

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Second Meeting of the 27th Senate  
Monday, April 9, 1990  
Dallas-El Paso Room, University Center 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer: Paul Hoglund, President
2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Darlene Hurt, Acting Senate Secretary
3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:
4. Report of the President: Paul Hoglund
5. Report of the Vice President: Lee Flemming
6. Report of the Speaker: Election of the Senate Officers
  - a) Nominations by the Senators for Speaker
  - b) Speeches by the candidates
  - c) Questions from the Senators
  - d) Secret ballot election
  - e) Repeat steps a) - d) for the Speaker Pro Tempore
7. Special Reports: None
8. One Minute Speeches by the Members:
9. Reports of the Standing Committees: Standing committees have not yet been appointed.
10. Report of the Select Committee:
11. Special Orders: None
12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:
  - a) Presidential Noinations and Appointments:  
Yahya Saeed, Director of Personnel  
Ryan Chadwick, Treasurer
  - b) Other Business and General Orders:  
SAR 27003: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION CONDEMNING GOVERNOR  
CLEMENTS' MARCH 22 REMOVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
13. New Business and General Orders:
  - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:  
Darlene Hurt, Assistant to the President

b) Other New Business and General Orders:  
Student Program Board Bylaws

14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

15. Comments and Announcements:

16. Adjournment:

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by President Hogleund at 7:03PM.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

The following Senators were present: Grooms, Dockery, Sunderaj, Cortes, Burge, Berggren, Rosenberger, Eastman, Shah, Talley, Kothari, Chargois, Floreani, Saeed, Sharp, Oholendt, Eskridge, Berry, Wilkie, Corbello, and Cooley, Nguyen, and Russell.

The following Senators were absent: Karim, Wong, Burns, Hussain, Kelly, Zarka, and Dunnigan.

The following Senators were late: Richards, Hasselbrink, and Gandhi.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Report of the President:

President Hogleund congratulated Senators Grooms and Berry on their recent elections as Service Information Director and Treasurer respectively at the Texas State Student Association Conference and informed the Senators that on April 23, 1990, former SA and TSSA President Wendy Trachte will be addressing the Senate. President Hogleund also informed the Senators that Channel 26 came to the University on April 7 to get student reaction on the Pell Grant issue and he encouraged members to write legislation. President Hogleund continued by stating that at next week's Senate meeting there will be a panel (3 for and 3 against) presenting the Shasta-Live Mascot issue and he mentioned that legislation on this issue is important since there will soon be a new UH president. President Hogleund also informed the Senators that they each have a mail box and encouraged each member to hold office hours each week. President Hogleund reminded the Senate of the Spring Officers Seminar and the Transfer of Power Banquet. President Hogleund concluded his report by emphasizing the importance of the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore elections.

5. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Flemming outlined his plan for the 27th Senate which included the Legislative Internship Program and a Committee Response Program. Vice President Flemming went further to emphasize the need of a temporary committee established to interview the presidential finalists.

6. Report of the Speaker:

Nominations for Speaker of the Senate: Senator Sharp nominated Mark Burge and Senator Chargois

nominated Brodrick Dockery. Each of the candidates gave a speech and answered questions by the Senators.

Senator Burge said that he has a very strong and genuine desire to be Speaker of the 27th Senate, and that he is excited about its potential. Senator Burge stated his past experience included 1) High School Student Council President, 2) member of a standing committee, 3) member of the S.A. Executive Cabinet last year, 4) Co-authored 14 pieces of legislation and assisted with many more. Senator Burge urged the Senators to vote for him if they wanted a sharp, active, and issue-oriented senate. He noted that he believes that the Speaker ought to be approachable and also serve as a resource to assist Senators in their positions. Senator Burge concluded his speech by saying that he wants to make this the most successful SA Senate ever and to help all the Senators be the best that they can be.

Senator Dockery stated that being that he is interested in becoming Speaker because he has a lot of experience and knowledge that will help the Senators. Senator Dockery continued by saying that an effective leader must know the job and do research such as that which Senator Dockery has done for the past 3-4 weeks. Senator Dockery said that he was most impressed with the 17th Senate because of their stance on international issues and stated that he would like to continue that tradition by addressing international problems in addition to concentrating on domestic issues, including national, state, and local. Senator Dockery stated his qualifications to be: 1) three years in City Hall, 2) worked with Rodney Ellis, Kathy Whitmire, and the late Mickey Leland. Senator Dockery concluded by saying that he could get these community leaders to help us and work very hard for us.

