

Proceedings of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Twentieth Session

The fifteenth meeting of the Twentieth Session of the UHSA Senate was called to order on October 17, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. in the El Paso and San Antonio Rooms of the University Center by Senate Speaker Pat Condon.

Absent was Senator Vincent. Senators Withington, Ahn, Van Reenan, and Gibson arrived late at 7:05, 7:10, 7:15, and 7:35 respectively.

The minutes of the thirteenth and fourteenth meetings were approved.

President's Report

There was none.

Vice President's Report

There was none.

Treasurer's Report

There was none.

Speaker's Report

Speaker Condon requested that the Senators sign the sign-up sheets for the Retreat. Sign the days you can attend and your name. Please attend as many days as possible. Will meet at the S.A. office at 3:30 on Friday to leave at 4:00 for Camp Madison. Maps will be available. Ice Chests are also needed.

Items to bring to the Retreat: personal items, sleeping bag and pillow (beds will be provided), your constitution and bylaws, paper and pen/pencil, footballs, tennis rackets, frisbees, etc. Horseback riding is available; approximate charge is \$6.00/hour.

Senator Withington arrived late at 7:05p.m.

Friday evening the Senators are responsible for feeding themselves. Business will start at 7:30.

There will be a brief Senate Executive meeting tonight to set up a meeting time for Thursday. Volunteers are also needed for the shopping to be done Thursday night.

Speaker Condon was asked what time they were going to leave on Friday and he reminded the Senators that the time to leave is 4:00 p.m.

A general schedule of events for Saturday is:

8:00 breakfast
9:00 workshops
11:30 lunch
1:00 - 3:30 or 4:00 workshops

Speaker Condon informed the Senators that there is to be NO BEER CONSUMED during the workshops.

Sunday:

8:00 breakfast, one long workshop - goal setting
leave about 11:30 or 12:00 noon.

Speaker Condon asked if there was any objection to moving back into the President's Report. There was none.

Moved back into President's Report

President Steve Parker reported that the TSA Convention held last weekend was successful. The work that Kevin Condon and the External Affairs Committee was much appreciated. Thanks also to Connie Wallace, Vice Chancellor, Associate Dean of Students, for speaking about student service fees.

The Cabinet lunch with Dr. Van Horn on October 14, 1983 went well.

The Student Service Fees Planning and Allocation Committee will hold an open meeting next Tuesday, 10-18, at noon in the World Affairs Lounge.

There will be a meeting with Peter Jackson on October 17 about a rescheduling of registration process for Spring Semester 1984.

All Senators were issued organization charts.

Jose Ortiz Steels gave an Elections Commissioner's Report: A formal statement will be issued on Thursday and every nook and cranny is being checked before such a statement will be made. The question of the knowledge of the poll workers was brought up by a Senator. The Election Commissioner said that the poll workers need to be unbiased. There was a question as to whose responsibility it is to inform students? The Election Commissioner said that he could not possibly do it.. A Senator proposed that is it not the responsibility of the Director of Information to do such. President Parker responded affirmatively, but at the moment there is not anyone filling that position. It was also brought up that the Daily Cougar did not print it.

President Parker continued his report.

Appointments:

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| Albert Peterson | Treasurer |
| Rita Franceschini | Director of Information |
| Jose Ortiz-Steels | Director of Internal Affairs |
| Freddie Garriet | Calendar Board |
| Barbara Washington | Scholarship and Financial Aid |
| Linda Whittle | Student Publications |
| Ronald Kennedy | Organizations Board |

The floor was yielded to Carl Chain.

Committee Reports

Fiscal & Governmental: Chair Mason reported that the committee had a brief meeting. The committee will meet next week at the same time.

Campus Governance: Chair Caillouet reported that the committee met at 5:15 today, interviewed the following people and recommend them favorably:

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| Brian Sexton | Director of Bookstore |
| Kevin Condon | Student Court |
| Charisse Ray | Organizations Board |
| Elizabeth de la Cruz | Undergraduate Admissions Committee |

The committee's next meeting will be at 5:15 next monday.

Student Life: Chair Martinez reported that the committee met and discussed legislation to be proposed at the next Senate meeting. The committee's next meeting will be next Monday at 4:15 p.m.

External Affairs: Chair Condon informed the Senate of the legislation passed at the TSA Convention last weekend. The spring convention will be held at Sam Houston State University. Minutes of the business meeting will be available on Friday.

The committee will be investigating grading systems state-wide. The committee asked if Chair Hollis would like to work them; she would be quite welcome.

The next meeting will be at 5:00p.m. on Monday.

Education Affairs: Chair Hollis reported that the committee has been working on bill to be presented tonight. The next meeting is no scheduled as yet.

The floor was yielded to Robert Bartkowiak who requested that the Senate move back into the Treasurer's Report. Such motion was made and the meeting moved back into the Treasurer's Report

Robert Bartkowiak reported to the Senate that the 13th month report arrived today. Within two weeks, additional reports on FY83 will be made. He then stated his support of Albert Peterson.

