

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Ninth Meeting of the 27th Senate
Monday, July 16, 1990
Baltic Room, University Center 6:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:** Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate
2. **Call of the Roll by the Secretary:** Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:**
4. **Report of the President:** Paul Hogle
5. **Report of the Vice President:** Lee Flemming
6. **Report of the Speaker:** Mark Burge
7. **Special Reports:** Freddie Saucedo and Stephanie Long
- The Students' Association and the Environment
8. **One Minute Speeches by the Members:**
9. **Reports of the Standing Committees:**
 - a) Academic Affairs: Jan Burns, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: Tiffany Russell, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Charlie Hasselbrink, Chair
 - d) University Administration & Finance: Shannon Wilkie, Chair
10. **Report of the Select Committees:** None
11. **Special Orders:** None
12. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - None
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - None
 3. Committee on Student Life:
 - None
 4. Committee on University Administration & Finance:
 - None
 - b) Other Business and General Orders:
 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:
 - None
 2. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - None

3. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - **SAB 27003**: TO ADOPT TITLE 1 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS RULES OF THE SENATE, TO EXPRESSLY REPEAL BYLAWS REPLACED BY THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY
Sponsors: P. Jan Burns, Tiffany Russell, Shannon Wilkie, & Mark Burge
 - **SAB 27004**: ESTABLISHING A STUDENT SENATOR CONTACT PROGRAM WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE
Sponsors: John Berggren, Tiffany Russell, & Mark Burge
 - **SAB 27005**: COMMITTING SUPPORT FOR HOSTING THE AAUS CENTRAL REIGON CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 11-14, 1990
Sponsor: Michael Berry
4. Committee on Student Life:
 - **SAR 27006** : RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS ON CAMPUS BY NAMING A DAY IN THEIR HONOR
Sponsors: Joel Richards, & Ken Wong
 - **UB 27006** : REQUIRING THAT TEXTBOOKS PRICED MORE THAN FORTY DOLLARS BE PLACED IN M.D. ANDERSON LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC USE
Sponsor: Michael Berry
5. Committee on University Administration and Finance:
 - **UB 27009**: CONCERNING BOARD CONTRACTS
Sponsors: Mark Burge and Michael Rosenberger
 - **UB 27010**: ADDING AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE IN THE SATTELITE
Sponsor: E. F. Hasselbrink

13. New Business and General Orders:

- a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
 - Nominations to the Ad Hoc Traffic Courts
- b) Other New Business and General Orders:

14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

- a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda:
 - **SAR 27008**: CALLING FOR THE IMPLIMENTATION OF GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES FOLLOWING THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT SPRING COMMENCEMENT
Sponsor: D. Lee Grooms
 - **SAB 27006**: AUTHORIZING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO HAVE POWER BY ITSELF TO APPROVE AD HOC TRAFFIC COURT JUSTICES
Sponsor: Tiffany Russell
- b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:
- c) Motions on Committee Bypass

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 Speaker of the Senate Mark Burge at 6:06 PM.

2. Call of the roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: John A. Berggren, Michael C. Berry, P. Jan Burns, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Charlie Hasselbrink, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Joel Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany Russell, Farrel Sharp, Shannon Wilkie.

The following senators were absent: Majid Husain.

The following senators were late: None.

The following senators were excused: Carey Eskridge, Michael Floreani.

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 Paul Hoglund was out of town.

5. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Lee Flemming was out of town.

6. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Mark Burge spoke about the absence policy, reminding the senators that missing one third of the Summer Senate meetings (2 meetings) constituted grounds for removal from the Summer Senate. In such a situation, the affected senators can still attend the Senate and committee meetings. However they will have no voting or speaking rights in the Senate. Senator Berggren asked if removed senators would have voting rights in committee meetings. Speaker Burge said that for quorum purposes they would. The Speaker addressed the confusion regarding the terms 'author' and 'sponsor.' He said any person can author a piece of legislation. To come to the senate floor, however, it must have a senator sponsor it. He said it is perfectly permissible for senators to author and sponsor a piece of legislation by themselves, but that it is often wise to find several sponsors to demonstrate a wide range of support for the legislation.