Senator Wilkie asked each of the candidates if they knew Robert's Rules of Order. Senator Dockery stated that he is slightly rusty and Senator Burge said that he does have a working knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order. Senator Grooms asked about the role of Speaker, and whether the Senate is here to talk about international concerns, UH concerns, or both. Senator Burge replied that we are here first to address the concerns of students. Senator Dockery concurred but added that we cannot isolate ourselves from international issues that can affect us. Senator Eskridge asked what the candidates plan to do to gather a student voice to address the incoming UH president. Senator Burge said that as Speaker it is very necessary to work with the UH Administration because if there is not a good relationship the Senate will be rendered powerless. Senator Dockery commented that it is important to know where the students stand on issues and pass on that information to the President. Senator Berry asked if the candidates were willing to give up writing bills to perform their duties as Speaker. Senator Burge replied that as Speaker he can have a greater impact by talking to Senators and advising them with what he already knows multiplying the effectiveness of the Speaker. Senator Dockery replied that he does not intend to become a legislative writing machine, but instead would like to teach the Senators what he knows and learn from them as well.

The Senate voted by a secret ballot. The vote was counted by the Acting Senate Secretary and President Hogle and the newly elected Speaker was Senator Burge.

Nominations for Speaker Pro Tempore: Senator Shah nominated Michael Berry. Senator Kothari nominated Senator Dockery but Senator Dockery declined the nomination. Senator Berry was selected Speaker Pro Tempore by acclamation.

7. Special Reports:

None

8. One Minute Speeches by Members:

Senator Hasselbrink remarked that he would like to see a select committee established to find out

student opinion on the Shasta issue. Senator Hasselbrink also stated that the Senate can concentrate on all three types of issues - local, state, and national - if all the Senators would write at least three bills each.

Senator Eskridge stated that he has no idea of what student opinion is when all he reads in the Daily Cougar are commentaries on abortion and animal rights.

Senator Berry thanked the Senate and stated that he is anxious the help Senators with Roberts' Rules of Order. Senator Berry also told the Senate how proud he is to be at the University of Houston.

Senator Grooms stated that he enjoyed the TSSA conference and informed the Senate that UH is ahead of the game, when compared to other universities' student governments.

Senator Chargois stated that he is in support of everyone wanting to make this a productive Senate.

Senator Berggren stated Senators should not use the Daily Cougar as a forum for the SA to air its dirty laundry. Instead the SA should concentrate on keeping good news in the paper and bad news out wherever possible.

Senator Wilkie concurred that the SA does not need to air dirty laundry or does it need to present a side that does not exist.

Senator Dockery thanked the Senate and wished Speaker Burge success.

Senator Richards stated that he respects the wishes of the Senate to keep its dirty laundry in house but will continue to speak out to inform his constituents.

Senator Hasselbrink thanked Senator Dockery for showing an interest and encouraged him to seek other positions. Senator Hasselbrink also remarked that that reason Mikal Belicove is around the office is because he was recently elected American Association of University Students Central Region Chair and is in a transitional stage.

Senator Dockery moved to suspend the rules to allow Mikal Belicove to speak for 1-1/2 minutes. The motion was seconded. Senator Grooms remarked that if the issue is large enough to warrant a suspension of the rules why is the time limited to only 1-1/2 minutes. Senator Richards moved to extend the time to 2-1/2 minutes. The motion was seconded. Under general debate to extend the time limit, Senator Wilkie stated that the suspension of the rules is highly inappropriate since the concern is over Mikal Belicove continuing to have a presence in the SA, yet the Senate is having him speak during every meeting. Senator Hasselbrink remarked that Mikal Belicove is entitled to all the privileges given to students. Senator Richards called previous question on the motion to amend, which received three seconds and passed. On the motion to allow Mikal Belicove 2-1/2 minutes to speak, Senator Berggren called previous question, it received three seconds and failed for a lack of a 2/3 majority. Senator Grooms then remarked that according to the constitution, one of the doors needs to stay open. Speaker Burge stated that it was information well taken and asked someone to open one of the doors. Senator Berry then stated that the Senate was elected to serve the student body and not to bash Mikal Belicove and asked if we could get back to the reason why we were elected. President Hogle replied that this issue is a waste of our time since it was an executive decision to give a key to Mikal Belicove. Senator Richards stated that there are Senators who are concerned about what Mr. Belicove is doing. Senator Dockery concurred and apologized if he offended anyone with his original motion. Senator Sunderaj asked Senator Hasselbrink if Mikal Belicove having keys is going to be in debate all year. Senator Sunderaj yielded the floor to Senator Hasselbrink who replied that it was his impression that it is transitional. Senator Rosenberger asked if it was out of order for Mikal Belicove to have keys and

