



# STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SENATE JOURNAL

TWENTY-SIXTH SENATE  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Meeting of the Summer Senate  
Monday, June 19, 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 7:01 pm, June 19, 1989.

2. *Call of the Roll by the Secretary:*

The following Senators were present: Barrus, Browne, Danke, Hicks, Kumar, Marino, Miklos, Nava, Saeed, Sharma, Spacek, and Wuthrich.

The following Senators were absent: Harper, Karim, Owens, Patel, Potter, Regan, Traverse, and Zarka.

The following Senators were excused: Parker

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: David Hearn and Lance Peterman

The following University Officials were present: Thomas Mercado, William Munson and Jean Munson.

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

The minutes from the Senate meetings on March 27th, 1989 and April 24, 1989 were approved with no objections.

4. *Report of the President:* President Belicove Welcomed everyone present and introduced David Hearn, who is currently serving as a temporary secretary for the Senate. He then detailed some events which had occurred since the last Senate meeting: On May 2, Dr. Van Horn resigned, leaving the campus in a precarious position; Mikal has had several meetings with Board of Regents Chair Kenneth Lay concerning the selection of a new Interim President, and has submitted to Chancellor Goerke a list of criteria which he felt were qualities needed in an Interim President; on May 22, Mikal was involved with SSFPAC making recommendations for student service fees and funding. These recommendations were then submitted to Roland Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs, who made several changes in SSFPAC's recommendations without consultation with the committee. Smith allocated more money toward the athletic program than SSFPAC had recommended, and also allocated less money to the Health Center. Over the summer holiday, the UH mascot Shasta V died, which has lead to controversy concerning whether a new living mascot should be purchased. Mikal then asked the Student Life committee to involve itself with this issue, taking a stance either for or against having a live mascot continue to be housed on campus; he then described the committees he had been active on, which include the Review of Housing Proposals Committee as well as investigating procedures with Senator Traverse on the Drop/Add Committee. Next, Mikal announced that he had appointed an ad-hoc committee on Improvements, which will be chaired by Dave Anderson, a student from the Residence Halls who has been responsible for many

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needed improvements there. Mikal then listed the improvements that have been made in the office since the last Senate meeting: 1) SA bought a new computer for the Executive Office; 2) the Students' Association has signed an agreement for a new copier in the Executive Office. This copier is a much better tool for the office and will eventually save the Students' Association money due to its ability to copy on both sides of a piece of paper - a quality that the old printer does not have; it is more functional and effective for the Students' Association; 3) the office has been rearranged to accommodate the new SA Officers. Mikal then told the Senate the new Student Discount Card will be made by a different company than last year's - through Alexander Carsner. It will include practical vendors for the students. Also, Mikal announced that 2200 RHA programming calendars will be issued to the residents on campus for the upcoming school year; each calendar will include the date of each Senate meeting and will be placed on the residents' desks. Mikal then detailed the activities of the SA Executive Officers: Reed Paseur, the Treasurer, has been working on the current financial status of SA; Robert Lichenstein, the Director of External Affairs, is currently out-of-state taking an intensive Russian course; Lance Peterman, Director of Personnel, has been attending the Activity Mart and working on organizing the committees; Mark Burge and Mark Browkowski, co-Directors of Public Relations, have been on vacation, with Browkowski due to return as early as July 16; David Hearn, Assistant to the President/Vice President, has been working hard in the office every day; Bernie Luger, Assistant to the Directors, has been working on an office filing system and has been working with students on campus. Concerning the South Campus Recreation Project, Mikal stated that he has spoken with Sharon Richardson, who assured him that the university does have the money to begin the project; Mikal has already relayed that message to President Van Horn. Next, Mikal informed the Senate of a farewell reception that is being held for Dr. Van Horn on June 29, 1989 in Lynn Eusan Park from 4:00 to 6:00pm; Mikal requested two volunteers from the Senate to serve at the reception. After Mikal's address to the Senate, he then asked if there were any questions. Senator Sharma asked why SA had spent \$3,000.00 on a new computer for the Executive Officers. Mikal responded by saying that the \$3,185.00 computer was purchased after a great deal of consideration and added that its purchase was legal under the Students' Association Constitution - a fact which Mikal had asked Senate Speaker Michael Danke to verify. Furthermore, Mikal added that the computer had had to be purchased quickly in order for SA to receive a discount, itself totalling \$615.00. Senator Nava then asked Mikal about his opinion concerning SSFPAC being disbanded, to which Mikal responded that he and Lance Peterman had already submitted an editorial to the Daily Cougar which described the importance of advisory boards; Mikal thinks the boards should be revised instead of disbanded.

5. *Report of the Vice President:* Faisal Butt greeted the Senate and began to detail his current activities. He is serving on two committees: 1) the Assistant Dean of Students Selection Committee and 2) the SA Senate Secretary Committee. Also, he stated that by July 1 we should have a new SA Secretary. Faisal then told the Senate that he is working with the Council of Ethnic Organizations concerning International Housing; he has a meeting concerning this issue on Friday, June 23. Also, the Student Leaders' Action Board had a meeting on June 16 in order to discuss important campus issues. Those attending the meeting were The Presidents of SA, RHA, CEO, and SPB, as well as the designate of Editor of the Daily Cougar

6. *Report of the Speaker:* Michael Danke announced that his office hours are currently unspecified since he's been working with the O-team, and added that if someone needs to communicate with him he should leave a note in his box in the SA Executive Office. Also, he told the Senate of the Senate Journal's current state of disrepair and added that he plans on indexing it and making the rich history of the Students' Association more accessible. He also told the Senate of the new Student Handbook which has recently been distributed,



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approach the issue of obtaining a new cage is by having the expense helped by the business community. Concerning the computer purchase, Hicks expressed that he thought President Belicove had acted toward the Senate with this item in the same way that the Vice President of Student Affairs had acted toward the students and the Student Service Fee and Planning Allocation Committee. He also told the Senate that his Dean had been trying to obtain information about the Placement Office and that he is trying to get involved with that; he requested the Senators' input in that area.

## 9. Report of Standing Committees:

1. Academic Affairs - Yahya Saeed, Chair
  - a. Has not met.
2. Student Life - Rekha Sharma, Vice-Chair
  - a. Has no report.
3. University Administration and Finance - Biren Kumar, Chair
  - a. Senator Kumar stated that the Committee had made some changes in their bill concerning the bookstore; the Bookstore Committee will investigate textbook buyback as well as the bookstore's contract with the University.
4. Internal Affairs - Chris Browne, Chair
  - a. Has no report; is working on a bill to revamp the Election Code of the Students' Association.

10. Report of the Select Committee: None

11. Special Reports: None

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders: No motions made.

13. New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetos: None

14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation: None

15. Presidential Nominations and Appointments: Reed Pasuer to the President's Budget Advisory Council

## 16. Comments and Announcements:

President Belicove: Congratulated Speaker Danke on having read Robert's Rules of Order, and said that he had done an excellent job explaining the night's agenda.

Senator Sharma: Asked any Student Life Committee members to meet after the Senate meeting in order to set up their next meeting time.

Speaker Danke: Asked those Senators who are on the Senate Executive Committee to come to his office after the Senate meeting to set a meeting time.

## 17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:54 pm.



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and congratulated the Dean of Students Office on its good job and hard work. Michael then mentioned that the next UH Orientation Session will begin on June 21, and encouraged the Summer Senators to participate in another mock senate meeting for the orientation students; the mock meeting will debate smoking vs. non-smoking, and those senators interested in participating should be in the SA Offices at 10:00 am. Michael announced that the next Senate meeting would be on July 5 and 7:00 pm in the Dallas/El Paso room and added that there will also be a Senate Executive meeting soon, at which the agenda items will concern the Senate Secretary position (the application deadline for which, he said, is at 5:00pm on June 21), the Parliamentarian position, and the question of whether the Senators should purchase a brick for Shasta's new cage. Michael congratulated the Executive Office on it's great job with the campus calendars that are soon to be distributed. He discussed his agenda items of the week:

**Orientation:** Since this is a light business night, Speaker Danke said he would go through the agenda and explain each line or order of business.

**Goal Setting:** The Speaker is the only senator who has turned in one of the goal sheets. He is looking forward to seeing them soon. His personal accomplishment off his goal sheet as of late, he said, has been his reading of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

**Ethics and Your Job:** An event that hit close to home in the Speaker's office was the resignation of Jim Wright from his position as Speaker of the House. Speaker Danke said that Wright resigned under a flurry of ethics violation allegations. While Washington may be far away, he said, it is very close to home. He proceeded to detail some situations where his own ethics could be called into question if he were not actively monitoring them. The one he applied as being the most applicable to the Senators was serving in the Senate and being employed by the University. If a constituent were to have a complaint with the area they worked in, their interests might be divided. He urged the Senators to be acutely aware of situations where their own ethics might be called into question.

7. *Special Reports:* None

8. *One Minute Speeches by the Members.*

**Senator Nava:** Nava began by expressing Senator Yahya and Saeeds' opinion that the campus mascot Shasta should not be replaced. He also mentioned to the President that he hoped that buying the new computer for the SA Office does not set a precedent for purchase proceedings.

**Senator Marino:** Concerning the campus mascot, Marino said that he personally does not support the proposal of having a new campus cougar, but said that he believes the University students as a whole want the cougar to be replaced. Also, Marino said that the computer problem is not a precedence problem, and declared that he is going to try and form a bill which will address that issue and force improvement in the constitution.

**President Belicove:** Responded to Senator Nava's and Senator Marino's comments concerning the new SA computer by saying that he encouraged an improvement of the constitution in this area and was more than willing to help form a committee or bill to address the issue.

**Senator Hicks:** Senator Hicks began by stating that some people do not support the proposal of having a new campus mascot because they believe it would have what they believe is a poor living environment. Many alumni, he said, are not aware of the students' attempt to obtain a new cage for the cougar. Furthermore, he believes that the way to