Old Business

There was none

New Business

Chair Caillouet moved for the Advice and Consent of Brian Sexton as the Director of the Bookstore. Seconded. Chair Caillouet spoke in favor of him and gave background information. There was some discussion and President Parker stated that a Director was needed whether the Bookstore was to be opened or closed.

Senator Magruder moved to Call the Question. No objection. Vote taken; one abstention, appointment passes.

Chair Caillouet moved for the Advice and Consent of Kevin Condon to Student Court. Seconded. Chair Caillouet spoke in favor of him and gave some background information. (Senator Gbison arrived at 7:35) There was no objection to move to an immediate vote. Vote; passes unanimously.

Chair Caillouet moved for the Advice and Consent of Charisse Ray to the Organizations Board. Seconded. Chair Caillouet spoke in favor of her and gave background information. Questions were fielded to the appointee and she responded, including that she would be able to make reports to the Senate. There was no objection to move to an immediate vote. Vote; passes unanimously.

Chair Caillouet moved for the Advice and Consent of Elizabeth de La Cruz to the Undergraduate Admissions Committee. Seconded. Chair Caillouet spoke in favor of her and gave background information. No objection to move to an immediate vote. Vote; passes unanimously.

SENATE BILL # 29013 A UHSA SENATE BILL TO DISAPPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ACADEMIC COURSE EVALUATION AND REVERTING THE FUNDS TO SENATE CONTINGENCY.

Chair Hollis introduced Senate Bill #29013. The Bill was seconded and sent to Fiscal and Governmental for review.

SENATE BILL # 29014 A UHSA SENATE BILL AMENDING SECTION 205.01 ARTICLE H OF THE UHSA BYLAWS.

Chair Hollis introduced Senate Bill #29014. The Bill was seconded and sent to Fiscal and Government for review.

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Senator Magruder moved for Bypass for the appointment of Rita Franceschini to the Director of Information. Seconded. A Senator spoke of the need for bypass. Vote taken, motion for bypass passes.

Moved into direct consideration of Rita Franchescini as Director of Information. Senator Ranade spoke in favor of her. President Parker was recognized and also spoke in favor of the appointee. Senator Mason spoke in favor of her and the question was fielded of whether she thought she could help the Senate in relationship between the SA and the Daily Cougar. She responded that this was a difficult question but she would do her best. There was no objection to move to an immediate vote. Vote; passes unanimously.

Chair Hollis made a motion for a formal investigation into the public statement made by Mr. Kevin Lacobie, Assistant Election Commissioner in last Tuesday's (10-11-83) Daily Cougar. Seconded. Chair Hollis gave her reasons saying the statement was false, it was a statement to sway vote, and it may be grounds for impeachment.

There was no objection to an immediate vote. Vote, three abstentions, passes.

An Ad Hoc committee was appointed to investigate. Members are: Lisa Hollis, Kevin Condon, Jess Mason, Ruben Martinez, Robin Caillouet, Pat Condon, and Cheryl Phillips. They will meet Thursday in the SA Office, the time to be announced.

Chair Hollis made a motion for an investigation into the inactivity of the Academic Enrichment Council. Seconded. Chair Hollis gave her reasons saying that it is a good program, but needs to be pulled together. Senator Ranade said that as Director of FORUM he has run into problems due to its inactivity. The members of that committee, the EAC, are the chairs of F & G, Educational Affairs, two appointments by the President, and one faculty member along with the AEC Director who is the Chair. Robert Bartkowiak was recognized and stated that as past Treasurer, he found lots of problems with last years program and Albert Peterson as Interim Director over the summer worked on restructuring the program, submitted his results to Connie Wallace who returned them to Kevin Lacobie, Academic Enrichment Council Director. Nothing has been done since September 1.

A Senator motioned to Call the Question. There was a point of inquiry as to what a formal investigation meant. An Ad hoc committee investigates and reports its findings to the Senate.

Immediate vote. Chair Hollis restated the motion: An investigation into the inactivity of the Academic Enrichment Council. Vote; one abstention, passes.

An Ad Hoc committee was appointed. Members include, volunteers, : Robert Bartkowiak, who will not be a voting member, Kristopher Ahn, Wade Magruder, and Lisa Hollis who will be the chair, Mark Gibson, and Jess Mason. Albert Peterson will be requested to speak to the committee.

President Parker requested to move back into the President's Report again. There was no objection. President's Report

President Parker made the appointment of Nick Lanza to Senator, Business Administration Position 1. President Parker gave background information and urged that the Senate go bypass on this appointment.

Moved back into New Business

Senator Magruder motioned for bypass for the appointment of Nick Lanza to Senator, Business Administration Position 1. Seconded. Senator Magruder spoke in favor of bypass. Vote; passes. Moved into direct consideration of the appointment. Qualifications were again given. Senators Ranade and Mason spoke in favor of the appointee. Point of Information - does this fill the Business Administration College positions, yes.

