

TWENTY-NINTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sixteenth Meeting of the 29th Senate
Monday, January 25, 1993
La Fitte Room, University Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer: Michelle Palmer, Speaker of the 29th Senate
2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal
4. Special Reports: Mitch Rhodes, Student Regent
Hilary Harmon, Director of Finance
Kevin Jefferies, Director of External Affairs
5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members
6. Report of the President: Rusty Hruska
7. Report of the Vice President: Charles Gaviola
8. Report of the Speaker: Michelle Palmer
9. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a) Academic Affairs: Dina Abramson, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: Coy Wheeler, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Jennifer Zuber, Chair
 - d) University Administration and Finance: Carlos Morales, Chair
10. Report of the Select Committees
11. Special Orders
12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation
 - a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda
 - None
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor
13. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - None
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - Jim Crow –Student Traffic Court
 - Dan Blackaby –University Hearing Board
 - Mike Keith –Student Traffic Court
 - Saud Qazi –Senator for the College of Business #1
 3. Committee on Student Life:
 - None
 4. Committee on University of Administration and Finance:
 - None

- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 - 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
 - None
 - 2. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - None
 - 3. Committee on Internal Affairs
 - SAB29006**: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL REVISING THE ELECTION CODE, TITLE 6 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE
 - Sponsors: Michelle Palmer, Carlos Morales
 - 4. Committee on Student Life
 - UB29005**: A UNIVERSITY BILL REVISING THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING INLYING PARKING PERMITS AND THEIR UTILIZATION
 - Sponsors: Gregory P. Propes
 - UB29006**: AUNIVERSITY BILL MAKING THE WEARING OF OTHER SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE UNIVERSITIES' PARAPHERNALIA A STUDENT LIFE VIOLATION
 - Sponsors: Michelle Palmer, Jeff Fuller, Jennifer Zuber
 - 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - None
- 14. New Business and General Orders
 - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
 - c) Other New Business and General Orders
- 15. Comments and Announcements
- 16. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
- 17. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by Speaker of the Senate Michelle Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Quynh Thai called the roll and the following senators were present: Bobbie Bowen, shane patrick boyle, Aijaz Chaudary, Om Chawla, Anthony Cheng, Jeff Fuller, Henry Gaw, Gavin Kaszynski, Vernita Hoyt, Randy Kirby, Carlos Morales, Amy Parks, Reshma Patel, Gregory Propes, Cipriano Romero, Greg Wassberg, Coy Wheeler, Jennifer Zuber.

The following senators were late: Crystal Wallace.

The following senators were absent: Dina Abramson, Ralph Coatsworth, Stephanie Hawkins, Brain Thompson, Nivine Zakhari.

The following senators were excused: Kevin Soebbing.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Rusty Hruska, Charles Gaviola, Kevin Jefferies, Mitch Rhodes, Hilary Harmon.

The following university officials were present: Consuelo Trevino, Director of Campus Activities.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Special Reports:

Mitch Rhodes reported to the Senate the Board of Regents meeting of Dec. 14th and Jan. 5th. For the special committee meeting of Dec.14 he reported that the Board and the Committee of Facilities Planning and Building received a presentation by the contractors who have designed the new athletic facilities for the university. Mr. Rhodes asked that if the Senate is interested in the presentation he would asked the contractors to speak at one of the SA meeting, so that senators can inform their constituents of the entailments of the new building.

For the Regents' meeting of Jan. 5th he informed the Senate that the Board did approve the Doctorate Degree in Educational Psychology and Individual Differences for the university. He said that this would increase the numbers of doctorate degrees that the university is able to offer and would also raise the status of the university across the state and in the nation.

Regent Rhodes also reported that the Board has also officially adopted and approved the athletic facilities as originally presented by the contractors. He said that the Board approved the increase in the size of the School of Music building. Regent Rhodes informed the Senate that cable television has been installed completely in the residence halls and as well as various areas across campus.

Lastly, he said that in the upcoming meetings the Board will be discussing the issue of increasing tuition at a higher rate than what was previously asked for. Regent Rhodes said that if senators would like to go over the Regents meeting in greater details a copy of the minutes will be provided in the Senate office.

Director of Finance, Hilary Harmon said that as of December, 1992 SA ending balance is \$55,822.43. She said that she is currently going back to some books to see where SA stands as of now and hopefully will be able to give a budget report at the next meeting. Ms. Harmon informed the Senate that the closing balance of last August in which she and former Director Judith McKinney concluded on is \$294.36. She said that that amount was added to the 29th administration's budget. Lastly, she reported that Director of Public Relations, Angie Milner submitted to her the advertisement budget for the 1993 SA Election. Ms. Harmon said that the budget as of now does not consist of advertisement for runoffs. She said that the budget was reduced by \$300.00.

Kevin Jefferies, Director of External Affairs informed the Senate the following legislative issues which will be of greatest concern to SA during the current legislative session: general funding for higher education, performance funding, UH representation on the Higher Education Coordinating Board, disparate funding between HEAF and PUF funded institutions, student representation on the Board of Regents, and tuition increases.

He said that UH maybe facing a 10% budget cut in the coming year. He said that "things are looking a little better," because the State Senate has recommended no cuts; but says that "we still have to worry about the Governor and the House." Mr. Jefferies said that "as of yet the university does not know the degree in which it will be affected by performance funding, but does know that it is going to be negative." He said that "UH will gain back less than 7% of the 10% that will be taken off the top." Mr. Jefferies said that he believes that UH will be losing the most (percentage wise) of any other larger institutions, due to the fact that UH is a urban institution catering to more at risk students. He informed that Senate that the Higher Education Coordinating Board does not consist of an alumnus of UH. Mr. Jefferies said that the Board is a state agency charged with recommending policy on higher education for the state of Texas. He said that of the eighteen members of the board, nine are alumni of UT or A&M. Mr. Jefferies said that this composition unduly biases the Board in favor of those institutions at the expense of institutions such as UH.

He informed the Senate on the disparity between funding for HEAF (Higher Education Assistance Fund) and PUF (Permanent University Fund) Funded Institution.

Mr. Jefferies discussed the issue of student representation on the Board of Regents. He said that Texas does not allow for official student representation in its Board of Regents. Mr. Jefferies said that without benefits of student representation the Board of Regents will not accurately make decisions affecting the needs of the student body.

He said that from discussion we have had with legislators, "it seems that they view tuition increases in the same way they view tax increases." Mr. Jefferies said that he believes that if possible state legislators would avoid tuition increases, but "they are creating a fiscal reality that is forcing institution to look at tuition increase as a necessary means of generating an additional means of revenue." He said that as a university that has consistently lost fund over the years, the issue now is of "quality versus access." Mr. Jefferies said that if the university wishes to maintain a quality education it must face the legitimate need for higher revenue to compensate for whatever it loses from the state. Therefore, he recommends that SA propose a campus referendum on the subject of how and to what degree tuition rates should be set.

In conclusion, Mr. Jefferies said that he will be reinnovating Students As Constituent and will also be establishing a letter writing campaign. He asked that senators willing to help, contact him. Mr. Jefferies informed senators that a meeting will be held on Friday to discuss plans to attack the legislative issues.

Director of Personnel, Jason Fuller was not in attendance; his report was given by Speaker Palmer. Mr. Fuller said that 90% of all committees are filled with nearly all undergraduate positions filled. He said that mainly graduate positions remain. Mr. Fuller said that he has been working with the chairs to get more students on the committees. He said that SA has been putting more student representatives on committees than has previously been done. Lastly, he said that he is also working on the creation of new committees to represent the concerns of students.

5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Romero asked for the Senate to focus on the letter in which he has written concerning SAB29013: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE ON POLICIES ON THE TERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

MEMBERS. He said that he will once again introduce the bill. Senator Romero said that his letter clearly illustrates two basic principles that the bill intends to protect if SA wants to keep "this form of representative student government on our campus." He said that he urges the Senate to support the bill which he will attempt to bypass this evening.

Senator Wheeler reported that the administration would like to meet with the Senate to discuss alternatives for UB29004: A UNIVERSITY BILL REQUIRING THAT A COPY CARD MACHINE BE PUT IN THE COMPUTING CENTER. He said that a meeting with an administrative personnel will be held at 3:15 tomorrow in the Senate office for those interested.

