resolution.

Regent Rhodes reported that the Board approved the action to enter into a five year contract for the operation of the bookstore with Barnes & Noble. The revenue estimated to be 1,050,000 per year.

Mr. Rhodes reported that the Board of Regents approved the 1994-95 Legislative Appropriations Request. The total request for FY94 is \$228 million; for FY95 it's \$244 million. He commended Students As Constituents for their work in trying to appropriate as much funds as possible for the university. Regent Rhodes said that the group's effort should not die at the end of the biennium, but that SA should become committed to its efforts and support it. He said that by doing so, the university will be insured that it will receive the necessary funding for the next fiscal years to come.

He reported the Board's approval to designate unallocated interest earned on HEAF bond proceeds for land purchase for the university at a cost of 2.7 million and demolition of the UH-Downtown Center. Regent Rhodes said that the university administration and the UH system should be commended on the way they have been able to appropriately distribute funds.

He said that due to the extensive contents of the minutes from the Board meeting, extra copies of the reports were not made. He asked that senators who wish to obtain a copy see Quynh Thai, the Senate Secretary.

5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Hoyt pointed out a misprint on the SA Monthly Informer. She said that in her article, the blank following the words, "A total of," should be followed by the number 24.

6. Report of the President:

SA President Rusty Hruska informed the Senate that for personal reasons, Speaker John Bard has formally resigned from the Senate.

Following this Speaker Pro-Tem Michelle Palmer took the oath of office as the new Speaker of the 29th Senate.

President Hruska welcomed the guests in the gallery and thanked them for attending the meeting.

He also thanked Kevin Jefferies, Director of External Affairs for bring State Representative Heflin to the meeting.

He informed that Senate that he and Kevin Jefferies have been working on a town hall meeting for the entire university. He said that President Pickering has already accepted the invitation to speak at the meeting. President Hruska said that he has also asked Chancellor Schilt and other administrative members as well. The event he said will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at noon on the Satellite Hill. President Hruska said that the event is an important time to inform UH students about the different issues concerning the university. He said that the event will inform students on the "reshaping" process of the university and make them aware of the cutbacks in state funding. President Hruska said that in order for the meeting to be a success, he asked that all senators establish their respective town meetings.

President Hruska reported that he met with Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Elwyn Lee last week. He said that they discussed the issue of developing a university committee on Internal Affairs. The committee he said would provide UH students with more of an internal relationship with the faculty and administrative members. He said that hopefully this would develop more unity and support for the university.

Lastly, President Hruska reported that he met with Vice President of External Affairs, David Keith to discuss the upcoming spring event, "Frontier Fiesta." He said that he is really excited about the event because it is saying that the university is becoming more committed to the idea of developing a community within the campus. President Hruska said that he has gotten the administration and the alumni to agree with him that in order for Frontier Fiesta to be a success, it must become a "student event." He informed the Senate that a Frontier Fiesta Association has been organized to encourage more student involvement. President Hruska asked that senators take part in the association. He said that he is looking forward to the event and hopes that the university will come together and make the event a "community building" event.

7. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Charles Gaviola reported that the Election Code Committee met last week, but no one showed up. He said that instead of the committee, he has decided to work with David Daniels, Assistant Director of Campus Activities to author some legislations to bring to the Senate for discussion. Vice President Gaviola said that he is still open for ideas and encourages senators to give him input.

Vice President Gaviola said that the Election Code is well-written document and that the upsets of last year election were mainly caused by the Election Commissioner. Therefore, he asked that if senators know of any qualified candidate for the position contact him or Jason Fuller, Director of Personnel.

Lastly, he thanked all senators who contributed to the newest edition of the SA Monthly Informer. Vice President Gaviola said that he is still "knocking on doors" for more articles and hopes that more senators will contribute. He congratulated Director of Public Relations, Angie Milner for her superior job on the newsletter. And congratulated Speaker Palmer on her new position as Speaker of the Senate.

8. Report of the Speaker

Speaker Palmer open the Senate floor for nominations for the Speaker Pro-Tem position.

Senator Abramson nominated Senator Propes, seconded by Senator Morales.

Following one minute, the nomination was closed and Senator Propes was elected as the new Speaker

Pro-Tem.

Speaker Palmer, the former Chair of Internal Affairs nominated Senator Wheeler as the new chairperson for the Committee on Internal Affairs. She said that Senator Wheeler is a current member of the committee and has the time and energy to be an effective chairman for the committee. After a Senate vote the nomination was approved.

Speaker Palmer asked that senators setup their town meeting as soon as possible and give her a memo of the time and place of the meeting.

She congratulated Vice President Gaviola and Director of Public Relations, Angie Milner for their wonderful job on the SA Monthly Informer.

Speaker Palmer announced that Senator Moore has formally resigned as senator of HFA #4 and that the position is now vacant.

She said that with the help of Jason Fuller, Director of Personnel the SA Legislative Intern will be "coming into full swing" soon. She asked that interested senators contact her.

Following this Speaker Palmer asked that Senator Barelo and Senator Wheeler be sworn. President Hruska administered the oath of office to Senator Barelo and Senator Wheeler.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Dina Abramson, Chair of Academic Affairs, reported that her committee met, but did not meet quorum. She said that she has already either met with or talk with the nominations in her committee and will ask for their bypasses at the appropriate time.

The following nominations remains in committee:

Jerrold Alwais –Undergraduate Council
Michael Berry –Teaching Excellence Award Committee
Elizabeth Carter –Teaching Excellence Award Committee
Jason Gate –Library Committee
Jennifer Murray –Writing Proficiency Appeals
Makkala Srihari –Graduate and Professional Studies Council

b) Internal Affairs:

Michelle Palmer, Chair of Internal Affairs, reported that her committee has not met.

The following nominations remains in committee:

Ruben Cantu –Student Traffic Court
Roger McBride –Senator for the College of Engineering #2
Alan Matheson –Senator for the College of Law
Cipriano Romero –University Hearing Board
Erika Schmidt –Student Traffic Court
Kevin Soebbing –Senator for the College of Education #2
Drue Terry –Student Traffic Court

c) Student Life:

Jennifer Zuber, Chair of Student Life was not in attendance.

d) University of Administration and Finance:

Carlos Morales, Chair of University of Administration and Finance reported that the committee met today and discussed SAB29004: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET AS PER TITLE 5 SECTION 2.0.2 PART C OF THE SA CODE. He said that the bill was suppose to pass the Senate more than a month ago, but due to the problems of committee meetings the bill will stay in committee to be further review.

Senator Morales reported that the committee approved that nomination of Delwyn Trusty to the Title IX Grievance Committee.

10. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

11. Special Orders:

None.

12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

- a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda

None.

- b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor

None.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a) Presidential Nomination and Appointments
 - 1. Academic Affairs

None.

- 2. Internal Affairs

None.

- 3. Student Life

None.

- 4. University of Administration and Finance

The nomination of Delwyn Trusty to the Title IX Grievance Committee was put to a vote and the nomination passed.

- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 - 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:

None.

- 2) Committee on Academic Affairs

None.

- 3) Committee on Internal Affairs

SR29003: A SENATE RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SHOULD NOT BE AN ACTIVE SPONSOR OF POLITICALLY PARTISAN EVENTS remains in committee.

- 4) Committee on Student Life

UB29002: A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING ELEVATORS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER MORE

WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE remains in committee.

5) Committee on University of Administration and Finance:

SAB29004: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET AS PER TITLE 5 SECTION 2.0.2 PART C OF THE SA CODE remains in committee.

14. New Business and General Orders:

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

President Hruska introduced the following nominations:

Michael Martin	Senator for the College of Natural Science and Mathematics
Anthony Cheng	Senator for the College of Engineering #3
Gavin Kaszynski	Senator for the College of Business #1
Michelle Palmer	University Center Policy Board
Jo Beth Jordan	Library Committee
Radheshyam Miralya	Library Committee
Chris Maury	Campus Safety
Zeeshan Rajpute	Religion Center Policy Board
Mary Francis	University Planning and Policy Committee
Coy Wheeler	Admissions Review Committee

b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Morales moved to bypass the following nominations in block form:

Om Chawla-Health Center Board
Jennifer Daly -Sexual Harassment Board
Will Davis -Police Advisory Board
Lise Drewes -Handicapped Advisory Board
Frank Futral -Undergraduate Council
Patrick Griffin -Sexual Harassment Board
Blair Hodges -Health Center Policy Board
Bianca Ionescu -Health Center Policy Board
Lissa Korn -Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Amanda Maceo -Religion Center Policy Board
Roxanne Martinez -Child Care Center
Heather Meley -Health Center Board
Phil Packwood -Sexual Harassment Committee
Chris Pena -Police Advisory Board
Saud Qazi -Parking & Transportation Advisory Board
Marc Rosenthal -Ad-Hoc Committee on Food Service
Raquel Roy -Spirit Board
Howard Rushing -Organizations Board
Robbie Strong -Health Center Policy Board
Rob Temple -Police Advisory Board
Lana Thomas -Committee on the Status of Women
Blanca Villarreal -Handicapped Students Advisory Board
Stephen Wimmer -Religion Center Policy Board
Greg Wassberg -Organization Board

seconded by Senator Propes.

Senator Morales said that due to the conflicts of committee meeting the nominations listed above have been in sitting in committee too long.

Senator Abramson yielded the floor to Director Jason Fuller of Personnel to speak on behalf of the above nominations. Mr. Fuller said that most of the nominations in the Student Life committee are simply

reappointments and that some of the nominees have serve on other committees before and would be good representatives. He informed the Senate that the administration has not met quorum during two of its committee meetings due to the lack of representatives from the student body. Mr. Fuller said that the "main push right now" is to go ahead and approve the nominations so that the committees can function as intended. He informed the senators that at least 80% of positions needed to be nominated by the beginning of November. Having already done this, he said that what needs to be done now is approving the nominations.

The motion to bypass the above nominations in block form were put to a vote and passed.

The above nominations were put to a Senate vote and were all approved.

