

TWENTY-NINTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS
Twentieth Meeting of the 29th Senate
Monday, March 8, 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. Students Wishing to Address the Senate
5. Special Reports: Mitch Rhodes, Student Regent
6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members
7. Report of the President: Rusty Hruska
8. Report of the Vice President: Charles Gaviola
9. Report of the Speaker: Michelle Palmer
10. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a) Academic Affairs: To be Announced
 - b) Internal Affairs: Coy Wheeler, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Jennifer Zuber, Chair
 - d) University Administration and Finance: Carlos Morales, Chair
11. Report of the Select Committees
12. Special Orders
13. 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
14. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - None
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - Mike Keith –Student Traffic Court
 - Alan Wong –Senator for the College of NSM #3
 3. Committee on Student Life:
 - Nahreen Zaman –International Student Advisory Council
 - Edbar Zaman –Student Publication Committee
 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
 - SAB29012:** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL THE HONORS COLLEGE AND GIVING IT REPRESENTATION IN THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
 - Sponsors:** Gavin Kaszynski, Jeff Fuller, Michelle Palmer, Gregory Propes
 - SAB29014:** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO ELIMINATE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT REGENT, SPEAKER, AND CABINET MEMBERS
 - Sponsors:** shane patrick boyle
 - SAB29015:** A SA BILL TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO PRESENT LEGISLATION TO THE SA SENATE WITHOUT A SPONSOR
 - Sponsors:** shane patrick boyle
 - SAB29016:** A SA BILL TO ELIMINATE THE PARTY AFFILIATION QUESTION FROM SA CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS AND LEAVE PARTY AFFILIATION OFF THE BALLOT
 - Sponsors:** shane patrick boyle
 4. Committee on Student Life
 - UB29005:** A UNIVERSITY BILL REVISING THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING INLYING PARKING PERMITS AND THEIR UTILIZATION
 - Sponsors:** Gregory P. Propes
 - UB29008:** A UNIVERSITY TO TURN KUHF INTO A STUDENT-RUN RADIO STATION
 - Sponsors:** shane patrick boyle
 - SR29007:** A SENATE RESOLUTION OPPOSING PICKERING'S SMOKING POLICY
 - Sponsors:** shane patrick boyle
 - SAR29009:** A SA RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES IN CAMPUS DINING FACILITIES
 - Sponsors:** shane patrick boyle
 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - UB29009:** A UNIVERSITY BILL TO ITEMIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT SERVICE FEE AMONG STUDENT SERVICE FEE FUNDED UNITS ON UH STUDENTS' FEE BILLS
 - Sponsors:** Cipriano Romero, Michelle Palamer
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15. New Business and General Orders
 - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
 - c) Other New Business and General Orders
 16. Comments and Announcements
 17. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
 18. 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 7:20 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, Jeff Fuller, Amy Parks, Reshma Patel, Gregory Propes, Saud Qazi, Cipriano Romero, Kevin Soebbing, Crystal Wallace, Greg Wassberg, Coy Wheeler, Jennifer Zuber.

There no senators late.

The following senators were absent: Dina Abramson, Om Chawla, Anthony Cheng, Henry Gaw, Gavin Kasyznski, Vernita Hoyt, Randy Kirby, Carlos Morales, Brian Thompson.

There were no senators excused.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Rusty Hruska, Charles Gaviola, Kevin Jefferies, Angie Milner, Mitch Rhodes, Jason Fuller.

There were no university officials present.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Students Wishing to Address the Senate

None.

5. Special Reports:

Student Regent Mitch Rhodes updated the Senate on the group's trip to Austin. He distributed to the members a book called In Time, written by Patrick Nicholson. The book talks about the history and traditions of the university. Regent Rhodes said that his book on the history of UH will not be of the same length.

6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Romero said that now that the election is done, the Senate can go back and amend the election code. He said that there continues to be "loopholes and vagueness" in the code that needs to be addressed. Senator Romero said that he will be introducing legislations tonight addressing them. He said that by passing legislations that effect the election code, future elections will run smoother and can be called "credible" elections.

Senator Propes said that the 29th Senate has already passed "landmark legislations" that have significantly revised the election as is. He said that in talking with David Daniell, this has been the "smoothest" election in the last five years. Senator Propes said that it would be totally unnecessary to

revise the code.

7. Report of the President:

SA President Rusty Hruska reported that the trip to Austin was really successful and thanked those that attended. He said that the group met with representatives and voiced their concerns on the issue of student representation on the Board of Regent. President Hruska reported that the representatives were "very inquisitive." He said that he will be going to Austin again during Spring Break and that those interested in coming are welcomed.

President Hruska asked that members remember to help out with the Letter Writing Campaign. He encouraged senators to write letters to their representatives.

He informed the Senate that Dr. Pickering will be giving the State of the University Address at the next meeting on March 15th. President Hruska encouraged all senators to bring friends and constituents. President Hruska said that the 29th SA Inaugural Dinner will be held on April 5th. He said that right now he is in the process of finding a keynote speaker for the dinner.

Lastly, he commended Senator Hoyt for her active part in forming the Castle Organization (a student council organization) for the College of Architecture. He said that he would like for other senators to do the same in their college.

8. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Charles Gaviola thanked Ron Capehart and Natalie Sinn for their job as Election Commissioners. He said that "from his stand point it was a smooth election compared to the one they had last year." Vice President Gaviola said that he was on the committee to revise the election code so he feels "very personal about it." He said that he would like to be involve in revising the election code again, if there are any more problems with it.

9. Report of the Speaker

Speaker Palmer reminded senators of the special meeting held on March 15th in the Regents room. She encouraged members to bring everyone.

She asked that those planning to attend the Inaugural Dinner to RSVP.

Speaker Palmer informed the Senate that today is International Women's Day.

10. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

The committee did not meet.

b) Internal Affairs:

Coy Wheeler, Chair of Internal Affairs, reported that his committee passed unfavorably out of committee SAB29014: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO ELIMINATE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT REGENT, SPEAKER AND CABINET MEMBERS and SAB29017: A SA BILL TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO PRESENT LEGISLATION TO THE SA SENATE WITHOUT A SPONSOR.

c) Student Life:

Jennifer Zuber, Chair of Student Life reported that her committee met, but did not meet quorum.

d) University of Administration and Finance:

Carlos Morales, Chair of University of Administration and Finance was not in attendance.

11. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

12. Special Orders:

None.

13. 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 SAB29019: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO AMEND TITLES 2 AND 3 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR MINIMUM OFFICE HOURS FOR COMPENSATED MEMBERS OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION; SAB29020: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO REMOVE THE QUESTION OF PARTY AFFILIATION FROM SA CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS, AND TO ELIMINATE PARTY AFFILIATION FROM SA ELECTION BALLOTS; and SAB29021: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL AMENDING TITLE 6 "THE ELECTION CODE" IN THE SA CODE.

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a) Presidential Nomination and Appointments

- 1. Academic Affairs

None.

- 2. Internal Affairs

Senator Wheeler reported that the committee has not met with Mike Keith due to the fact that the nominee works in the evening. He said that he has requested President Hruska to remove the nomination of Alan Wong due to the reason that "it is pointless at this time."

- 3. Student Life

The following nominations remain in committee:

Nahreen Zaman International Student Advisory Council
Edbar Zaman Student Publication Committee

- 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

SAB29012: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL RECOGNIZING THE HONORS COLLEGE AND

GIVING IT REPRESENTATION IN THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION; and SAB29016: A SA BILL TO ELIMINATE THE PARTY AFFILIATION QUESTION FROM SA CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS AND LEAVE PARTY AFFILIATION OFF THE BALLOT remain in committee.

Senator Romero said that although SAB29014: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ELIMINATE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT REGENT, SPEAKER AND CABINET MEMBERS passed out unfavorably from committee, the committee did feel strongly that SA has to do neither 1) cut compensation of leaders; or 2) increase the number of hours required for compensated leaders.

After a Senate vote the bill failed.

Senator Wheeler said that for SAB29017: A SA BILL TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO PRESENT LEGISLATION TO THE SA SENATE WITHOUT A SPONSOR, the committee was not opposed to the concept of students being able to introduce legislation, but feels that it needed to be more controlled. He said that the committee feels that it is important to lower the wall between the students and the Senate. Senator Wheeler said that it is important for senators to get out and talk to students to let them know that there are sponsorship available for them.

Senator Propes yielded the floor to President Hruska. President Hruska said that he recommends that each legislation receive some revision or discussion before being introduced to the floor.

Senator boyle said that even senators elected by the students have written "silly or waste of time" legislations. He said that the rule that senators have to sponsor a bill, implies that senators are higher than students."

Senator Fuller said that any student can asked a senator to sponsor legislations by-request, whether the senator agrees with it or not. He said that there needs to be a "filter system" to make students have initiative.

Senator boyle yielded the floor to Regent Rhodes. Regent Rhodes said that a another reason why a senator should sponsor legislations is that whenever a piece of legislation is introduced it would be in the "same type of format." He informed the Senate that the Chair may also sponsor legislation by-request.

Senator Wheeler said that the committee also discussed the idea of writing a piece of legislation that would require the Speaker of the Senate to sponsor the bill by-request if no other senators will sponsor it.

Senator Zuber said that she feels that a lot of the bills proposed by Senator boyle "are to illegitimize and downgrade the value of the Senate." She asked that "if the Senate allows students to introduce legislation without a sponsor then what are senators for?"

Senator boyle remarked that the question is worth considering.

Senator Fuller moved to call the question, seconded by Senator Wheeler, Propes and Zuber.

After a Senate vote the bill failed.

4) Committee on Student Life

UB29005: A UNIVERSITY BILL REVISING THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING INLYING PARKING PERMITS AND THEIR UTILIZATION; UB29008: A UNIVERSITY BILL TO TURN KUHF INTO A STUDENT-RUN RADIO STATION; SAR29009: A SA RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES IN CAMPUS DINING FACILITIES; and SR29005: A SENATE RESOLUTION OPPOSING PICKERING'S SMOKING POLICY remain in committee.

5) Committee on University of Administration and Finance:

UB29009: A UNIVERSITY BILL TO ITEMIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT SERVICE FEES AMONG STUDENT SERVICE FEE FUNDED UNITS ON UH STUDENTS' FEE BILLS, remains in committee.

15. New Business and General Orders:

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

Joyetta Johnson

Senator at Large #2

Justin McMurtry	Senator for HFAC #1
Larry Falli	Senator for NSM #1
David Frankfort	Senator for Technology #2
Ahannam Neeadibe	Title IX Grievance Committee
Patricia Galvan	Student Traffic Court
Kight Rogers	Student Traffic Court
Hunter Jackson	Student Traffic Court
Amber Martin	Organization Board
Alan Wong	Research Council
Fariduddin Hossain	Library Committee
Justin McMurtry	Parking Advisory Committee

President Hruska removed the nomination of Alan Wong.

b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Zuber moved to bypass UB29008: A UNIVERSITY BILL TO TURN KUHF INTO A STUDENT-RUN RADIO STATION, seconded by Senator Propes.

Senator Zuber reported that the committee said that the bill was "a good bill and has been a long time coming."

Senator Soebbing asked how the transition period would take place.

Senator Zuber said that she did not know, but would like Senator boyle, author of the bill to address the question.

Senator Parks yielded the floor to Regent Rhodes. Regent Rhodes said that KUHF is the number one radio station in classical music in the nation and brings to more funds than any station of its kind. He said that the performances and the aspects that the station offers is phenomenal to the university. Regent Rhodes said that he knows for "a fact that Dr. Pickering will not sign this." He said that the idea is good, but needs to be in a form of a resolution.

Senator boyle moved to table the bill until the next meeting for further investigation, seconded by Senator Fuller.

After a vote the bill was tabled.

Senator Wheeler moved to bypass the nomination of Mike Keith to Student Traffic Court, seconded by Senator Fuller.

Senator Fuller said that as a member, the court is still in need for more students to serve as justices.

Senator Wheeler said that he spoke with Mr. Keith personally and that Mr. Keith has said that he will have time to serve on the court.

The motion to bypass committee passed.

After a Senate vote the nomination passed unanimously.

Senator Zuber moved to bypass SR29005: A SENATE RESOLUTION OPPOSING PICKERING'S SMOKING POLICY, seconded by Senator Parks.

The motion to bypass passed.

Senator Zuber said that in the last election, 42.9% voted for a Student Life smoking ban. She said that by looking at the polls, the ban is what the students wanted.

Senator Wheeler said that as a smoker, the ban has taken away the opportunity of smokers to go anywhere except outside to smoke. He said that although he is opposed to smoking in indoor areas, he ask that people respect smoker's rights.

Senator boyle said that the polls taken last year was a referendum, and that SR29005 is a Senate resolution.

After a Senate vote the resolution failed.