7. Special Reports:

Freddie Saucedo, Director of External Affairs spoke about SA and the environment. He introduced his executive intern Stephanie Long, who stressed on the need for environmental public awareness campaigns. She said the Daily Cougar ought to be used as an access way to launch such a campaign to make the campus community aware of the extent of pollution. Ms. Long said she was giving sample sheets of recycled paper to various departments in order to demonstrate its quality and to help get a recycling program started. She urged the senators to give their support to such a program. Speaking on the role SA can take, Freddie Saucedo said that SA does not have the resources or the authority to do such a campaign strictly on its own. He said that SA has other legislative responsibilities and that there are groups which are better focused for such activity. However, SA can act as a focal point to start a campus coalition for other groups. Mr. Saucedo said SA can increase student, faculty and staff awareness on this matter. He encouraged new legislation to increase student awareness and to increase the efforts already existing. Senator Burns asked if we needed to establish separate receptacles for recycled products. Freddie Saucedo said newspapers and other recycled goods need to be separated from normal trash. Ms Long said she was trying to get some information on establishing separate receptacles. Senator Gandhi asked if the Daily Cougar recycled its papers. Speaker Burge said it was his impression that they do. Senator Burns asked whether a committee ought to be set up or if an individual approach to each of the departments would be more in order. Mr. Saucedo said it would be better to first form an ad hoc committee to research the departments and then follow up on the matter.

8. One Minute Speeches:

Senator Hasselbrink apologized for the confusion created concerning the Student Life committee meeting time.

Senator Burns thanked the Senate for passing her bill regarding surplus funds at the last senate meeting.

Senator Hasselbrink announced that the next Student Life committee meeting will be on Wednesday, July 18th.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

1) Academic Affairs: Senator Burns, Chair of Academic Affairs said her committee had not met since the last Senate meeting because it had no business pending.

2) Internal Affairs: Senator Russell, Chair of Internal Affairs said her committee was reporting out favorably on SAB 27003: TO ADOPT TITLE 1 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS RULES OF THE SENATE, TO EXPRESSLY REPEAL BYLAWS REPLACED BY THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY and on SAB 27004: ESTABLISHING A STUDENT SENATOR CONTACT PROGRAM WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE. She said her committee was also reporting out favorably on SAB 27005: COMMITTING SUPPORT FOR HOSTING THE AAUS CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 11-14, 1990.

3) Student Life: Senator Sharp, Vice Chair of Student Life said his committee was reporting out unfavorably on UB 27006: REQUIRING THAT TEXTBOOKS PRICED MORE THAN FORTY DOLLARS BE PLACED IN M.D. ANDERSON LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC USE. He said SAR 27006: RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS ON CAMPUS BY NAMING A DAY IN THEIR HONOR had been tabled for further discussion.

4) University Administration and Finance: Senator Wilkie, Chair of University Administration and

Finance said her committee was reporting out favorably on UB 27009: CONCERNING BOARD CONTRACTS. They hope to report out on UB 27010: ADDING AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE IN THE SATELLITE at the next meeting.

10) Report of the Select Committees:

None.

11) Special Orders:

None.

12) Unfinished Business and General Orders:

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

None.

b) Other Business and General Orders:

Senator Russell spoke in favor of SAB 27003: TO ADOPT TITLE 1 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS RULES OF THE SENATE, TO EXPRESSLY REPEAL BYLAWS REPLACED BY THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY. There was no general debate and the bill passed with two abstentions.

Senator Burns spoke in favor of SAB 27004: ESTABLISHING A STUDENT SENATOR PROGRAM WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE. She said it is very important that the Faculty Senate and Students' Association keep on touch. There was no general debate and the bill passed unanimously.

Senator Grooms spoke in favor of SAB 27005: COMMITTING SUPPORT FOR HOSTING THE AAUS CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 11-14, 1990. He said everything is documented in the form where AAUS is accountable to SA for its spending. Senator Richards asked what the \$60-\$70 conference fee was for. Senator Grooms said it was for all delegate expenses and that SA would be reimbursed with these funds within thirty days after the close of the conference. Senator Hasselbrink asked if Mikal Belicove still owes SA receipts from his AAUS fiscal activities. Senator Russell replied that she has now received all the pertinent receipts and that he does not owe any money. Senator Berggren asked if the loan of SA office space to AAUS would disrupt regular SA activities, especially the use of computer time. Senator Grooms said such a matter would be an executive decision. Senator Rosenberger asked the Speaker what the legalities of a situation were if there was a conflict in the decision of the President and the Senate on the matter of the \$4800 financial limit. The Speaker said they both branches would have to concur for the limit to be changed. Senator Rosenberger asked if the privilege of using office space would begin on October 11. The Speaker said it would take effect immediately upon passage of the bill. Senator Rosenberger asked who is planning the AAUS conference. Senator Grooms said there is a campus organization called AAUS at UH which is planning the conference and that SA Executive Assistant Darlene Hurt is acting as the conference chair. Senator Hasselbrink proposed an amendment to create a window of time for office use "beginning September 1, 1990, and ending 30 days after the close of the conference," and to include a clause making the AAUS Central Reigon Chair, Mikal Belicove, "personally responsible" for overspending in the event that AAUS at UH does not have the funds to reimburse SA. Senator Richards called for a division of the amendment which the Senate approved. In debate on the first part of the amendment, Senator

Rosenberger asked why AAUS needed to have access to working space after the conference. Senator Hasselbrink said there are a lot of odds and ends to be tied up after an event. Senator Hasselbrink then proposed an amendment to the amendment to change 'September 1' to 'August 1'. Senator Wilkie said it was obvious that 'no one knows what is going on' and moved that Mikal Belicove, Central Region Chair of AAUS be allowed to speak. The motion failed for lack of a second. The amendment to the amendment passed with seven votes in favor and three against. Senator Berggren asked if SA has sufficient funds to pay for office supplies. Senator Grooms said that Ryan Chadwick in his capacity as Treasurer for both SA and AAUS will consider all office expenditures. Senator Richards moved the previous question. The first part of the amendment (concerning office space) failed with five votes in favor and four against. Senator Wilkie moved to open the floor to allow Mikal Belicove to speak. The motion failed with four votes in favor and five against. In general debate on the second part of the amendment (concerning AAUS financial accountability) Senator Richards asked what guarantee there is that AAUS will make a 100% reimbursement to SA. Senator Grooms said Mikal Belicove and AAUS are two separate entities and that the Senate is missing the point of the bill. Senator Richards asked who in AAUS was responsible for the allocation of these funds and who will pay SA back. . Senator Grooms said SA Treasurer Ryan Chadwick will be in charge of AAUS finances. Senator Hasselbrink asked Senator Grooms not to read too much into his proposed amendment. He said he wanted people to be aware that overspending does take place. Senator Russell said any finances above the amount mentioned in the bill would first have to be approved by the Senate. Senator Burns called the previous question, which passed. The amendment failed with no votes in favor, eight votes against, and three abstentions. Back in general debate on the original bill, Senator Grooms noted that according to the bill, AAUS at UH will reimburse SA regardless of the turnout at the conference. Senator Hasselbrink asked if they had the money to do so. Senator Grooms said the reason the event has been planned so much in advance is to insure that they will have the money. Senator Richards asked what the line item "miscellaneous fees" expense covered. Senator Hasselbrink said it included items like photocopying, etc. Senator Sharp asked who the members of AAUS at UH are. Senator Grooms Campus Activities has some records regarding that. Senator Wilkie called the previous question. There were eight votes in favor of closing debate, but Senator Rosenberger asked if he could voice another opinion. Seeing that there was a some of confusion regarding the meaning of calling the previous question, the Speaker explained the matter and asked for a second vote to see who was in favor of closing debate. After failing atwo-thirds majority, debate was declared still open. Senator Rosenberger asked why SA funds needed to be allocated for the conference and why AAUS couldn't pay for it. Senator Grooms said they had no money for the conference as they had not charged anyone for the conference yet. Moreover, AAUS would like to have the credibility of SA behind it. Senator Rosenberger then asked if the central organization would cover its debts in the event of AAUS being unable to pay. Senator Grooms said AAUS at UH is as legally liable as it can be. Senator Gandhi asked why delegates to the conference couldn't prepay for the conference now. Senator Hasselbrink said most schools will not know if they can attend the conference until perhaps a month in advance at the most. Senator Burns called the previous question. The motion failed again for lack of a two thirds majority. Senator Grooms said most schools follow the September-to-September fiscal year and therefore they cannot prepay their delegate fees. He said we don't have the money to do so either at this time of the year. Senator Gandhi asked that if this is true then how can we have the money to commit SA to hosting the conference. Senator Burns said purchase orders are used which can roll over to the next fiscal year. Senator Wilkie moved the previous question. The debate closed with a two thirds majority. The bill passed with seven votes in favor and five abstentions.

Senator Burns spoke against UB 27006: REQUIRING THAT TEXTBOOKS PRICED MORE THAN FORTY DOLLARS BE PLACED IN THEM.D. ANDERSON LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC USE. She said it was financially infeasible. Senator Hasselbrink said it will lead to problems in billing as well. The bill failed with one vote in favor, six against and three abstentions.

Senator Rosenberger spoke in favor of UB 27009: CONCERNING BOARD CONTRACTS. He said it will make residential life much easier. Senator Wilkie said the primary job of SA is student advocacy and that this is an excellent place to take a stand since most students have no idea what they are getting into when they sign the housing contracts. The bill passed unanimously.

13. New Business and General Orders:

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

Senator Grooms moved to bypass committee on the nominations to ad hoc traffic court. He spoke in favor of the nominations and said the candidates had all been interviewed and found satisfactory by Yahya Saeed, Director of Personnel. He said a majority of the candidates had been involved with SA in one way or the other in the past. Senator Berggren asked for the names of the candidates. Senator Russell said the candidates are Lee Grooms, Yahya Saeed, Mohammed Ali, Salim Chatoor, Ronald Richard, Tuan Vu Nguyen and Nandita Venkateswaran. Senator Wilkie asked if it is a temporary court and Speaker Burge replied that it is. Senator Richards asked what the specific role of these courts is. Speaker Burge said these are temporary courts meant to deal with the backlog of traffic ticket cases. The move to bypass committee and accept the nominations passed with a two-thirds majority.

b) Other New Business and General Orders:

Senator Rosenberger moved that Tim Oakley, President of Bleacher Creatures and SA representative on the Athletic Advisory Board be allowed to speak at the next Senate meeting. Senator Richards requested that an amendment be added to establish a blank space for a time limit to be entered in order to keep the meetings brief. The amendment passed with ten votes in favor and one against. Senator Burns nominated 'five minutes' to fill the blank. There were no other time limit nominations and so the blank was filled with 'five minutes.' The motion itself passed with eleven votes in favor of such a time limit.

Senator Rosenberger also apologized that he did not have a bill favoring Career Planning and Placement decentralization. He said that he could not get past the College of Business front desk to discuss the matter.

14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation.

a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to the Publication of the Agenda:

The Speaker said SAR 27008: CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES FOLLOWING THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT SPRING COMMENCEMENT will go to the committee on Academic Affairs.

The Speaker said SAB 27006: AUTHORIZING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO HAVE POWER BY ITSELF TO APPROVE AD HOC TRAFFIC COURT JUSTICES will go to Student Life.

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:

Senator Berggren introduced SAR 27009: ADVOCATING THE CONTINUATION OF CENTRALIZED PLACEMENT SERVICES. It was referred to University Administration and Finance.

Senator Grooms introduced SAR 27010: OPPOSING AN INCREASE IN COMPULSORY STUDENT SERVICE FEES. It was referred to University Administration and Finance.

c) Motions on Committee Bypass:

None.

15. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Richards asked if it is within the authority of a committee to initiate its own legislation and Speaker Burge replied that it is.

Senator Gandhi said she regretted not being at the last Senate meeting because it made this meeting somewhat difficult to follow.

Senator Hasselbrink asked his committee members to meet with him after the meeting.

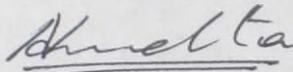
Senator Burns said she would be interested in meeting with Freddie Saucedo to head a committee about environmental issues.

Speaker Burge asked senators to come and see him if they had any problem with absence policies.

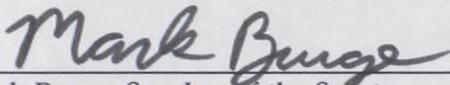
16. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:05 PM.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON JULY 30, 1990



Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary



Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate