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The twenty-ninth meeting of the fifth session of Student Senate was called to order by President RICHARD POSTON at 7:15 p.m. in the World Affairs Room of the University Center.

The following Senators were absent: KEITH SIMPSON, JIM NICHOLAS, ALANA COOKE, ERIC NELSON, DAVID BROWN, GARY PEGODA.

The following is a correction to the minutes of February 10, 1969: Senator KEATON states that he was not absent the week of February 3, 1969. All Senators need to tell the Secretary if they come into the meeting after roll call.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President POSTON reported that Ralph HARRISON had been made the Chairman of the Committee on State, National, and International Affairs.

The President made the following appointments:

Marvin Brown - Cougar Paw Editor, referred to the Committee on Student Life

Terry Cheng - Senator, College of Engineering, referred to the committee on Rules and Judiciary

Albert Carrick - Senator, College of Technology, referred to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary

Don Burger - Organizations Board, referred to the committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations

Mike Riddle - Organizations Board, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations

Phil Pfiefer - University Center Expansion Committee, referred to the Committee on Student Life

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Judiciary

Senator WILLIAMSEN read the report from the Committee on Rules and Judiciary. The committee interviewed and approved Robert May (Senator, Business), Mark Patten (Student Court Justice). The committee had a subcommittee meeting before the Senate meeting and approved the following appointments: Jim Mozola (Senator, Business), Larry Wayne (Student Court Justice), and Margaret Garrett (Alternate Traffic Court). The committee reminded the Senate that they had approved the appointment of Jay Freeman (Senator, Business) the previous week, pending his appointment.

Fiscal and Governmental Operations

Senator FRENCH read the following report from the committee: The committee met 2-11-69 and approved University of Houston Bill 14053, A BILL TO CREATE THE PROGRAM COUNCIL.

Student Life

There was no report.

Educational Affairs and Policy

Senator SVENDSEN read the following report: The committee met and approved University of Houston Bill No. 14057, A BILL TO CREATE A STUDENT COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE FACULTY FOR THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

State, National, and International Affairs

Senator HARRISON read the following report: The committee met 2-13-69 with all members present except Jim Nicholas. The committee approved Senate Resolution No. 14054, A RESOLUTION URGING THE UH ADMINISTRATOR TO HAVE A TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLED ON ELGIN BETWEEN CALHOUN AND CULLEN, and Senate Resolution 14053, A RESOLUTION URGING THE CLOSING OF THE PORTION OF CULLEN BOULEVARD BETWEEN ELGIN AND WHEELER. Senator HARRISON further stated that he and the committee would recommend that Jim Nicholas be transferred to another committee as he is obviously unable to make SNI meetings and since the committee has only two Senators attending committee meetings it is difficult to accomplish anything.

Student Involvement

There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

The appointment of Jay Freeman as Senator, College of Business, was brought to the floor. Senator WILLIAMSEN stated that Jay had a 2.8 overall grade point average, was a management major, and past Senator. There was no debate on the appointment, and it was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Bob May as Senator, College of Business, was brought to the floor. Senator WILLIAMSEN reported that Bob had a 2.6 overall grade point average, was President of Phi Sigma Kappa, and a Marketing major. There was no debate. The appointment was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Mark Patten as Student Court Justice was brought to the floor. Senator WILLIAMSEN stated that he was a business major and going to graduate school. There was no debate. The appointment was voted on and passed.

Senator WILLIAMSEN moved to eject the subcommittee report from the committee on Rules and Judiciary. The motion was seconded. There was no debate. The motion was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Jim Mozola as Senator, Arts and Sciences, was brought to the floor. Senator WILLIAMSEN stated that Jim was on the Policy Board, Orientation Steering Committee, and had a 2.02941 grade point average. Senator GANEM asked if Jim belonged to any subversive organizations. It was established that he did not, unless it was the orientation steering committee. The appointment was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Larry Wayne as Student Court Justice was brought to the floor. Senator WILLIAMSEN stated that Larry was a Student Defender, had been a Traffic Court Alternate, and had a 73 average in Law School. There was no debate. The appointment was voted on and passed.

The appointment of Margaret Garrett as Traffic Court Alternate was brought to the floor. Senator WILLIAMSEN said that she had a 2.6 grade point average, and has been court secretary for six months. Senator STRONG asked her what her opinion on a student being innocent until proven guilty was. Margaret replied that it was the student's responsibility to go out and get the evidence to prove himself innocent. Senator STRONG asked, "Do you believe that a person is innocent until proven guilty?" Margaret stated, "Yes." There was no further debate, and the appointment was voted on and passed.

President POSTON then administered the oath of office to the new Senators.

University of Houston Bill No. 14052, A BILL TO CREATE THE PROGRAM COUNCIL, was brought to the floor. Vice-President COX deferred to Senator STRONG to read the bill. Senator STRONG read it. Vice-President COX then stated that every place that had the word "will" should be changed to "shall", and that the first part of Article IV belongs in the Constitution. He then stated that Article IVA(1) should be Article VII. All this did is put the amendment clause into the end of the constitution. There was explanation given by Lee Martin, President of the Program Council, on sections of the bill when the Senators asked questions. There was no further debate. The bill was voted on and passed.

University of Houston Bill NO. 14057, A BILL TO CREATE A STUDENT COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE FACULTY FOR THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, was brought to the floor. Senator SVENDSEN read the bill. She stated that this issue was brought up on a committee with the Chairman of several departments and different faculty in the College of Education, and it was decided that a bill of this type was needed. Senator LODISE asked why the president of the SA should appoint the committee. Senator SVENDSEN stated that there had been committees of this type before, such as the committee for Allred's replacement, in a temporary nature handled by Student Association. She stated that Student Association could publicize this better, also, to make it more student oriented. Senator LODISE asked if some type of advertising around the education department could be more effective than the Student Association. President POSTON stated that Student Association went to extensive lengths to advertise and publicize things of this nature. He stated that the Education Senators would recruit people for this. The bill was voted on and passed. President POSTON stated that he wanted to "cite this as a landmark piece of legislation. This will be the first time that students have been consulted in hiring faculty on a permanent basis."

Senate Resolution 14053, A RESOLUTION URGING THE CLOSING OF THE PORTION OF CULLEN BOULEVARD BETWEEN ELGIN AND WHEELER, was brought to the floor. Senator FOREMAN read the bill for Senator PEGODA. He said that he thought that this was a good bill as it would close off the campus and increase the learning atmosphere. Senator ARTHUR asked how access to the parking lot behind the Heyne building could be maintained. Senator CHAMBERLAIN stated that this could create a bigger traffic hazard. Senator LODISE asked if the committee considered making this a 20 mile per hour zone instead of blocking it off to keep pedestrians from getting run over. Vice President COX stated that all these arguments were moot points because plans had been drawn up for the implementation of this a long time ago, and the difficulty lay in getting the city to agree to it. Senator CHAMBERLAIN stated that he couldn't see the validity of the resolution. Vice-President COX stated that the problem was very broad-scoped. The problem does not lie with the pedestrians but with access to land available to the university. There was no further debate, and the resolution was voted on and passed.

Senate Resolution No. 14054, A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE A TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLED ON ELGIN BETWEEN CALHOUN AND CULLEN, was brought to the floor. Senator FRENCH read the bill. Senator SVENDSEN stated that every time a bill like this was brought up the administration put the light in the wrong place, or no one used the light anyway. Senator MOZOLA said that a light would be helpful only if it were placed exactly in the right spot, and the resolution did not provide for this. Senator MOZOLA moved to send the resolution back to committee so that the committee could measure where to put the light. The motion was seconded. The motion was voted on and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator FREEMAN introduced University of Houston Bill 14058, A BILL TO INSURE "DUE PROCESS" FOR STUDENTS BEING EJECTED FROM THE DORMS, referred to the Committee on Student Life.

Senator CHAMBERLAIN introduced Senate Resolution No. 14055, A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TO PURCHASE THE LAND THAT JEPPESON STADIUM IS LOCATED ON AND CONSTRUCT A PARKING LOT FOR STUDENT USE, referred to the Committee on State, National, and International Affairs.

Vice-President COX introduced University of Houston Bill 14059, A BILL TO AMEND THE ELECTION CODE, referred to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator FREEMAN announced that he would hold a constituency meeting Monday at 2:00 in the Campus Activities office.

President POSTON announced that the new senators would take the places of the old senators from their college on committees. It will be as follows:

Jay Freeman - State, National, and International Affairs

Jim Mozola - Student Life
Bob May - Student Involvement

Senator WILLIAMSEN announced that the committee on Rules and Judiciary would meet Tuesday at 12.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the Senate adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard G. Poston, President

Pat Fitzgerald, Senate Secretary