Senator Romero moved to bypass SAB29020: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO REMOVE THE QUESTION OF PARTY AFFILIATION FROM SA CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS AND TO ELIMINATE PARTY AFFILIATION FROM SA ELECTION BALLOTS, seconded by Senator Wheeler.

Senator Propes asked for the difference between SAB29016 and SAB29021.

Senator Wheeler responded that SAB29016 contended several Whereas statements that were offense. He said that it would be easier and better to amend the election code by deleting party affiliations from the ballot. He said that the basis of SAB29021 is not to outlaw the parties perse, but to take the

party affiliation off the ballot and have candidates go out and solicit votes personally.

After a Senate vote the bill did not bypass committee.

Senator Boyle moved to bypass the following nominations:

Joyetta Johnson	Senator at Large #2
Justin McMurtry	Senator for HFAC #1
Larry Falli	Senator for NSM #1
David Frankfort	Senator for Technology #2

seconded by Senator Fuller.

Senator Romero said that it would not be fair for the Senate to put the nominees into the 29th Senate just because they won the election. He said that other students who won the election are not given the same opportunity due to the fact that their position are not vacated at this time. Senator Romero said that since there is only one meeting left "it is pointless."

Senator Propes yielded the floor to Director Jefferies. Mr. Jefferies said that the nominees should be commended for their desire to server earlier.

Senator Fuller yielded the floor to Director Fuller. Mr. Fuller said that two of the nominations were nominees to the 29th Senate prior to the election.

Senator Romero moved to amend the motion by asking that only two of individuals previously nominated bypass committee.

After a vote the move to amend the motion failed.

After a vote the Senate approved the nominations and the nominees were sworn in by President Hruska.

c) Other New Business and General Orders

Speaker Palmer made the following committee assignment:

Academic Affairs:

Alan Wong	Research Council
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Internal Affairs:

Patricia Galvan	Student Traffic Court
Kight Rogers	Student Traffic Court
Hunter Jackson	Student Traffic Court

SAB29019: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO AMEND TITLES 2 AND 3 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR MINIMUM OFFICE HOURS FOR COMPENSATED MEMBERS OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
SAB29020: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO REMOVE THE QUESTION OF PARTY AFFILIATION FROM SA CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS, AND TO ELIMINATE PARTY AFFILIATION FROM SA ELECTION BALLOTS
SAB29021: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL AMENDING TITLE 6 "THE ELECTION CODE" IN THE SA CODE.

Student Life:

Ahannam Neeadibe	Title IX Grievance Committee
Amber Martin	Organization Board
Fariduddin Hossain	Library Committee
Justin McMurtry	Parking Advisory Board

University of Administration and Finance

None.

Speaker Palmer said that after a recount was declare a tie in the 1993 Election between Thao Young and Crystal Wallace for Senate position of Education #1, the senate will vote to break the tie.

The floor was then open for a speech from the candidates.

Thao Young informed the Senate on her various involvements with the university. She said that she has the "college's interest at heart" and would like to represent it.

Crystal Wallace said that she would like to continue to serve SA and to let others know more about it.

After a Senate vote, Thao Young became the new senator for the College of Education #1 for the 30th Senate.

Senator Romero called for an Executive Session as provided for in Title 7 Code of Impeachment of the SA's Code.

The Senate went into an Executive Session and resume business at 8:35 p.m.

Senator McMurtry moved that the Senate request a financial report from the Director of Finance. After a Senate vote the request was noted by Speaker Palmer.

16. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Wheeler reminded members of the Internal Affairs Committee that a meeting will be held on March 29th.

Senator Zuber reminded members of the Student Life Committee that a meeting will be held on March 15th at 6:00 p.m.

17. 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, Larry Falli, Jeff Fuller, Joyetta Johnson, Justin McMurtry, Amy Parks, Reshma Patel, Gregory Propes, Saud Qazi, Cipriano Romero, Kevin Soebbing, Crystal Wallace, Greg Wassberg, Coy Wheeler, Jennifer Zuber.

The following senators were absent: Dina Abramson, Aijaz Chaudary, Om Chawla, Anthony Cheng, Henry Gaw, Gavin Kasyznski, Vernita Hoyt, Randy Kirby, Carlos Morales, Reshma Patel, Brian Thompson.

There were no senators excused.

18. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SENATE OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 15, 1993

Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary

Michelle Palmer, Speaker of the Senate