Speaker Burge replied no. Senator Grooms informed the Senate that the authority to sign out keys rested with the President and it was an executive decision to allow Mikal Belicove keys.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

None since standing committees have not yet been appointed.

10. Report of the Select Committee:

The Ad hoc committee approved the appointments of Yahya Saeed - Director of Personnel and Ryan Chadwick - Treasurer and reported out favorably on the amended version of SAR27003.

11. Special Orders

None.

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

Senator Richards moved to approve the nomination of Yahya Saeed and it was seconded. President Hogle spoke in favor of the nomination by remarking that he felt Yahya Saeed and Ryan Chadwick were two individuals he could work with and the Select Committee approved. Senator Wilkie spoke against the nomination by pointing out that the Senate should not simply "rubber stamp" the President's appointments but instead should investigate the candidates. Senator Wilkie informed the Senate of Mr. Saeed's Senate record: 1.) As chair of Academic Affairs - met four times and Mr. Saeed was absent two of those four times; 2.) 30% absenteeism rate in the 26th Senate; 3.) Out of 100 pieces of legislation passed, Mr. Saeed co-authored only four. Senator Wilkie concluded by urging the Senate to not vote for him as a political favor but instead consider his record. Under general debate, Senator Eskridge remarked that maybe Mr. Saeed was not molded to be a Senator but rather Director of Personnel. Senator Grooms expressed his uneasiness with the nomination by informing the Senate that Karl Barrus, Vice-Chair of the Academic Affairs, was forced to chair meetings because Mr. Saeed did not. Senator Wilkie stated that she did not personally know Mr. Saeed and that all the information she quoted came from the Senate Journal. Senator Rosenberger asked about the main responsibilities of Director of Personnel and President Hogle informed him that the Director is responsible for getting people for all Standing Committees and recruiting people from other organizations. Senator Chargois then apologized for having to leave but urged the Senate to make a decision based on facts. Senator Hasselbrink moved and there was a second to table the nomination of Yahya Saeed until next week's Senate meeting. Under general debate, Senator Dockery stated that the facts presented by Senator Wilkie are open to much manipulation. Senator Wilkie replied that the facts were in the 26th Senate Journal as Senator Dockery should have noticed. Senator Eskridge said that Senator Dockery was not attempting to dispute what Senator Wilkie was saying but rather the Senate Journal. Senator Richards commented that the current mode of conversation was not germane. Senator Gandhi remarked that if President Hogle wanted Mr. Saeed as Director of Personnel then Mr. Saeed must be competent. Senator Grooms informed the Senate that he has a lot of questions for Mr. Saeed. In particular, why did he not have the forethought to step down from his duties as chair of the Academic Affairs committee. Senator Berggren stated that the comments being made were not germane to the motion. Senator Richards called previous question which received three seconds and passed. The motion went to direct vote and passed.

Senator Wilkie moved to approve the nomination of Ryan Chadwick and it was seconded. President Hogle spoke in favor of Mr. Chadwick by noting his past accomplishments as chair of SSFPAC. There was no speaker against the motion. Under general debate,

Senator Wilkie pointed out that Mr. Chadwick is competent and has proven himself as chair of SSFPAC. Senator Richards stated that he would like to further review Mr. Chadwick's past record and moved to table the nomination to next week. The motion to table was seconded, and Senator Richards spoke in favor of the motion by saying that a precedent had been set during the last nomination and therefore wished to table in order to make an informed choice. Senator Berggren spoke against the motion by stating that Mr. Chadwick has already proven he can work in SA this past week and he felt that there is no better appointment. Senator Berry asked who will serve as treasurer if the Senate does not confirm Mr. Chadwick. Speaker Burge replied that no one would. Senator Grooms stated that it was "tough cookies" if the Senators did not research Mr. Chadwick's background. Senator Eskridge stated that the Senate obviously does not appreciate President Hogle's nominations nor does the Senate have confidence in the President's judge of character. Senator Saeed suggested that Senator Wilkie get to know Yahya Saeed as she has gotten to know Ryan Chadwick. Senator Wilkie reiterated her point that the Senate's allegiance should not be to President Hogle but rather to the students. Senator Floreani stated that there were only three questions that needed to be answered 1) Can he do the job? 2) Does he want to do the job? and 3) Does he have any indictments for embezzlement? Senator Floreani called for previous question which received three seconds and passed. The direct vote to table failed. Under general debate, Senator Richards stressed the importance of inspecting the character of Ryan Chadwick. Senator Hasselbrink stated that there have been no complaints about Mr. Chadwick's duties as chair of SSFPAC and the duties of SA treasurer are a lot less than those of SSFPAC chair. Senator Rosenberger informed the Senate of Mr. Chadwick's plan to save the SA money. Senator Dockery clarified Senator Rosenberger's remarks by stating that the plan was not to save the SA money but rather acquire surplus money from SSFPAC. Senator Floreani asked that the comments pertain to the nomination. Senator Dockery replied that he was only trying to clear confusion. Senator Richards called for previous question which received three seconds and passed unanimously. The nomination of Ryan Chadwick as Treasurer, under direct vote, passed.

b) Other Business and General Orders:

Senator Grooms moved to consider SAR27003: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION CONDEMNING GOVERNOR CLEMENTS' MARCH 22 REMOVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD which was seconded. Senator Eskridge spoke in favor of the motion and pointed out that this resolution is an excellent opportunity for the Senate to voice concern over Governor Clements' actions removing two members as chair and vice chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Speaker Burge pointed out that the two members, although removed from office, are still on the board as voting members. Under general debate, Senator Berry stated that an identical bill was passed at the TSSA convention. Senator Grooms asked what the the two bills introduced were and yielded the floor to Senator Berry. Speaker Burge interrupted and asked the Senators to keep their comments on SAR27003. Senator Floreani called previous question which received three seconds and passed. Under direct vote, SAR 27003 passed.

13. New Business and General Orders:

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

President Hogle put Darlene Hurt's name into nomination as Executive Assistant.

Senator Richards informed the Senate that he was leaving and asked if he could extend his voting privileges. Speaker Burge replied that no he could not.

b) Other New Business and General Orders:

Senator Grooms introduced the revised SPB Bylaws. Speaker Burge referred these Bylaws to the Internal Affairs Committee.

14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

Senator Berry introduced UB27001: A UNIVERSITY BILL REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING A UH STUDENT RADIO STATION. Speaker Burge referred UB27001 to the Select Committee who will refer it to the Student Life committee.

Senator Grooms introduced SAR27004: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CHANGE IN THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION CODE - SECTION 54.503 PART F.

15. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Russell asked if copies of SAR27004 are available and Speaker Burge replied that copies will be made available at the Select Committee meeting.

Senator Wilkie asked if the Select Committee meeting was this Wednesday at 3:00PM and if anyone can attend. Speaker Burge replied that the meeting is open to all, however, only members can vote.

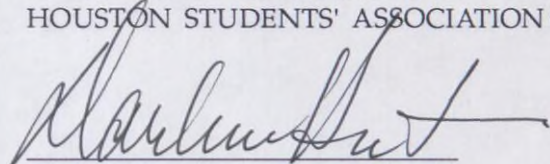
Speaker Burge informed the Senate that he will soon be passing out a sign up sheet for standing committees. Speaker Burge also said that one of his first duties as Speaker will be to call Building Services and reserve the room for the next Senate meeting.

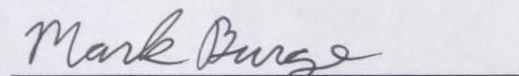
Senator Rosenberger apologized for misquoting the additional \$15,000 during the debate on Ryan Chadwick.

16. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:10PM.

APPROVED OF AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON APRIL 16, 1990

  
Darlene Hurt, Acting Senate Secretary

  
Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate