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The fifth meeting of the fifth session of Student Senate was called to order by President RICHARD POSTON at 7:10 p.m. in the World Affairs Room of the University Center.

Twenty-three Senators were present. Those absent were: TONY FLORES, ROBBIE MOORE, BILL NEUMANN, HIM NICHOLAS, and MARC SAXE.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President POSTON first announced that the Leadership Conference had been held the previous weekend and was considered a success by those who attended. There were 20 members of the Student Association at the conference.

The President then stated that the Architecture students were having difficulty on campus; he said that other organizations were also having trouble, I.S.O., for example. He brought to the Senators' attention that the Harvest had been censored.

President POSTON then stated, "I would like to say just one brief word about the Student Union formation. I think we have sat back and let ourselves be attacked for quite some time." President POSTON then continued to point out the fact that "three years ago these people would not have been able to get into the library; five years ago they would not have been able to get into classrooms with a beard; they would not have been able to say anything against the administration without getting kicked out of school." He further stated, "Student Association has contributed substantially to the welfare of the students of the University of Houston. It is due to us that these people are allowed to stand out there and scream and holler. I am going to write tonight a reply to the Student Union attacks which will appear in the Daily Cougar."

President POSTON then announced the following appointments:

Maxine Wiess, Policy Board, Referred to Committee on Student Life
Richard Snyder, Policy Board, Referred to Committee on Student Life
Joyce Banks, Associate Director of Campus Events, Referred to
Committee on Student Life
Glen Harrison, Parliamentarian, Referred to Committee on Rules and
Judiciary

President POSTON then read the resignation of ROBBIE MOORE, Senator from the College of Arts and Sciences. Senator MOORE stated that the job took more time than she was able to devote, and that, rather than half-serve her college, she would rather resign. She recommended Patricia Judice for her replacement.

The President then announced that the Executive Committee had met at 5:30 that afternoon with Senators SVENDSEN, LOMBARDINO, and Vice-President COX present. He said that they had discussed the change of proposals for bills that had been presented to the committees in their folders this week. He stated that the committees would be working on these and hopefully producing legislation.

The President then called for the Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY

Chairman LOMBARDINO reported that the Committee had met Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. Present were Senators CISCEL, LOMBARDINO, and SMITH. Absent were Senators NICHOLAS and NORMAN. Senate Resolution No. 7 was postponed indefinitely. The appointment of Jerry Patchen as Attorney General was postponed until 4 p.m. April 23, 1968. Due to a lack of an excuse Senators MOORE, WILLIAMSEN, WOOD and Vice-President COX were considered unexcused from the April 15, 1968 meeting. The Committee decided to Sponsor amendments to the standing rules of the University of Houston Student Senate.

COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Chairman WHITMAN reported that the committee met Thursday, April 25, 1968, at 2:15 p.m. Present were Senators BALCH, NELSON, PLANK AND WILLIAMSEN. Absent was Senator WHITMAN. The committee reported Senate Bill 6, A bill to provide for removed of SA appointees, out of committee favorably. Senate Bill No. 5, A Bill to establish the Safety and Security Advisory Board was held in committee. A letter to be sent to campus organizations concerning budget requests was approved and the letters were ordered to be sent.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE

Chairman POTTER was absent. Senator SALINAS reported that the committee met on April 24, 1968, at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present and considered and approved Senate Resolution No. 6. Appointees did not appear for interviews.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS AND POLICY

Chairman SVENDSEN reported that the committee met April 22, 1968, in the World Affairs Room. Present were Senators BLACK, SAXE, COOK, KEATON, and SVENDSEN. The committee interviewed Jim Grant and approved his appointment to Director of Educational Affairs.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Chairman GANEM reported that the committee met at 7:30 Tuesday, April 23, 1968. Present were Senators DELAFIELD, FREEMAN, and GANEM. Absent was Senator NEWMAN. The Committee will meet with the dorm students to discuss the communication problem (particularly administration). The committee discussed sponsoring conference with the Junior Colleges in the area. The committee reviewed Resolution No. 10, A Resolution Urging the Recognition of Law Day, U.S.A., 1968, and reported it out of committee favorably.

COMMITTEE ON STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Chairman SHEHORN reported that no business was conducted due to the lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

President POSTON called for action on the absentees. Senator LOMBARDINO moved that the portion of his committee report referring to absences be accepted. The motion was seconded. Vice President COX moved to consider the absences in *seratim*. The motion was seconded by Senator SHEHORN. An oral vote was taken and the motion passed. A question was raised by Senator RICHARD about the vote, and a vote by show of hands was called. The motion again passed, and the absentees were considered separately. Senator MOORE's absence was disregarded because of her resignation. Senator WILLIAMSEN's absence was then considered. The Senate voted him unexcused because he failed to turn in an excuse to Rules and Judiciary within the allotted time. Senator WOOD's absence was then considered. The Senator asked if there was any rule pertaining to a study excuse if you have a numerous number of tests. President POSTON stated that it had been a policy in the past that Senators have to be here on Monday nights and therefore, should study beforehand. The Senate voted that Senator WOOD be unexcused. The absence of Vice-President COX was then brought before the Senate for consideration. The Vice-President stated that he felt he had a legitimate excuse to begin with; he had gone to the Doctor the afternoon of the meeting, and had notified the office that he would not be there that night. Vice-President COX stated, "My main point is this: There is no provision in the standing rules for approval or disapproval of the Vice-President's absence. The standing rules refer only to the Senators." Senator LOMBARDINO stated that the Committee had noticed that the Vice-President had been absent, and made their decision under the Constitution in the Cougar Paw. This states that the Vice-President should be a member of the Senate. Because the provision states this, the Committee felt that, if COX could exercise the privileges of the Senators, he should also be held to their obligations. Senator CISCEL stated that the

Committee had spent a great deal of time going over the issue. He also said that they wanted the Senate to deal with it. Vice-President COX stated that the Senate was also ruling on the merits of his excuse. He said that if he or the President were ever guilty of nonfeasance, the Senate could impeach them. There was no further debate; the vote was taken, and COX was excused.

President POSTON then called for action on the approval of Jim Grant as Director of Educational Affairs. Senator SVENDSEN stated that the Director of Educational Affairs was in charge of TAC, Scate, and the Experimental College. She stated that Jim had been in charge of these for some time. There was no further debate, and the appointment was approved.

President POSTON called for consideration of Bill No. 6, A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR REMOVAL OF STUDENT ASSOCIATION APPOINTEES. Senator WHITMAN read the bill, and debate followed. The Senator stated that the bill was a compromise to alleviate the conflict over the advance resignation policy. Senator CISCEL spoke in favor of the bill. President POSTON announced that all the advance resignations would be returned in answer to a question by Senator CISCEL. The bill passed.

Resolution No. 6, A RESOLUTION TO URGE THAT PEPSI-COLA BE SERVED IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER, was then brought up for consideration. Senator LOMBARDINO read the bill and debate followed. Senator PLANK asked what method is used now to determine what type of beverage is served in the University Center. Senator LOMBARDINO replied that Pepsi had asked him if there was any way in which the Student Association could help them. He also stated that if students would buy Pepsi, the University Center would put it in. Pepsi would have to put in their own machines. Senator GANEM then introduced a friendly amendment that Diet Pepsi be served also. It was accepted. Senator WOOD stated, "We can't afford to pass resolutions on every small thing that comes along." Senator DELAFIELD pointed out that University of Houston has to be aware of its outside public. He stated that the least we could do is pass this resolution, because Pepsi pours thousands of dollars every year. The resolution passed.

Resolution No. 10, A RESOLUTION URGING THE RECOGNITION OF LAW DAY, U.S.A., 1968, was then placed for consideration. Senator NELSON read the resolution and debate followed. Senator KOHLER proposed a friendly amendment to add "etc." to the resolution so that the Senate would not have to recognize other miscellaneous activities on campus, such as Derby Day, the Sigma Nu Bike Race, etc. Senator NELSON stated that other legislatures around the country had passed resolutions such as this. Senator SHEHORN stated that that might be true, but they were paid councilmen. He urged that "etc." be added. Senator WHITMAN pointed out that the Senate was wasting time simply talking about wasting time. Senator CISCEL pointed out that Senator KOHLER's amendment had not been seconded. Senator DELAFIELD called the question. The resolution passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator BALCH introduced Senate Bill No. 7, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A BROADCAST BOARD FOR KUHF, which was referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

Senator SALINAS introduced Resolution No. 11, A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE CENSORSHIP OF STUDENT PUBLICATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, which was referred to the Committee on Student Life.

Senator CISCEL then introduced the AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES. The amendments were opened to debate. Vice-President COX asked if he would still be considered in the quorum count of the committees if necessary. Senator CISCEL stated that if he were counted in the quorum he would have a vote; the committee felt that he shouldn't be considered as a voting member since he was working with the committees. Therefore, he wouldn't be considered in the quorum. Amendment of Rule V-A passed.

The Senate next considered amendments to Rule VI-B, C, C-1, C-2, and C-3. Senator CISCEL stated that the purpose of these amendments was to make it easier for the Senate to pass bills. He said that the amendment would express the purpose of the resolution much better without needing approval of the administration. The amendments passed.

The senate then considered amendments to Rule VI-D, D-1, D-2, and D-3. Senator CISCEL said the reason for striking Section D was because the committee felt it was superfluous. Vice-President COX stated that this section enabled the Senate to legally go back and change passed legislation. Senator LOMBARDINO stated that Robert's Rules of Order shows clearly how changes in past legislation can be made, simply by reconsideration, or rescindment. President POSTON then stated that the changes needed to be made in bill form. Senator CISCEL said that the President might be right; but it could be possible to introduce it as a change in the rules and put "D" in as "E". Vice-President COX moved to amend the original motion to add that section "D" should be numbered as "E". Senator CISCEL accepted the motion. The amendments passed.

Senator CISCEL then introduced amendment X-B. There was some debate on establishment of a quorum; however, President POSTON stated that committees make their own rules. The amendment passed.

Senator WHITMAN then introduced University of Houston Bill No. 8, A BILL TO APPROVE THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, OCTOBER 1, 1968 - OCTOBER 31, 1969. The bill was referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

DR. JOE WHITE

The Senate had as a guest Dr. Joe White, who was introduced by Dean Yardley. Dr. White is the Senior Consultant for Los Angeles Public Schools, Associate Professor of Psychology at California State College, Long Beach, has worked in Watts, and is Director of the Educational Opportunity Program at California State. Dr. White addressed the Senate as follows:

"I am very pleased by the fact that in some ways Texas is making very much more progress than we are in California. There are more black students in University of Houston than in Long Beach. I am especially interested in the youth of this nation, because

I feel that you hold the key to the future of this country. I was 35 this year, so I am in the older generation now. We don't have the answers. I feel that in order to incorporate these people into meaningful roles and come to some sort of resolution, we need new answers. We don't have the right model. We await your entry into the situation. "The world will be led by a child." They meant that we always need a fresh, new source of ideas. I feel the college students of America have within them the ability to change the situations in our society. They will lead us to a nation of complete chaos or to the nation where we will achieve the maximum productivity. I feel situations will get worse before they get better. If there is a ray of hope, it will work. People like me can keep things on a whole pattern until you move into the establishment and take your place and bring with you the freshness you are capable of. I only ask you not to sell out for things that are really not important. I ask you to take a gamble on your country and take a risk. I ask you to think anew. You really couldn't come out much worse."

Dr. White then invited any questions the Senators might have. Senator DELAFIELD asked, "Specifically what programs do you have that would bring the black students into the structure? What can we do to bring them into the SA structure?" Dr. White answered:

"First, you need black and Mexicans in a larger number in the University. I have reason to believe that High School Grade Point Averages and test scores are not the only evidences of ability. We have some students admitted under special action programs who have the ability but not the grades. We recruit in larger numbers. You could have a talent pool to bring students into student government. Get kids who were in government in high school and help them develop confidence."

