

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Meeting of the 27th Senate
Monday, April 2, 1990
Dallas-El Paso Room, University Center 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer: Paul Hoglund, President-Elect
2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Darlene Hurt, Acting Senate Secretary
 - a) Swearing in of the President and Vice President by the Chief Justice, Ann Wilkerson
 - b) Swearing in of the Senate by the President, Paul Hoglund
3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting: None
4. Report of the President: Paul Hoglund, President
5. Report of the Vice President: Lee Flemming, Vice President
6. Report of the Speaker: None - Speaker is to be elected at the Senate's second meeting.
7. Special Reports: Mikal Evan Belicove, Former President
8. One Minute Speeches by the Members:
9. Reports of the Standing Committees: Standing committees have not yet been appointed.
10. Reports 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: None
13. New Business and General Orders:
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments: None
 - b) Other New Business and General Orders: None
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 the President-elect, Paul Hogle, at 7:10PM.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

The following Senators were present: Grooms, Dockery, Sunderaj, Cortes, Richards, Nguyen, Burge, Wong, Rosenberger, Eastman, Shah, Burns, Talley, Hasselbrink, Hussain, Kelly, Kothari, Russell, Gandhi, Chargois, Floreani, Zarka, Saeed, Sharp, Dunnigan, Oholendt, Eskridge, Berry, Wilkie, Corbello, and Cooley.

The following Senators were absent: None

The following Senators were late: Karim and Berggren.

The President and Vice-President were sworn in by Anne Wilkerson, Chief Justice of the Student Court and the President in turn swore in the members of the Senate.

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

There were no minutes available to be read and corrected.

4. Report of the President:

President Hogle welcomed and congratulated the members of the 27th Senate. President Hogle proceeded with an outline of his legislative itinerary which included 1) actively seeking to improve the condition of the M.D. Anderson Library, 2) working with Faculty Senate and administration to address the lack of funding, 3) carpooling, and 4) correcting problems with add/drop by making available, in the library, copies of teacher evaluations and syllabi. President Hogle continued by making mention of the upcoming TSSA convention in Corpus Christi and the need of an interim Select Committee to review new legislation and presidential appointments. President Hogle concluded his report asking new Senators to help make the 27th Senate more than just something to do on Monday nights.

5. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Flemming introduced himself and congratulated all the members of the 27th Senate.

6. Report of the Speaker:

There has not been an elected Speaker; however, President Hogle said that one would be elected at the next Senate meeting.

7. Special Reports:

Mikal Evan Belicove, former SA President, spoke on what is at stake at the University of Houston over the next year and how the 27th Senate needs to be committed to producing high quality legislation to address the needs of the University. Mr. Belicove also stressed the importance of this year's Senate acting not like a parade but rather focus on consistently providing input to UH administration. In particular, he mentioned the importance of this year's SA because it will be the first to deal with many administrators, such as the incoming UH President.

8. One Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Hasselbrink proposed that Senators come up with at least one idea a week for legislation. This, he said, would equal out to 52 pieces of legislation each. Senator Hasselbrink continued by telling the Senators to stay active and to devote time to thinking about issues important to the University.

Senator Burge stated that he will be introducing three new pieces of legislation later on tonight; two of which he would like to see bypass committee. Senator Burge continued by informing Senators that the first of three presidential candidates is scheduled to be on the UH campus later this week and how important it is for the 27th Senate to make a statement that student government is active at UH on issues such as the condition of the library and undergraduate education.

Senator Berggren asked if the red notebooks belonged to the Senators to keep. President Hogle informed him that they were.

Senator Eskridge stressed the importance of funding as the Senate's primary concern and stated that the Senators should try to develop a solution.

All Senators were then asked to stand, state their name, and the college they represented.

Senator Grooms commended Senator Burge for taking the initiative and developing three pieces of legislation for the first meeting.

Senator Rosenberger congratulated the new Senators and stated that he will soon be proposing legislation creating "Meet the Senator Day".

Senator Burns stated that since she came in late to the 26th Senate, she understands how Robert's Rules of Order can be intimidating and if anyone has any questions, do not hesitate to ask them.

9. Report of Standing Committees:

At this time, there are no standing committees but, President Hogle stated that the new Speaker of the Senate will begin setting up Standing Committees at the next meeting.

10. Report of the Select Committee:

None

11. Special Orders:

None

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:
 - a. Presidential Nominations and Appointments
None
 - b. Other Business and General Orders:
None

13. New Business and General Orders:
 - a. Presidential Nominations and Appointments
None
 - b. Other New Business and General Orders
None

14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

Senator Burge introduced Students' Association Resolution 27001: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TO INITIATE FUNDING FOR THE UH LIBRARIES AT 100 PERCENT OF THE COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION.

Senator Grooms moved to bypass committee on SAR27001. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The speaker in favor of the bill was Senator Burge who stated that in order for this Senate to be a success, it needs to do more than just pass legislation, they need the respect and recognition of the new president. Senator Burge continued by informing the Senate that the UH Libraries are in danger of being put on probation since they rank 105 out of the 106 research libraries in America in key areas. Senator Burge concluded by mentioning that the administration is not putting the money recommended for the library by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board into the libraries and stated that a copy of this bill would be sent to the presidential finalists. There were no speakers against this bill. Under General Debate, Senator Grooms stated his support for this bill and said that the Senate needs to take a stand on issues like this. Senator Cortes asked where the money that is not going to the library going? Senator Burge stated that the Senate ought to investigate this problem since no one seems to know. Senator Tally pointed out some misspellings in the bill. Senator Burge stated that those would be corrected before the final copy is sent to the presidential finalists. Senator Dockery then asked if SAR27001 should go to committee. Senator Burge replied that this was the only opportunity the Senate had to address this issue since one of the presidential finalists is scheduled to be on campus this week. Senator Rosenberger asked who is ultimately responsible for deciding to implement only 93% of the recommendations. Senator Burge responded by informing the Senate that the UH Administration develops the budget but ultimate responsibility lies with the UH Board of Regents. Senator Hasselbrink called previous question, it received three seconds, and passed by a 2/3 vote. SAR27001 then went to a direct vote and passed unanimously.

Senator Burge introduced Students' Association Resolution 27002: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TO INCREASE PRIORITY GIVEN TO UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON.

Senator Grooms then moved to bypass committee on SAR27002. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The speaker in favor was Senator Sunderaj who stated that undergraduate studies form the basis of graduate and professional studies and thus were very important. There were no speakers against SAR27002. Under general debate, Senator Berry asked if a senator could give his speaking time to a non-senator. Senator Dockery said that the request needed to be voted on. Senator Berry then moved to suspend the rules to allow Mikal Belicove to speak. Senator Grooms added a friendly

ammendment to limit the speakers time to four minutes. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Belicove then spoke on the importance of emphasis being placed on undergraduate studies. Senator Rosenberger stated that the bill is attacking the symptom and not the problem and that the emphasis should be on bringing in federal dollars. Senator Eskridge disagreed and said that it is important that the three finalists to immediately recognize that emphasis needs to be changed to undergraduate education. Senator Grooms added that much of the Senate's job is to point out problems for the administration to fix. Senator Hasselbrink then stated graduate students are a substantial group and that monies should not be taken away and transferred to undergraduate studies. Instead, priorities need to be evaluated since research brings in \$80 million. The root of the problem is teaching assistants who should be required to pass communication tests. Senator Sunderaj reiterated Senator Hasselbrink's points about the teaching assistant problem. Senator Dockery called previous question, it received three seconds and passed with a 2/3 majority. SAR27002 went to a direct vote and passed.

Senator Burge then introduced Students' Association Resolution 27003: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION CONDEMNING GOVERNOR CLEMENTS' MARCH 22 REMOVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD. Sponsor was Senator Grooms. SAR27003 was referred to the Select Committee.

15. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Burns stated the importance of undergraduates are the largest constituency to the faculty senate.

Senator Karim announced that he would like to pass a sheet of paper around to have Senators sign if they were interested in participating in the Senate Select Committee.

Senator Dockery moved to adjourn. After the motion was seconded, Senator Grooms called for a roll-call vote. The roll call vote was as follows:

Senator Grooms	N	
Senator Dockery		Y
Senator Sunderaj		Y
Senator Cortes		N
Senator Richards		Y
Senator Nguyen		Y
Senator Burge		N
Senator Karim		N
Senator Berggren		N
Senator Wong		N
Senator Rosenberger		Y
Senator Eastman		N
Senator Shah		Y
Senator Burns		N
Senator Talley	Y	
Senator Hasselbrink		N
Senator Hussain		Y
Senator Kelly		Y
Senator Kothari		Y
Senator Russell	Y	
Senator Ghandi		N
Senator Chargois		Absent
Senator Floreani		N

Senator Zarka		Y
Senator Saeed		N
Senator Sharp		N
Senator Dunnigan		Y
Senator Oholendt		Y
Senator Eskridge		Y
Senator Berry		N
Senator Wilkie	N	
Senator Corbello		Y
Senator Cooley	N	

The motion to adjourn failed to achieve a 2/3 majority.

Senator Grooms commented that the reason he called for a roll call vote was so that there would be a record of who was concerned about what fellow Senators had to say, and who simply wanted to leave. He suggested that if senators were not interested in hearing what others think that perhaps they should not be there.

Senator Sharp announced that he is preparing legislation on teaching assistants and asked for all interested Senators to get with him.

Senator Burge informed the Senate that the Daily Cougar will probably be running announcements on when the presidential finalists will be on campus. Senator Burge asked everyone to take advantage of this time to question these candidates.

Senator Burns asked the Senators to write letters to the editor and editorials and submit them to the Daily Cougar in an effort to build good relations with the newspaper.

Senator Rosenberger solicited support for his bill calling for a "Meet the Senator" day.

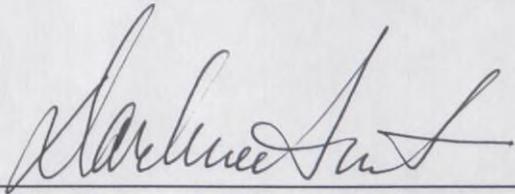
President Hoglund reminded the Senators that the TSSA conference will be this weekend and informed them that there were two slots open for Senators, if they wanted to attend. President Hoglund then passed around a sheet of paper asking for volunteers to serve on the Select Committee.

Senator Dockery apologized to anyone who felt offended and commented that he felt that the Comments/Announcements phase of the meeting was over. Senator Dockery then moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

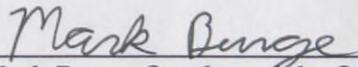
16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

APPROVED OF AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON APRIL 9, 1990



Darlene Hurt, Acting Senate Secretary



Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate