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The thirty ninth meeting of the tenth session of the Student Senate of the University of Houston Students' Association was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the San Jancinto Room of the University Center by Speaker FINE. The minutes were approved as written.

The following Senators were absent: Delmore, Durham, Hammac, Mercadal, Reyna, Robichaux, Sykes, Villarreal, West, Willis, Virgilio, Schreiber, and Salinas.

President's Report

President LIGGETT said that the Executive Committee of the University Council met Tuesday. The discussion was general and dealt primarily with the role of the Council and the Executive Committee. The differences presently center on the desire by the respective committees that only graduate students be considered for membership.

He added that the Faculty Senate met last week. At the meeting the faculty voted to seat their representatives on the T&S Advisory Board until May, by which time they hope a different Board with more faculty membership will be established.

President LIGGETT said that the Search Committee for Larry Fultz's replacement met last week and has begun the process of examining applications. Hopefully there will be recommendations to the President by May.

Senate Bill 19101

Senator BOYD, Chair of Rules and Judiciary, moved for the approval of Senate Bill 19101, A SENATE BILL TO AMEND THE BYLAWS IN SECTION 109.

Senator BOYD then moved to amend the bill by striking Section 2, E, 4, "...the Texas Student Lobby, Texas Student Association, and the S.A." and changing it to "other student organizations". He said that the reason for this is that presently there is a state law against state funds being used for lobbying purposes. This will be a lobbying committee but it will not be labeled so officially.

The amendment passed 13-0.

Senator BOYD then moved to strike Section I. He said that the committee doesn't operate as on paper. They should determine a quorum at the first meeting when all the committee members are present.

Senator ELLEDGE said that this is obviously sensible, to keep the old style of committee meetings.

The amendment passed 10-1.

Senator GUERIN moved to amend Section II,B, i,D, by changing "committee on campus life" back to "Student Life Committee". He said that the name should be kept because everyone is used to it.

Senator HERRINGTON asked if there would be two committees.

Senator GUERIN said that this would be the same committee, it would only have a new name.

Speaker FINE said that this was only a change of name and purpose. Senator GUERIN'S amendment is to change the name of the committee back to Student Life.

Senator FRIEND suggested leaving the name Campus Life because the committee involves more than just students, it effects the whole campus.

President LIGGETT said that in the Bylaws Section 109.08 D defines the committee on student life. This will be replaced with Senate Bill 19101. The only change in the Bylaws is adding E. an External Affairs Committee.

The amendment passed 4-2.

Senator BOYD moved to strike Section III. He said that this adds six students to a committee of full members. Currently there are not enough students to sit on UH Committees. When there is only a set number of people that show to do jobs they should be put on UH committees where they will do good. Those that are on the committees now are responsible to the students, this will shortchange the students casue they will not be responsible to anyone.

Senator HERRINGTON added that six is too many, two would be a more reasonable number of students on the committees.

President LIGGETT said that this leaves open the option to open up S.A. to students. Perhaps this would help S.A. in terms of image. The bill is an attempt to broaden S.A.'s base and made students more aware of its functions.

Senator BOYD said that the purpose of scratching the section is to be realistic. He added that now S.A.'s base is too broad and the current positions open cannot be filled, "you can't fill a stadium be making it bigger".

Senator GUERIN said that these students would not be full voting members of the Senate, just of the committee. The Senate can overrule any committee decision. He added that most people in the Senate are on University committees.

The amendment failed 6-7.

Senator BOYD then moved to recommit the bill to committee. He said that firm facts on the number of students that would apply to fill the positions are needed.

Senator GUERIN replied that the committee themselves choose the number that they want on their committees.

Senator BOYD responded that this is one of the inconsistancies in the bill, that different committees will have different number of members.

Senator GREENE asked if the committee doesn't want any student members do they have to appoint some.

Senator GUERIN answered that the committee decides by a 2/3 vote the number they want.

Senator RAASCH called the question on recommittal.
The motion for recommittal failed 5-9.

Senator COLLIER moved to divide the question on Sections II and III. This was approved 10-4.

Section II was approved as amended 16-0.

Senator BOYD moved to strike "not more than" and change "6" to 2 in Section III.

Senator GUERIN said that this would restrict the committee even more.

Senator ROCHE asked how will someone with full status in the committee be removed. President LIGGETT said that this was up to the discession of the committee. They appoint and they take away.

The amendment was approved 8-5.

Section III failed by a vote of 2-12.

Senate Bill 19097

Senator BOYD moved for the approval of Senate Bill 19097, A SENATE BILL TO AMEND THE BYLAWS.

Senator FRIEND said that the last election showed the need for the authorized representative to be able to file.

Senator BOYD moved to amend the bill by striking "and/or their authorized representative" and adding "in person" to the end of Section 1.

Senator COLLIER said that this amendment will stop all the hopscotching that takes place during filing.

Senator GUERIN replied that this amendment will not prevent hopscotching, it only says that only the candidate can file. The candidates themselves will continue to hopschotch.

Senator EURESTE asked what an authorized representative was.

Senator FRIEND answered that it is someone that states in writing that they will be the representative.

Senator KEITH said that in state and national politics the candidate must file for himself.

Senator HERRINGTON replied that this is not a state or national organization.

The amendment failed 5-10.

Senator COLLIER moved to recommit the bill.

Senator FRIEND replied that all the members of Rules Committee are here now, the bill should be handled now.

Senator COLLIER said that she would like the Court Justices to discuss this point about candidates and filing.

Recommittal failed 6-9.

Senate Bill 19097 passed 10-5.

Senate Bill 19103

Senator EURESTE moved for the approval of Senate Bill 19103, A SENATE BILL TO TRANSFER FUNDS. He said that the bill was written by the Treasurer. The money is needed because of a deficiency. It will not hurt the program to transfer the money.

Senator GUERIN asked if the money was needed to pay the Election Commission. Senator EURESTE replied that and other debts.

Senator GUERIN asked Pete Williamson if he needed the money. PETE WILLIAMSON, Director of the Students' Protection Agency, replied that they haven't been using the money and it will not hurt his program if it is withdrawn.

The bill was approved by a vote of 10-1.

Senate Resolution 19059

Senator ELLEDGE moved for suspension of the rules to approve Senate Resolution 19059 A SENATE RESOLUTION URGING CITY COUNCIL TO EXEMPT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FROM THE ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN 30 FEET OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

President LIGGETT said that this allows us to sell beer on campus. Currently negotiations are taking place with the City Council. The Resolution will help facilitate these negotiations.

Senator GREENE asked if students under 18 will be allowed to drink. President LIGGETT said that it is against the law.

VICE PRESIDENT, DEAN OF STUDENTS, DR. SHARP said that there is a member of the City Council that is for this. He believes that if there is a low keyed resolution from S.A. this will help in negotiations.

The resolution passed.

Senate Bill 19102

Senator EURESTE, Chair of Fiscal and Governmental, moved to approve Senate Bill 19102, A SENATE BILL TO ALLOCATE \$350. TO THE CHICANO LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CLSA) CONVENTION PROJECT.

Senator EURESTE then moved to amend the amount from \$350 to \$250. He said that this was a more likely amount.

The amendment passed 12-0.

Senator EURESTE said that this will help the Chicano law students get together through a national meeting.

Senator ELLEDGE asked for the number in the organization.
Senator EURESTE replied about ten.

The bill passed 13-0.

Senate Resolution 19061

Senator EURESTE asked to suspend the rules on Senate Resolution 19061, A SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLE OF IRANIAN PEOPLE AGAINST THE DICTATORIAL REGIME OF THE SHAH OF IRAN, AND AGAINST RECENT EXECUTIONS AND OCCUPATION OF UNIVERSITIES IN IRAN.
Suspension failed 10-6.

Senator HERRINGTON asked for a recount of the suspension vote.
Suspension was disapproved 9-7.

Senator BOYD moved to reconsider suspension.

Senator COLLIER said that someone was present from the Iranian Student Association to speak for the bill, and consideration should be given to him.

JOHN HERARRA said that the situation over there needs immediate attention.

Senator ROCHE said that the next committee meeting won't be for three weeks.

Reconsideration for suspension was approved 10-3.
Suspension was approved 12-2.

Senator HERRINGTON moved for acclamation but there was an objection.

Senator WONG asked if they could justify the second whereas.
The President of the Iranian Student Association, Farzad Nikakhtar, said that there are 50 Iranian students whose passports are not being renewed because of political activities. Some students who are going back to Iran are being put in jail because of their political activities.

Senator COLLIER said that the Senate should be in favor of these students who are expressing their rights.

Senator ELLEDGE asked why the Dutch and Swedish governments are holding students. Nikakhtar said that they arrested 12 people were arrested because they supposedly tried to kidnap the Shah and his family. Four people were arrested two weeks ago. The students in Europe took over the Iranian embassies in protest of the executions. Sweden and the Dutch governments have not released the students that they hold captive yet. If they turn them over to the Shah they will be executed.

Senator ELLEDGE said that he got the impression that the Swedish government is tolerant, why are they being held.
Nidakhtar said that they held a peaceful demonstration that many people could not see anything out of order with, but the Swedish took and is holding students because of this demonstration.

The resolution was approved 13-1.

University Bill 19100

Senator COLLIER, Chair of Educational Affairs, moved to approve UH Bill 19100, A UNIVERSITY BILL TO AMEND UH BILL 19095. She said that Section III was being struck because only Internationals are allowed to take the course under the present bill.

Senator GUERIN moved for acclamation which was approved.

Committee Report

Senator COLLIER said that UH Bill 19098, A UNIVERSITY BILL TO URGE THE COLLEGE OF A&S, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AND THE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY TO ACCEPT A ONE, TWO OR THREE HOUR SPECIAL PROBLEMS COURSE FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION WORK CYCLE, and Senate Resolution 19055, A SENATE RESOLUTION URGING TAX DEDUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL FEES were tabled in committee. University Bill to revise the Academic Honesty Policy is being held in committee because of its length; it is taking longer to go over the whole document.

Senate Bill 19105

Senator EURESTE moved for suspension of the rules on Senate Bill 19105, A SENATE BILL TO FORM A SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEDGED PRACTICES OF DISCRIMINATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. He said that the reason for suspension was because the committee needs to start functioning as soon as possible.

Suspension was passed 16-0.

Senator RAASCH moved for acclamation but there was an objection.

Senator WONG asked how the members will be selected, who will lead the committee, and the process of procedure that will be established.

Senator EURESTE answered that they will be appointed by the President of S.A., the President will appoint the Chairman. Their function will be to hold hearings and investigations to present a paper on this alledged discrimination.

Senator BOYD moved to amend the bill by striking "upon passage of this bill" and replacing it with April 1, 1974. Then it will become effective with the new session of the Senate.

The amendment was approved 8-0.

The bill was approved by a vote of 12-0.

Senate Resolution 19055

Senator GUERIN moved to eject from committee Senate Resolution 19055, A SENATE RESOLUTION URGING TAX DEDUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL FEES. He said that it should have been acted on last month because it will benefit all students.

Senator COLLIER said that the reason that the committee had not acted on the resolution was because they wrote to the National Studenta' Association to see who this will help and hurt to make educational fees tax deductable.

Senator GUERIN withdrew the motion.

Senate Bill 19104

Senator COLLIER moved for suspension of the rules on Senate Bill 19104, A SENATE BILL TO PARITALLY FUND UH SOCCER TEAM'S PARTICIPATION IN NORTH TEXAS SOCCER TOURNAMENT. She said that this allows them to attend the National Invitational Tournament April 6-7.

Suspension was passed 6-1.

A member of the Soccer team was present to speak for the bill. He said that \$3000 was given to the team by the athletic department for the year, but currently they are over their budget and have only \$300 left for this tournament. The team members will have to pay for their hotel rooms because all the \$300 will support is the food and gas to the tournament.

Senator BOYD said that the team has an outstanding record this year. If the Senate shows them support this year maybe the athletic department next year will give them more money.

Senator COLLIER reminded the Senate that they had just placed \$500 in the Senate Contingency account to cover this expense.

Senator WONG moved to amend the bill by adding a Section 3 "the money shall be deducted from 506 G 6 b".

The amendment was approved 10-1.

Senator EURESTE said that the players were putting up the money for their meals.

Senator WONG moved that \$150 be amended to \$250.
The motion died for lack of a second.

Senator HERRINGTON moved for acclamation which was approved.

Senate Resolution 19058

Senator GUERIN moved for suspension of the rules on Senate Resolution 19058, A SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF HAWKINS MENEFE. He said that he passed away last week; he was helping the students in the legislature.

Suspension was approved 9-0.

Senator BOYD moved for acclamation.

Sense of the Senate Resolution 19060

Senator BOYD moved for suspension of the rules on Sense of the Senate Resolution 19060, A SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING JIM LIGGETT AND DEBBIE DANBURG FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. He said that the reason for the resolution is self-evident.

Suspension was approved 16-0.

Senator HERRINGTON moved for acclamation which was approved.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Russell
Senate Secretary

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