Senator Wheeler moved to bypass the following nominations:

- Ruben Cantu –Student Traffic Court
- Alan Matheson –Senator for the College of Law
- Cipriano Romero –University Hearing Board
- Erika Schmidt –Student Traffic Court
- Kevin Soebbing –Senator for the College of Education #2
- Drue Terry –Student Traffic Court

seconded by Senator Parks.

Senator Zakhari said that she has a problem understanding what the purpose of bypassing committee on nominations which the Senate does not have any background on.

Senator Wheeler yielded the floor to Mr.Fuller.

Director Fuller said that a lot of the nominees are well-known to the former of committee chair, Speaker Palmer. He said that Mr. Romero is the former SA Director of Finance and that Ms. Terry is involved with a sorority and was also a Student Orientation Leader. Mr. Fuller informed the senators that Mr. Cantu was the former president of Residents Hall Association. He said that the College of Law only has one senator and has lack representation for a long time. Mr. Fuller said that he would not mind the motion to divide the question.

Senator Morales yielded the floor to Jerrold Alwais, the President of RHA. Mr. Alwais said that since the nominees have been in committee for a long time, he suggested that the Senate talk to the nominees before approving them to see if they are still interested in the positions.

Senator Abramson said that the reason why there needs to be so many bypasses is because standing committees does not meet quorum.

Senator Wheeler yielded the floor again to Director Fuller. Mr. Fuller said that he knows for certain that Erika Schmidt, Drue Terry and Kevin Soebbing are still interested in the positions. He said that some of the nominees are in the gallery tonight. Mr. Fuller said that some of the nominations have been in committee for two months and need to be approved.

The motion to bypass the above nominations were put to a vote and passed.

After a Senate vote the above nominations were approved.

Senator Bowen moved to bypass the nominations of Jerrold Alwais to Undergraduate Council and Michael Berry to the Teaching Excellence Award Committee.

She said that both are renominations.

The motion to bypass Jerrold Alwais and Michael Berry passed.

After a vote the nominations were approved.

Senator Abramson moved to bypass the following nominations:

- Elizabeth Carter –Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee
- Jason LaGate –Library Committee
- Jennifer Murray –Writing Proficiency Appeals
- Makkala Srihari –Graduate and Professional Studies Council

seconded by Senator Morales.

Senator Abramson said that she has already met with or talk with the above nominations. She said that she is confident that all are interest and able.

The motion to bypass passed.

The nominations were put to a vote and the Senate approved all nominations unanimously.

Senator Morales moved to bypass SR29003: A SENATE RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SHOULD NOT BE AN ACTIVE SPONSOR OF POLITICALLY PARTISAN EVENTS.

The motion was not seconded and therefore, failed.

- Michelle Palmer –University Center Policy Board
- Jo Beth Jordan –Library Committee

Radheshyam Miralya –Library Committee
Chris Barrere –Space, Capital Improvement and Facilities
Chris Maury –Campus Safety
Zeeshan Rajpute –Religion Center Policy Board
Mary Francis –University Planning and Policy Committee

seconded by Senator Propes.

Senator Abramson yielded the floor to Director Fuller of Personnel. Mr. Fuller said that above nominations are respected students of the university and that most were applicants for senatorial position.

The motion was put to a vote and passed.

After a vote the above nominations were approved.

Senator Wheeler moved to bypass himself to Admission Review Committee.

After a vote the motion to bypass Coy Wheeler passed.

The nomination was put to a vote and the Senate approved the nomination.

c) Other New Business and General Orders

Speaker Palmer made the following committee assignment:

Academic Affairs:

None

Internal Affairs:

Michael Martin Senator for the College of Natural Science and Mathematics #1

Anthony Cheng Senator for the College of Engineering #3

Gavin Kaszynski Senator for the College of Business #1

Student Life:

None

University Administration and Finance:

None

15. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Coatsworth announced that the Sigma Chi Fraternity is sponsoring a workshop on Date Rape. He said that the workshop will be held on Tuesday, Nov.10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parliament Room.

Senator Coatsworth encouraged all to attend.

Senator Wheeler asked that members of his committee stay after the meeting.

Speaker Palmer emphasized that importance of committee attendance. She apologized for the absence of the photographer.

President Hruska informed the Senate about the "Reveille Roast," in Lynn Eusan Park on Wednesday, November 11, at 5:30- 7:00 p.m.

16. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary

Senate Secretary Quynh Thai called the closing call of the roll and the following senators were present: Dina Abramson, Chris Barelo, Bobbie Bowen, shane patrick boyle, Aijaz Chaudary, Ralph Coatsworth, Stephanie Hawkins, Vernita Hoyt, Carlos Morales, Amy Parks, Reshma Patel, Gregory Propes, Sadiq Sayani, Crystal Wallace, Greg Wassberg, Coy Wheeler, Nivine Zakhari.

The following senators were absent: Om Chawla, Henry Gaw, Randy Kirby, Megan McGovern, Amy Parks, Reshma Patel, Jennifer Zuber.

There were no senators excused.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SENATE OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON NOVEMBER 23, 1992

Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary

Michelle L. Palmer, Speaker of the Senate