

January 11, 1965

A regular meeting of the Student Senate was called to order by President Fowler at 7:07 p.m., on Monday, January 11, 1965, in Room 230 of the Fred Heyne Building.

Senators present were as follows:

Arts & Sciences:	Richard Gaghagen Guy Haltom Charles Sicola Bill Soffar Bill Walker
Architecture:	Bart Truxillo
Business:	Ronnie Lohr Ron Spratt
Downtown School:	Charles Hollinger
Education:	Pat Baer Judi Cerny Carole Mannheimer
Engineering:	Clarence Eriksen Lester Hewitt
Graduate School:	Betty Barnes
Law:	Don Barnett
Optometry:	James McClendon
Pharmacy:	Mike Douglas

Bill Soffar moved to by-pass reading of the minutes. Betty Barnes seconded and the motion passed. Betty Barnes moved to accept the minutes as written. Carole Mannheimer seconded. The minutes of the last Student Senate meeting of January 4, 1965, stand as written.

Committee reports:

STUDENT LIFE - Bill Walker reported for his committee:

- a. The committee reported out Senate Bill No. 22 (University Center Policy Board) and recommended passage with the following amendment: Article I, Section 1., part f. - "The tenure of the student members shall parallel those of the Student Association executive officers and the Student Senate."
- b. Charles Hollinger moved to accept the committee report. Bill Soffar seconded and the report was accepted.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS - Carole Mannheimer reported on behalf of the committee:

- a. The committee report out Senate Bill No. 18 (Final Exam Procedures) with one change: Article I, "Two of which may be a weekend" was added.

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- b. The committee also reported out Senate Bill No. 19 (Operation Brain-trust) but reduced the membership from 25 to 10; added to Article II, "The members of this committee shall be selected by each of their respective bodies; and added an Article III to the bill.
- c. James McClendon moved to accept the committee report. The motion was seconded and the report accepted.

SOCIAL AND SPIRIT - Mike Douglas reported that there would be a meeting on Monday, January 18, between himself, Dean Yardley and Harry Foulke to discuss the Referendum on Collegiate Football.

Old business:

1. Senate Bill No. 18 -

- a. Lester Hewitt asked where the four days without classes were going to come from. Bill Soffar explained that as of now the last four days of classes to be cut would entail only one lecture per class and are usually not compulsory classes anyway. These four free days would give more time for the professors to grade extra papers and better prepare for the examination. Texas University is practicing procedure right now.
- b. Lester Hewitt said that this might cause the possibility that finals would be cut down to a six day period to allow for the two free days off.
- c. Carole Mannheimer said that if finals would be from Monday to Friday the last class day would be the preceding Wednesday so that there would be a period of four days.
Richard Gaghagen stated that in Article II no mention is made as to whether or not the professors will honor a request to postpone a final if a student should have 3 finals in one day.
- d. Betty Barnes said that if Article II were followed, the Student Senate would have to be careful not to alienate professors; and President Fowler explained that the Bill is contingent upon the decision of the Faculty Senate.
- e. Lester Hewitt asked to see that something be put in the Bill so that there would be the same number of days for finals.(8).
- f. Don Barnett asked if this would affect the number of days that we must attend classes each semester. Betty Barnes explained that one of the results of passage might be two days taken off of a holiday.
- g. Mike Douglas said if we can get the Bill through the Faculty Senate, it will be up to them to set the policy.
- h. Lester Hewitt said we should find out the answers to some of these questions before we take action. Clarence Eriksen moved to postpone action until the next Senate meeting. Charles Sicola seconded.
- i. Bill Soffar said if we wait until next semester, the professors will be unable to set up their schedules accordingly.
- j. Mike Douglas said that the earliest possible date that the procedures could go into affect would be Fall of 65 as schedules have already been set up through the summer sessions.
- k. Clarence Eriksen withdrew his motion for postponement. Mike Douglas moved to refer the Bill back to committee. His motion was seconded and accepted unanimously.

2. Senate Bill No. 19 - Operation Braintrust
 - a. Richard Gaghagen asked Dean Yardley is there was such a committee already established at this University. Dean Yardley said there was and that an investigation should be made to find out how the already existing committee conflicts with this one.
 - b. Richard Gaghagen moved to refer the Bill back to committee for further study. Charles Hollinger seconded and the motion passed with one objection.

3. Senate Bill No. 22 - University Center Policy Board
 - a. Richard Gaghagen asked why all students were not to be elected. President Fowler said it was too many for an election and that some-one should have a say besides the Student Association and the Student Senate.
 - b. Bill Walker explained the structure of the UCPB. The UCPB will initiate policy and hand it down to the Executive Programs Board which will in turn hand it down to various committees. He called to the attention of the Senate Article II.
 - c. Richard Gaghagen said that in many such elections, students are elected on a popularity vote. Bill Walker said the thinking behind this is that there is danger when just one group is appointing people to everything and the students will run on policies such as movies, dances, etc. Bill Soffar said it will be interesting to bring in new ideas with new students.
 - d. Richard Gaghagen offered an amendment to add a part g. to Article I reading, "If a vacancy should occur between regular elections, on one of the two elected positions, the President of the Student Association shall appoint a new member with the advise and consent of the Senate. Charles Sicola seconded.
 - e. Betty Barnes said that if such position was important enough to be elected in the first place, it should continue to be elected rather than through appointment.
 - f. Richard Gaghagen said people should be elected who will continue to keep up their grades and if the President can appoint Senators, this appointment would mean greater efficiency.
 - g. The amendment carried unanimously.
 - h. Bill No. 22 passed.

New business:

1. Don Barnett asked for a committee to fix the parking lots to approach the maintenance department.

2. Charles Sicola asked what happened to to the new schedule of fines that was going to be put out by the Traffic department. Dean Yardley said that unless something happened, the schedule would be in affect in the Spring semester. The schedule will include that fines will be cumulative on a school year basis only; will reduce the amount of fines; fines cannot accumulate beyond three; and offenders will be punished by having their driving privileges suspended for 30 days.

3. Bill Soffar read the title of a new Bill, (A Proposal For The University of Houston Student Association to Establish a Program of

Cultural Enrichment for Less Fortunate Children.) and the Title of Bill No. 20 which was seconded by Betty Barnes and referred to the Fiscal and Governmental Operations Committee. Carole Mannheimer moved to by-pass committee with this Bill and was seconded by Betty Barnes. There was no objection to by-passing committee.

- a. Bill Soffar explained the Bill
- b. Charles Hollinger asked the general mechanics of the Bill. President Fowler explained that our committee began on our campus and will be coordinated with those committees on other campuses.
- c. The Bill was accepted unanimously.
- d. James McClendon and Richard Gaghagen were nominated to fill the committee post. Betty Barnes called for a secret ballot.
- e. Richard Gaghagen was selected as the Senate Representative.

- 4. Betty Barnes read the title of Bill No. 21(Mandatory Dress Regulations) and was seconded by Bill Walker. The Bill was referred to the Student Life Committee.
- 5. Bill Walker said that Mr. Zimmer had not liked the idea of Senators registering early and asked for a letter of approval from Dean Yardley.
- 6. It was announced that Don Barnett, Betty Barnes and Helen Cassidy would not be members of the Senate in the Spring.

Bill Soffar moved to adjourn, was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

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