Senator SHEHORN asked, "How do you tell which ones have potential?"

Dr. White replied,

"Since we are not committed to statistics, we try to read very carefully letters of recommendation, personal interviews, and biographies. We try to find something in a person who has a spark of anything. We have a lot of youth who were excellent Junior High students but, when they got to High School found out the pleasures of life. In the last part of their Junior year, they began to pick their grades up. The last part is much more representative of ability than the first part. We look for colorful kids. We take them. All we want to do is be 1 percent successful. Our biggest problem with the faculty was that no matter how clearly I tried to explain the program, to them I was deliberately looking for dumb youth to try to ruin the quality of the school. Experience is the best teacher."

Dr. White stated about the administration:

"We are trying to set up a black and white admissions board. Right now it is me. Officially, I send a recommendation to the Director of Admissions. He takes 98 percent of the students I recommend. We will be setting up a board of three people--one from admissions, one from the Black Student Union, and one from my office. We will each have a vote. It will take two votes to admit a student. We will have an ad hoc committee. I'm taking my time about setting it up."

Senator DELAFIELD asked, "What kind of response did you get from our faculty?"

Dr. White stated:

"Nobody has mistreated me. I have been received very well. It its anything I'm concerned about, its that the faculty at some of the black high schools has not shown any assertiveness in dealing with the establishment. I feel that bringing in the blacks on this campus will depend upon the students. For us, blackness is a group experience and poverty is a group experience. Black is a negative thing. We've got to move to change that. We have to develop parallel heroes, for example, Super slave. We have got to stop this concept where people have to be Super Black to make it. In Los Angeles, we are not going to try to take the whole school district over; but 30 percent of the students are black with only one decision maker, and he is an Uncle Tom. So we have got zero representation. We have got to move to change education because it tells where you go in life. It is relevant to the needs of our youth. We must make education a meaningful experience.

Vice-President COX asked, "What sort of role is the militant Negro in your society?"

Dr. White answered:

"The militant people are creating a pathway that will help us. For example, we are a sleepy community. We couldn't get the society to move. Rapp Brown and Stokely Carmichael came to speak. Then the people were willing to talk to me."

Dr. White concluded:

"The country is either going to have a rich and meaningful society change or choas."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President POSTON announced that Who's Who applications are due at Dean Yardley's office at noon Tuesday, April 30, 1968.

President POSTON announced that the Senate Banquet is May 13, 1968.

Senator WHITMAN announced that the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Affairs would meet at 2:15 Thursday, May 2, 1968.

Senator LOMBARDINO announced that The Committee on Rules and Judiciary would meet at 4:00 Thursday. He invited Academic Affairs to come over. He stated that the Dean would be there and that the committee would discuss changing the Academic Dishonesty Policy.

Senator COOK announced a constituency meeting Wednesday, May 1, 1968, at 4:00 in the Roy Cullen Building.

Senator GANEM announced that the Committee on Student Involvement would meet a week from Tuesday night in the dorms to discuss problems of involvement.

Senator PLANK announced a consitituency meeting from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Engineering Building, Room 103, Thursday, May 2.

Senator SMITH announced a constituency meeting in the Engineering Building from 11:30 to 1 Thursday.

Senator NELSON invited everyone to come to the Mock Trial, Wednesday, May 1, 1968, at noon in the University Center.

Senator SHENORN asked that the Committee on State, National, and International Affairs meet directly after the Senate meeting.

Senator CISCEL reported that he was still on the Library Committee, and asked that any suggestions be brought to him.

Chesterfield Bass stated that he hoped that some of the Senators had started getting something together on Safety and Security, in order to reorganize it.

Senator DELAFIELD announced that if anyone would be interested in helping him get material together to give to Bates on Archeticture, he would appreciate it.

 ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the Senate adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved by:

Richard G. Poston

Date

Pat Fitzgerald
Senate Secretary

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