Motion to Call the Question. No objection. Vote; passes unanimously.

President Parker then swore the Senator in and he took his place with the Senators.

Comments and Announcements

Senator Magruder asked if the Secretary could provide the Senators with an address and telephone list, committee member list, and executive staff. He next commended Jose Ortiz-Steels on the good job he did with the elections. Next he asked if all the Senators had signed the letter to be sent to the Daily Cougar.

Speaker Condon said that the letter needs to be in the form of a motion before the Senate can sign it as a body. It must be reviewed and go through the proper channels.

Motion made to move back into New Business. No objection.

New Business

Senator Magruder made a motion for the consideration of review of the letter for approval and submission to the Daily Cougar. Seconded. Senator Mason made a friendly amendment for the letter to be sent to the Executive Committee for review in light of the urgency. This was not accepted.

A motion for bypass was made but it was out of order.

Speaker Condon reminded the Senators that the issue here is not the letter but the process. Senator Ahn spoke in favor of the Speaker. Senator Ranade agreed stating that the letter is commendable but process should be followed.

Speaker Condon gave a breakdown of the letter.

Point of Information regarding the urgency. It hits on points stated in last week's meeting.

Point of Information, is it like an advertisement. It does include open Senate positions.

Senator Cunningham made a friendly amendment that it go to Executive Committee for approval. Again, not accepted by Senator Magruder.

Motion to call the Question. Seconded. A hand vote was taken, 10 in favor, five against. passes.

Direction Consideration of motion for the consideration of review of the letter for approval and submission to the Daily Cougar. Vote; one abstention, passes.

General Discussion. Senator Gibson made an amendment that the P.S. section of the letter be moved up into the body of the letter. Seconded. The P.S. and the last paragraph were read by the Speaker. There was more discussion and President Parker suggested that the Business Administration Position be removed from the section of open positions. He also made a friendly amendment to change the address. Accepted.

Vote for bypass of the amendment. Vote; passes.

Vote on the amendment to move the P.S. section into the body of the letter. Vote; one abstention, passes.

Back into consideration. Moving the previous question. Vote; hand vote, 13 in favor, 3 opposed, passes.

Direction Consideration of letter. Letter read and amended. Vote, hand vote, 14 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstention, motion passes.

There was no objection to move back into Comments and Announcements.

Comments and Announcements

Speaker Condon said that the letter was a good idea but hopes that the problem does not arise again.

Senator Mason reminded the Senators that they spent 20 minutes on that letter. Polish up on Robert's Rules of Order and speed things up.

Senator Ahn commented on the ballots and recommended that future ones be laminated.

Senator Magruder said that the letter did not go through proper channels because he thought the form was alright. He apologized for his neglect to go through the proper channels.

Senator Gibson felt that all Senators should have been able to see the letter, even if they were late.

Senator Ranade reminded the Senators that the Cougar is there to report and we should conduct business our way.

Riate Franceschini said that she will be working on a Newsletter so please put any information in her box. She also thanked the Senate for their confidence.

Senator Lanza suggested that the chairs be placed in a horseshoe shape.

President Parker commented that he meets with the editor of the Cougar every Friday and the results seem to be good. He announced that Dr. Osborne is speaking in the North Tower basement on stress tomorrow at 9:00.

Kevin Lacobie announced he has either resigned or been impeached as ~~X~~ Assistant Election Commissioner.

The floor was yielded to Robert Bartkowiak. He announced that next week SSFPAC will take a few minutes of the Senate's time next week. On Tuesday there will be a forum in the World Affairs lounge. It is open to all. SSFPAC will be soliciting Senate input

Speaker Condon commended Jose and his commission for a job well done.

As far as the room arrangements are concerned, just grin and bear it until we return to the Atlantic Room.

The letter was a great idea, but the process had to be adhered to. The effort was excellent. In the future come to the Senate first.

Motion for adjournment . Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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(Insertion to New Business)

Chair Hollis moved that the \$3,000.00 currently appropriated to the academic course evaluation be frozen until such time as the Fiscal and Governmental Committee and the Senate has had a chance to do a full investigation into the academic course evaluation in its current form. Seconded. Reasons were given by Chair Hollis.

Seantor Cunningham supported the freezing of funds.

There was no objection to move to an immediate vote.

Vote; passes.

Senator Pike moved for bypass for the appointment of Albert Peterson to Treasurer. Seconded. Robert Bartkowiak was recognized, recommended Albert, and spoke in favor of bypass and its need.

No speakers against. Vote for bypass; one abstention, passes.

Direct consideration of Albert Peterson to the position of Treasurer. President Parker was recognized and spoke in favor of Albert.

No objection for an immediate vote. Passes unanimously.