6. Report of the President:

SA President Rusty Hruska reported that SA will be going to Austin next weekend to the Texas Students' Association Convention. He said that beside the legislative agenda for Austin, he has been working on a campus agenda. President Hruska said that the agenda will include educating the students on the quality of the UH institution. He asked for the support of the Senate in helping to accomplish the goals and agendas set for the semester.

President Hruska informed the Senate on the activities planned for the Frontier Fiesta event. He said that hopefully the event would bring about a "community spirit" for the university. He also informed them that Student Regent Rhodes has been working diligently over the past year and half on a book about the history and traditions of UH, which will be out by the end of semester. Finally, President Hruska asked that senators meet with their deans or a faculty member of their college to discuss ways to better inform students on what is happening. He asked that senators having problems contacting their deans talk with him.

7. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Charles Gaviola reported that the Election Code is finally "all amended," and will be put on the Senate floor for discussion. He thanked Speaker Palmer for making copies and Senator Wheeler for his help. Vice President Gaviola asked that the Senate carefully look over the code to insure that it will provide a smooth process for the election. He reminded the Senate that the Election Commission is responsible ultimately to the president and the Senate. Vice President Gaviola said that depending on "how the election is run and how smoothly it goes" is ultimately the Senate's responsibility.

Lastly, he asked that the Senate pass the code as amended tonight.

8. Report of the Speaker

Speaker Palmer said that within the next two weeks at least one senator from each college needs to meet with their deans or Assistant dean and give a report at the next meeting. She asked that senators write a short article for the SA Monthly about what is going on in their college. Speaker Palmer said that hopefully the Election Commission will be here at the next meeting to be sworn in.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Dina Abramson, Chair of Academic Affairs was not in attendance.

b) Internal Affairs:

Coy Wheeler, Chair of Internal Affairs, reported that his committee met and approved the following nominations:

Dan Blackably	University Hearing Board
Saud Qazi	Senator for the College of Business #1

He said that the committee reported unfavorably on the nomination of Jim Crow to Student Traffic Court. The nomination of Mike Keith to Student Traffic Court remains in committee.

He reported that the committee discussed and pass unanimously SAB29006: A STUDENTS'

ASSOCIATION BILL REVISING THE ELECTION CODE, TITLE 6 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE.

c) Student Life:

Jennifer Zuber, Chair of Student Life reported that her committee met and is reporting unfavorably on UB29006: A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING THE WEARING OF OTHER SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE UNIVERSITIES' PARAPHERNALIA A STUDENT LIFE VIOLATION. She reported that UB29005: A UNIVERSITY BILL REVISING THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING INLYING PARKING PERMITS AND THEIR UTILIZATION remains in committee.

d) University of Administration and Finance:

Carlos Morales, Chair of University of Administration and Finance said that his committee had no business to report. He asked that committee members give him their schedule so that he can setup a time for committee meetings.

10. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

11. Special Orders:

None.

12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda

None.

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor

Senator Romero introduced SAB29013: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE ON POLICIES ON THE TERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBERS; SAB29009: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL AMENDING THE FY 1993 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET; SAB29010: A BILL AMENDING TITLE 1 ENTITLED "RULES OF THE SENATE" OF THE SA CODE; and SAB29011: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMISSION ON SA PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES.

Senator Kaszynski introduced SAB29012: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL RECOGNIZING THE HONORS COLLEGE AND GIVING IT REPRESENTATION IN THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Senator Morales introduced SAB29008: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE 1993 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS.

Senator Kaszynski introduced SAR29006: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

a) Presidential Nomination and Appointments

1. Academic Affairs

None.

2. Internal Affairs

Senator Wheeler said that the committee recommended the nominations of Dan Blackaby to the University Hearing Board and Saud Qazi as senator for the College of Business #1. The nominations were put to a vote and passed unanimously. Senator Wheeler said that the committee did not approve the nomination of Jim Crow to Student Traffic Court, because Mr. Crow has transfer out of the university. The nomination of Jim Crow was put to a vote. Senator Wheeler reminded senators that Mr. Crow is no longer with the university. Senator Propes called for a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken and the senators voted as follows:

