

**THIRTY-SECOND SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
Nineteenth Meeting of the 32nd Senate
Regents' Room, University Center, 7:00 PM
November 15, 1995**

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate, Jennifer Zuber, at 7:17 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll:

The following senators were present: Andrew Becker, Stephen Black, Brad Castelo, B.J. Clark, Tiffany Daniel, Jon Erickson, John Gafford, Scott Gorrell, Renee Griggs, Steve Hairgrove, Casey McMurtry, Natalie Merritt, John Moore, Spring Pankratz, Stephanie Smith, Jon Sweet, Colleen Truitt, Joel Westra and Arthur White.

The following Senators were absent: Benito Aguilar, Caryn Arouty, Usha Desai, Omilla Harrysingh, and Aaron Lowe.

The following Senators were excused: Sherise Duhart, Nicole McZeal, Nikki Mike, and Nader Shah.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Giovanni Garibay, Dom Lewinsohn, Kay To, and Tori Boutte

The following university officials were present: Doug Miller

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal

The records of the eighteenth meeting were approved.

4. Special Reports:

Jeff Fuller of the Office of Admissions spoke about the "phone-a-thon" that would assist in recruiting for UH. He said they will be calling Houston area high schools trying to interest Houston students in UH. He said that he would appreciate the help of Students' Association leaders.

Senator John Moore of the Campus One Card Committee reported on the status of the project. He said that currently UH students receive many cards with various uses. He said the solution to this problem is one universal card that does every function. He offered more information on the functions available with the one-card. He then passed out a survey that asked which options the students would use.

5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate:

Owais Siddiqui, a graduate student in the college of Engineering, addressed the Senate about the track at Robertson Stadium. He said that he tried to use the track, but was refused. He asked SA for information as to why he was not allowed to use the track.

Vice President Dom Lewinsohn offered an answer to Mr. Siddiqui.

6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members

None

7. Report of the President:

President Giovanni Garibay thanked everyone who attended Constituents' Day. He said that Thursday will be in front of the American Cafe. He said that SA is distributing a lot of information as well as getting opinions about many issues. He said that the feedback he received has been positive. He then wished SA a Happy Thanksgiving.

Director of Public Relations also thanked all the Senators who came out for Constituents' Day. She said that November 29 will be a day to flood the phones in Washington, D.C. to lobby against financial aid cuts. She urged all Senators to take a few minutes to call.

8. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Dom Lewinsohn updated the Senate about the committee positions. He said that the positions were 94% full, he said that the graduate positions were the hardest to find. He asked the Senators to mention the openings to any grad students they know.

9. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker of the Senate Jennifer Zuber asked the Senators to please follow the procedures for minutes and all paperwork. She asked the Senators to note the committee meeting times. She also asked that everyone check their mailboxes.

10. Reports of the Standing Committees

a) Academic Affairs

Committee Chair Jon Sweet said that AA met and that the two bills in committee were discussed.

b) Internal Affairs

Committee Chair Brad Castelo said that IA reported that Huyen Huynh was still in committee and Michele Ferguson and Anil Gursoy would be discharged.

c) Student Life

Committee Chair Natalie Merritt talked about the bills in committee and said that they will all be discharged at the appropriate time.

d) University Administration and Finance

Committee Chair Andrew Becker said that UAF considered the applicant in committee.

11. Reports of the Select Committees

Constitution and Code Committee Chair John Moore said that he had information on some of the changes that have been made.

12. Special Orders

None

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 Senate Floor

SR 32001 A Senate Resolution Promoting the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Constitution and Code Committee Revision Process

Sponsors: Steve Hairgrove, Natalie Merritt, John Moore and Jennifer Zuber

SAB 32006 A Students' Association Bill Adopting Title XI - Election Code as Amended by the Constitution and Code Committee

Sponsors: Natalie Merritt, John Moore and Jennifer Zuber

Senator Jon Erickson asked that he be recognized as a sponsor of both bills.

14. Unfinished, Business and General Orders

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments

1. Committee on Academic Affairs:

None

2. Committee on Internal Affairs:

Committee Appointments:

Michelle Ferguson Student Fee Advisory Committee

Anil Gursoy Student Fee Advisory Committee

Huyen Huynh Student Fee Advisory Committee

Senator Brad Castelo moved to bypass and consent Michelle Ferguson.

Senator Andrew Becker made a friendly amendment to also discharge unfavorably Anil Gursoy.

Senator Moore moved to call the question. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Senate voted unanimously to consent to the nomination of Michelle Ferguson and to discharge unfavorably Anil Gursoy.

3. Committee on Student Life:

None

4. Committee on University 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:

UB 32005 A University Bill Creating a Separate GPA for Students in the College of Optometry

Sponsor: Spring Pankratz

UB 32008 A University Bill Adjusting the Class Schedule to Reflect the Time Length of Classes

Sponsor: Andrew Becker

Senator Jon Sweet moved to consider UB 32005. Senator Steve Hairgrove seconded the motion.

The Senate voted to pass UB 32005.

Senator Sweet moved to consider UB 32008. Senator Brad Castelo seconded the motion.

Senator Becker stated the bills purpose. He yielded the floor to Senator Sweet and asked to retain the floor.

Senator Sweet asked if this was going to change the time in the schedule.

Senator Becker said that was the intent of the bill.

The Senate voted to pass UB 32008.

3. Committee on Internal Affairs:
None

4. Committee on Student Life:

SAR 32001 A Students' Association Resolution
Sponsor: Shane Schiermeier

UB 32006 A University Bill Amending the UH Student Life Policies
Sponsor: Jennifer Zuber

UB 32006 A University Bill to Streamline Campus Activities Posting Policies
Sponsor: Jennifer Zuber

Senator Natalie Merritt moved to discharge and consider SAR 32001. She said that the committee discharged the bill unfavorably.

The Senate voted unanimously to defeat SAR 32001.

Senator Merritt moved to discharge UB 32006 with a favorable recommendation.

Senator Moore seconded the motion.

Senator Merritt said that these changes were looked over by Assistant Dean of Students Kathy Anzivino.

Vice President Lewinsohn asked a question about the specific terms in the section related to drugs and drug use.

Senator Merritt said that these changes were approved as listed by a committee consisting of students and administration.

The Senate voted to pass UB 32006.

Senator Merritt moved to bypass and consent to UB 32009.

Senator Moore seconded the motion.

Senator Merritt said that Jennifer Zuber and David Daniell wanted to eliminate the time factor and the need for stamping of each flyer.

The Senate voted unanimously to bypass and consent UB 32009.

5. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

None

15. New Business and General Orders

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

Greg Cox Election Commissioner
David Gailey Conservation Committee

b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Moore moved to bypass Greg Cox for Election Commissioner.

Senator Castelo seconded the nomination.

Senator Moore yielded the floor to Greg Cox.

Mr. Cox said that he has served in numerous leadership roles and feels that he is qualified for the position.

Senator Becker said that he is opposed to bypassing him and said that Mr. Cox should be interviewed.

Senator Castelo said that Mr. Cox is qualified and understands the responsibilities of the position.

Senator Moore said that Mr. Cox has spoken to the Senate and there will be nothing more divulged in the committee interview.

Senator Erickson said that Mr. Cox is a qualified candidate and is highly regarded by the faculty of their college.

Senator Castelo moved to call the question.

Senators Erickson, Moore and Gafford seconded the motion.

The Senate voted unanimously to call the question.

The Senate voted to bypass the nomination.

Senator Castelo moved to accept the nomination of Greg Cox as Election Commissioner.

Senator Casey McMurtry seconded the motion.

Senator Becker said that after hearing the discussion he wished to withdraw his objection.

Senator Moore moved to call the question.

Senators Castelo, McMurtry and Black seconded the motion.

The motion to call the question passed unanimously.

The Senate voted to consent to Greg Cox as Election Commissioner.

The rules were suspended so that Greg Cox could be sworn in.

Senator Moore moved to bypass and consent to SR 32001.

Senator McMurtry seconded the motion.

Senator Sweet wanted people to be aware that this is to prevent bills written in the Constitution

and Code Committee from coming back to committee.

Senator Moore said that the intent was to basically to prevent a circle.

Senator Moore moved to call the question.

Senators Black, Merritt and Erickson seconded the motion.

The Senate voted unanimously to call the question.

The Senate voted unanimously to consent to SR 32001.

Senator Moore moved to bypass and consent SAB 32006.

Senator Erickson seconded the motion.

Senator Moore described the intent of the bill.

Senator Moore moved to call the question.

Senators Castelo, Black and Erickson seconded the motion.

The motion to call the question passed.

The Senate voted unanimously to consent to SAB 32006.

Senator Moore yielded the floor to President Garibay.

President Garibay urged the Senate to bypass Huyen Huynh for Student Fee Advisory Committee.

Senator B.J. Clark moved to bypass Huyen Huynh.

Senator Joel Westra seconded the motion.

Senator Moore made a point of order to vote.

Senator Castelo said that he already interviewed her and said that he would like her to stay in committee.

President Garibay said that she is here and should be heard from.

The motion to bypass Huyen Huynh from committee failed.

c) Other New Business and General Orders

None

16. Closing Call of the Roll By the Secretary

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17. Comments and Announcements

There was no record.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent.