

THIRTY FOURTH SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS  
Second Meeting of the 34th Senate  
Bluebonnet Room, University Center, 7:00 PM  
April 16, 1997

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

The meeting was called to order by Jon M. Erickson, Vice-President, 34th Administration at 7:03 PM.

2. Call of the Roll

The following Senators were present: Jeff Baily, Adrienne Brooks, Majorie Brown, Michelle Devor, April Erickson, Asim Farooq, Dawn Frasier, Brenda Johnson, Audrey King, Donald LeGrand, Sorita Lovings, Molly Mize, Bianca Morales, Amoury Nora, Enrique Parilla-Rojas, Katie Pham, Calvin Pollard, Gerardo Ramirez, Susie Sanchez, Heather Shirk, Sean Stovall, Adam Taylor, Randy Volkin, Jen Watson, Amy Williams.

The following Senators were not present: Amy Altemus, Adam Rose.

The following Senators-elect were not present: Kathryn Alvarado, Allison Beauvais, Krysta Ellis, Raquel Garcia, Sebastian Villarreal.

✓ = Sworn in  
on 4/23

The following Executive Cabinet Members were present: Tom Cassidy, Lee Doherty, Jon Erickson, Natalie Merritt.

The following University Officials were ~~not~~ present: ~~David Doherty~~ None

At this time, Senators not sworn in at the last meeting were sworn into office.

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal

The minutes from the first meeting of the 34th Administration were approved.

4. Special Reports

Director Doherty passed out a copy of the monthly campus activities reconciliation report. She explained the document and where the current Students' Association budget stands.

5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate

Regent Cassidy addressed the Senate as a student. He expressed his problem with a lack of attendance at student organized events. He encouraged all student organizations to come together, work together and to hold events together. This would increase the publicity that your organization receives and hopefully will increase attendance at your events. This will also increase the possibility of getting more people involved with your organization. The main idea is to get organizations to come together. If student organizations come together and participate together in holding events, this will bring a larger, better image to the organizations that participate in these events. Regent Cassidy encouraged organizations to get out and publicize themselves in order to bring more involvement by student organizations on this campus.

**6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members**

Senator LeGrand took President Merritt's advice and set up a meeting with his dean. He encouraged all Senators to do the same. By meeting with the Dean of his college, Senator LeGrand was able to convey questions and problems concerning the students.

**7. Report of the President**

President Merritt wanted to update the Senate on a few issues, including the bus trip that was taking place this coming Thursday. The trip will include Senators, students, faculty, and administrators, who will all be attending the trip to Austin. The Alumni Association organized the event. This is an opportunity for us to meet with Legislators in order to discuss issues, concerning higher education and re-appropriation, currently before the Texas Legislature. President Merritt also thanked all who helped put together the student information packet for the trip to Austin. Secondly, President Merritt announced that the deadline for the Director of Public Relations position was today at 5:00 PM, only one applicant turned in an application. The deadline for anyone interested in the Director of Finance position is Wednesday April 23, at 5:00 PM. President Merritt also thanked Regent Cassidy for addressing the Senate as a student tonight and she looks forward to the next time Regent Cassidy will address the Senate.

**8. Report of the Vice President**

Vice President Erickson announced that there are already three quality candidates for the Director of Finance position. As President Merritt has said, we have found a quality applicant for the Director of Public Relations and that we are placing all of our marbles in that person's bag.

**9. Report of the Speaker**

Vice President Erickson, acting as Speaker, gave the report of the Speaker. He thanked all of those Senators that served in the 33rd Senate. It has been a pleasure serving you as the Speaker of the Senate. Vice President Erickson went on to say that the individual that you elect in the next ten minutes, will play an important role in the 34th Administration. The Speaker position is equal to and in some instances greater than some positions within this organization. The Speaker is the driving force to what you in this room will accomplish. Vice President Erickson urged the Senators to select an organized, efficient, and time management oriented individual. Speaker Pro Tempore also follows these same qualifications. I encourage you to elect a qualified individual for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore.

The chair opened nominations for the position of Speaker of the Senate. Senator LeGrand nominated Nathan Wittman, seconded by Senator Pollard. Mr. Wittman accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed and Mr. Nathan Wittman was accepted by unanimous acclamation for the position of Speaker of the Senate.

The Chair then accepted nominations for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore. Senator Johnson nominated Senator Pollard, seconded by Senator LeGrand. Senator Pollard accepted the nomination. Senator Watson nominated Senator Enrique Parilla-Rojas, seconded by Senator Nora. Senator Parilla-Rojas accepted the nomination. Both Senators Parilla-Rojas and Pollard gave their candidate speeches. In a secret ballot Senator Pollard was elected to the position of Speaker Pro Tempore.

Both Mr. Nathan Wittman and Senator Pollard were given the oath of office at this time.

Speaker Wittman continued the meeting as chair.

**10. Reports of Standing committees - There were no Standing Committees established to give reports.**

a) Academic Affairs

b) Internal Affairs

- c) Student Life
- d) University Administration and Finance

11. **Reports of Select Committees** - There were no Select Committees established to give reports.
12. **Special Orders** - There were no Special Orders
13. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation**
  - a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda - None
  - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senator Floor - None
14. **Unfinished Business and General Orders** - There were none.
  - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
    1. Committee on Academic Affairs
    2. Committee on Internal Affairs
    3. Committee on Student Life
    4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
  - b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
    1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
    2. Committee on Academic Affairs
    3. Committee on Internal Affairs
    4. Committee on Student Life
    5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
15. **New Business and General Orders:**
  - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations - There were none
  - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
  - c) Other New Business and General Orders - There were none

16. **Closing Call of the Role**

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17. **Comments and Announcements**

Senator Pollard encouraged Senators to attend Frontier Fiesta and to that there are still chair and committee positions open on the 1997 Homecoming committee.

Senator Johnson asked for Senators to help her by volunteering to judge at Fiesta call [REDACTED].

18. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:04 PM.