Senator Abramson	Absent	Senator Morales	Opposed
Senator Bowen	Opposed	Senator Parks	Opposed
Senator boyle	Abstain	Senator Patel	Opposed
Senator Chaudary	Opposed	Senator Propes	Opposed
Senator Chawla	Opposed	Senator Romero	Opposed
Senator Cheng	Opposed	Senator Soebbing	Absent
Senator Coatsworth	Absent	Senator Sayani	Absent
Senator Fuller	Opposed	Senator Thompson	Absent
Senator Gaw	Opposed	Senator Wallace	Opposed
Senator Kasyznski	Opposed	Senator Wassberg	Opposed
Senator Hawkins	Absent	Senator Wheeler	Opposed
Senator Hoyt	Opposed	Senator Zakhari	Absent
Senator Kirby	Opposed	Senator Zuber	Opposed

After the vote the nomination failed.

Senator Qazi was then sworn in by President Hruska and was asked to join the Senate.

3. Student Life

None.

4. University of Administration and Finance

None.

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:

None.

2) Committee on Academic Affairs

None.

3) Committee on Internal Affairs

Senator Wheeler informed the Senate on the amendments made with SAB29006: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL REVISING THE ELECTION CODE, TITLE 6 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE.

Senator Zuber moved to amend Section 6.0.2 of B by changing it to read "a president must have a vice-presidential running mate and vice-versa; and Section 6.0.2 of C to "For the general election, a vote for President/Vice President is one vote," seconded by Wassberg.

Senator Wheeler informed the Senate that the amendment made by Senator Zuber was also an unfriendly amendment discussed in the Internal Affairs Committee. He said that the amendment would discourage anyone that wants to run independent. Senator Wheeler said that he would like to see the best people that are best qualify for each position that may not be running on the same ticket to be able to have the equal opportunity to be elected as president or vice president.

Senator Zuber said that the qualifications maybe completely relative. She said that "how can you (SA) get the most out of student body officers if they do not agree on the issues." Senator Zuber said that this is the way it is done on the national level and that if SA has a president and vice-president from the same ticket, they will have the same perspective and better representation. Senator Romero pointed out that at the national level the president and the vice-president have independent election. He said "a person can go vote for President Clinton and Vice-President Quayle if he wanted too." Senator Romero said that it is possible, but "it's just not going to happen." He said that even though SA faces the consequences of having two people from different tickets the student body electorate should have the right to serve in the office in which they are elected. Senator Romero said that the position should remain independent.

Senator Morales said that he shares the concerns of Senator Zuber, but thinks that the amendment would restrain the ways in which the student body can vote.

Senator Zuber said that the reality of the election on the campus is that there are party tickets and usually the people who get elected as independent are people that are either very-well known in their college or are running unopposed.

Senator boyle said that "just because that is the way it is does not mean that is the best way."

Senator Morales said that emphasis should be on how people elect not on how people get elected.

Senator Wassberg said that if anyone is seriously running for president then the amendment would make him/her put in some consideration for who to put in for vice-president. He said that since the president and vice-president have to work together why not make them run together.

Senator Gaw said that "what we are basically arguing for is flexibility." He said that he has always been in support for flexibility. Senator Gaw said that if the Senate votes for the amendment, no flexibility would be allowed.

Senator Wheeler moved to call the question of the amendment, seconded by Senator Romero, Morales and Gaw.

Senator Zuber called for a roll call vote on the amendment.

Senator Abramson	Absent	Senator Morales	Opposed
Senator Bowen	Opposed	Senator Parks	Abstain
Senator boyle	Opposed	Senator Patel	Opposed
Senator Chaudary	Opposed	Senator Propes	Opposed
Senator Chawla	For	Senator Romero	Opposed
Senator Cheng	Opposed	Senator Soebbing	Absent
Senator Coatsworth	Absent	Senator Sayani	Absent
Senator Fuller	Opposed	Senator Thompson	Absent
Senator Gaw	Opposed	Senator Wallace	For
Senator Kaszynski	Opposed	Senator Wassberg	For
Senator Hawkins	Absent	Senator Wheeler	Opposed
Senator Hoyt	Opposed	Senator Zakhari	Absent
Senator Kirby	Opposed	Senator Zuber	For
	Senator Qazi		Opposed

After a vote the amendment failed.

A roll call was called to vote on SAB29006: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL REVISING THE ELECTION CODE, TITLE 6 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE.

Senator Abramson	Absent	Senator Morales	For
Senator Bowen	For	Senator Parks	For
Senator boyle	For	Senator Patel	For
Senator Chaudary	For	Senator Propes	Abstain
Senator Chawla	For	Senator Romero	For
Senator Cheng	For	Senator Soebbing	Absent
Senator Coatsworth	Absent	Senator Sayani	Absent
Senator Fuller	For	Senator Thompson	Absent
Senator Gaw	For	Senator Wallace	For
Senator Kaszynski	For	Senator Wassberg	For
Senator Hawkins	Absent	Senator Wheeler	For
Senator Hoyt	For	Senator Zakhari	Absent
Senator Kirby	For	Senator Zuber	Opposed

After a Senate vote the bill passed as amended in committee.

4) Committee on Student Life

Senator Romero said that "it would be a big coverup by this organization to put under the table quickly and not discussing the merits" of UB29006: A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING THE WEARING OF OTHER SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE UNIVERSITIES' PARAPHERNALIA A STUDENT LIFE VIOLATION. He showed the Senate articles printed by the Daily Cougar on UB29006. Senator Romero said it would be a big offense to the student body if SA were to "quickly get rid of it." He said that there are merited points made on both sides of the issue that needs to be discuss. Senator Romero said that the bill serves as a launching point for SA to do some of the things that it is concern about such things as school spirit and pride. He said that he will not let his constituents go unrepresented because he represents people that wrote those articles. Senator Romero said that SA should be paying attention to what students are saying.

Senator Bowen said that it bother her a lot that there was as much publicity about a bill that was not even pass through committee. She said that SA needed that kind of publicity to go to good things that it did such as the library bill. Senator Bowen said that she thinks the bill does not have merit and that it has as much merit as spelling "potato with an "e". "

Senator Hoyt said that in representing her constituents in the College of Architecture she would have to vote against passing the bill.

Senator Kasyznski said that the bill showed the student body that SA thought that school spirit is a problem. He said that SA did gain a lot of publicity and creditability from the bill and that all points intended have been made and that it was "time to kill it." He said that he gives SA a "pat on the back for having the guts to write it."

Senator Fuller said that he apologizes to the Senate if he by any way has tarnish the image of SA as well as UH itself. He said that his sole intent in sponsoring the bill was not to violate any individual 1st amendment rights. Senator Fuller said that he would like to challenge the Daily Cougar as well other media "to dig deeper" in the future to find the good points in SA as well as the good points of UH." He said that SA needs to author, sponsor and pass legislations that proves that SA is committed to their constituents and that SA would like to see the UH's reputation upheld.

Student Regent Rhodes said that he takes pride in seeing other students wearing shirts form other schools, because it says that they have chosen UH over other schools after being there. He said that he would like to have a day when "they all wear their shirts form other schools," so SA can see how many people have chosen UH over other institutions.

Senator Zuber suggested that the bill be rewritten in a form of a resolution regarding the issue of school spirit.

Senator Propes said that student pride is a problem and that it should be addressed, but "let the bill die."

President Hruska thanked the senators for their comments and commended Senator Romero for his "great words." He said that he felt the bill was not a bad legislation, but that it was poorly written.

President Hruska said that the bill was a boost for SA and that the bill did make a point and hopefully it made students aware of the university.

Senator Wheeler moved to call the question, seconded by Senator Parks, Bowen and Zuber.

A roll call vote was taken.

Senator Abramson	Absent	Senator Morales	Opposed
Senator Bowen	Opposed	Senator Parks	Opposed
Senator boyle	Opposed	Senator Patel	Opposed
Senator Chaudary	Opposed	Senator Propes	Opposed
Senator Chawla	Opposed	Senator Romero	Opposed
Senator Cheng	Opposed	Senator Soebbing	Absent
Senator Coatsworth	Absent	Senator Sayani	Absent
Senator Fuller	Opposed	Senator Thompson	Absent
Senator Gaw	Opposed	Senator Wallace	Opposed
Senator Kasyznski	Opposed	Senator Wassberg	Opposed
Senator Hawkins	Absent	Senator Wheeler	Opposed

Senator Hoyt	Opposed	Senator Zakhari	Absent
Senator Kirby	Opposed	Senator Zuber	Opposed
	Senator Qazi	Opposed	

After a vote UB29006 failed.

UB29005: A UNIVERSITY BILL REVISING THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING INLYING PARKING PERMITS AND THEIR UTILIZATION remains in committee.

5) Committee on University of Administration and Finance:
None.

14. New Business and General Orders:

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

President Hruska introduced the following nominations:

Julie Baumgarten	Student Fees Advisory Committee
Craig Lannom	Student Publication Committee
Edbar Zaman	Student Publication Committee

b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Romero moved to bypass SAB29011: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMISSION ON SA PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES, seconded by Senator Morales.

Senator Romero said that he would like to bypass the bill because it is timely given the fact that the Election Calendar is made.

After a vote the motion to bypass the bill passed.

Senator Romero said that the commission is a seven member board. He said that the board has the mandates of establishing the dates, locations, and times of at least two presidential debates and will also establish the rules and format for the debates. Senator Romero said that he hopes that senators will volunteer to serve on the commission.

Senator Propes and Zuber made friendly amendments to the sentence of the 1st ENACTED clause, which will now read: That a Students' Association Commission on SA Presidential Debates be established with the following members: Students' Association Election Commissioner, four SA senators appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, the Chairman of UH Hearing Board or designate, the SA President or designate.

The amendments were accepted by Senator Romero.

After a Senate vote the bill passed.

Senator Kasyznski moved to bypass committee on SAR29006: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, seconded by Senator Fuller.

The motion to bypass passed.

Senator Fuller said that he is very familiar with the organization and feels that by joining it would be beneficial for SA. He said that the association is also a good way for networking.

After a vote the Senate passed the resolution.

Senator Wheeler moved to bypass SAB29008: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE 1993 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS, seconded by Senator Fuller.

The motion passed unanimously.

After a Senate vote the bill passed.

Senator Morales moved to bypass SAB29013: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE ON POLICIES ON THE TERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBERS, seconded by Senator Romero.

Senator Romero said that due to the fact that the same bill was once given to committee and that the committee could not make a decision he would like to bypass the bill, so that it can go directly to the Senate floor for discussion.

The motion for bypass passed.

Senator Romero said that the bill aims to preserve the checks and balance system of SA that it had

before. He said that "when SA has a vested presidential decision reversed by the Judicial branch, that is a big-big check over the Executive branch. Senator Romero said that if SA wants to protect the accountability and reasonable check and balance system, then it should support the bill. After a Senate vote the bill passed.

c) Other New Business and General Orders

Speaker Palmer made the following committee assignment:

Academic Affairs:

None

Internal Affairs:

SAB29010: A BILL AMENDING TITLE 1 ENTITLED "RULES OF THE SENATE" OF THE SA CODE

SAB29012: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL RECOGNIZING THE HONORS COLLEGE AND GIVING IT REPRESENTATION IN THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Student Life:

Craig Lannom Student Publication Committee

Edbar Zaman Student Publication Committee

University Administration and Finance:

Julie Baumgarten Student Fees Advisory Committee

SAB29009: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL AMENDING THE FY 1993 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET

15. Comments and Announcements:

Jerrald Alwais, President of Residence Hall Association announced that RHA will be having its annual Casino Night on February 13 and that the ticket cost is \$5.00. He said that Casino Night is an annual fundraiser for Camp Cougar, a summer camp held on campus for mentally retarded children.

16. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary

Senate Secretary Quynh Thai called the closing call of the roll and the following senators were present: Bobbie Bowen, shane patrick boyle, Anthony Cheng, Jeff Fuller, Henry Gaw, Gavin Kaszynski, Vernita Hoyt, Randy Kirby, Carlos Morales, Amy Parks, Gregory Propes, Saud Qazi, Cipriano Romero, Crystal Wallace, Coy Wheeler, Jennifer Zuber.

The following senators were absent: Dina Abramson, Aijaz Chaudary, Om Chawla, Ralph Coatsworth, Reshma Patel, Stephanie Hawkins, Brain Thompson, Greg Wassberg, Nivine Zakhari.

The following senators were excused: Kevin Soebbing.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SENATE OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY 8, 1993

Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary

Michelle L. Palmer, Speaker of the Senate