

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Twentieth Meeting of the 27th Senate  
Monday, January 28, 1991  
Regents Room, University Center 7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:** Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate
2. **Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:** Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:**
4. **Special Reports:**
5. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**
6. **Report of the President:** Paul Hoglund
7. **Report of the Vice President:** Lee Flemming
8. **Report of the Speaker:** Mark Burge
9. **Reports of the Standing Committees:**
  - a) Academic Affairs: Michael Berry, Chair
  - b) Internal Affairs: Tiffany Russell, Chair
  - c) Student Life: Joel Richards, Chair
  - d) University Administration & Finance: Michael Rosenberger, Vice Chair
10. **Reports of the Select Committees:** None
11. **Special Orders:** None
12. **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:
13. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**
  - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
    1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
      - Glenda Johnson - Academic Council
      - Daniel Lurvey - Undergraduate Council
      - Ashish Kulkarni - Bookstore Advisory Committee
    2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
      - Kathryn Sherman - SSFPAC
    3. Committee on Student Life:
      - None
    4. Committee on University Administration & Finance:
      - Shaik Ahmed - Safety Committee

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:

- **SAR 27024**: REQUESTING PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUTURE AUXILIARY FUNDS

**Sponsors**: Joel Richards & Michael Berry

2. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

- **None**

3. Committee on Academic Affairs:

- **UB 27016**: CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

**Sponsor**: Tiffany Russell

5. Committee on Internal Affairs:

- **None**

4. Committee on Student Life:

- **None**

**14. New Business and General Orders:**

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:

b) Motions on Committee Bypass:

c) Other New Business and General Orders:

**15. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary:** Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary

**16. Comments and Announcements:**

**17. Adjournment:**

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**1. Call to order by the Presiding Officer:**

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate Mark Burge at 7:05 PM.

**2. Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:**

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: Alex Arenas, Michael Banta, Michael Berry, Damon Chargois, Chris Cortes, Dean Draper, Scott Eastman, Eduardo Elizando, Matthew Emal, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Lloyd Jacobson, Satish Kauta, Michael Oholendt, Joel Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany Russell, Farrell Sharp, Zaigham Shah, Devi Sunderaj.

The following senators were excused: Michael Floreani, Tuan Nguyen.

The following senators were absent: John Berggren, Richard Corbello, Majid Husain, Mohammed Khan, Cheryl Price, Mohammed Ali Saeed.

The following university officials were present: Consuelo Trevino, Director of Campus Activities and Willie Munson, Dean of Students.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

**4. Special Reports:**

None.

**5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**

Senator Grooms thanked the Senate for its unanimous approval of UB 27023: REQUIRING THAT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION LEGISLATION BE ROUTED DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. He said he met with Dr. Barnett and she signed the bill after initially refusing to do so. Senator Grooms said Dr. Barnett had previously been totally unaware of the amount of legislation passed by SA.

Senator Banta welcomed Kittrie Gleason, sitting in the audience to the Senate. He said she is a future College of Education senator.

Senator Emal said he would like to initiate a comprehensive rape policy on campus. He asked interested senators to get in touch with him.

**6. Report of the President:**

President Hogle said he is nominating Albert Holden for Chief Election Commissioner. He said he is extremely proud of Senator Nguyen's bill establishing an Asian Studies program on campus. He praised the research behind the bill and said the way the bill was worded allowed for a lot of flexibility for the administration. He said Speaker Burge has written a bill concerning the effects of the war in the Middle East on our campus. He said he and Hatim Abussiniena, Vice President of ISO are working on an article on the same matter for publication in the Daily Cougar. He said the computer use fee will increase by \$10 next semester. President Hogle said Don Easterling, Chair of the University Library committee, and a member of the audience can satisfy any queries from interested senators. President Hogle said he vetoed SAR 27024: REQUESTING PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUTURE AUXILIARY FUNDS upon the request of some senators. He said a company is producing folders which SA will distribute over the summer. These folders are similar to the SA discount card and will be good publicity for SA. He said there is a new computer system in the SA office and asked senators to go down to the office and have Doris update their disks. President Hogle yielded the floor to Sandhya Sanghani, SA Treasurer so she could deliver her report from September, October, November and December. Senator Grooms asked if there were utility charges for September. Ms. Sanghani said she took it off the FAS. Senator Grooms asked what equipment was purchased in November for \$146.53. Ms. Sanghani said an extra telephone outlet, an answering machine etc. came under this purchase title. She said the update is on her desk and asked anyone who has questions to stop by and ask her.

#### 7. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Flemming said he and President Hogle are meeting with Dr. Roland Smith tomorrow. He said the volunteer campaign reception is on February 26 at 11:30 AM. He said Black History month is in February and General Harris will be on campus to deliver a talk. Vice President Flemming said she is the first black flight commander. He encouraged senators to attend the talk. He said faculty and staff are donating their time to the university as part of the development campaign. He asked the Senate to think about writing a resolution thanking them for putting their money and time back into the university. Vice President Flemming said the AAUS conference is coming up in St. Louis on September 27th. He said SA would like to send 2-3 people who are willing to keep involved in it next year too. Vice President Flemming said the following people are being nominated for the Election Commission:

Albert Holden-Chief Election Commissioner  
Angela Cowan-Assistant Election Commissioner  
Suja George-Assistant Election Commissioner

He said the office of the Election Commissioner has been opened and Albert Holden has started performing some of his duties. Vice President Flemming yielded the floor to Albert Holden.

While outlining his reasons for taking the job, Albert Holden said he would like to do something to contribute to the university as a whole. He also said he has always wanted to be Election Commissioner. He said he was the head of the judicial review in high school. Mr. Holden said he is a hall director in the residence halls and is used to working in underpaid jobs. He said he has handled disciplinary and counseling roles. Mr. Holden said he is not affiliated with any parties and will take this job seriously.

Senator Sunderaj asked him if he can handle the stress. Mr. Holden said he handles stress as hall director. Senator Shah asked him if he had any concrete program in mind to deal with misbehavior. Mr. Holden said he will enforce the code strictly. Senator Chargois said people make mistakes and suggested not being too harsh.

Vice President Flemming asked senators to keep involved and said an election does not give us the right to ignore our duty.

#### 8. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Burge said we need a UAF chair as Senator Berggren resigned from the position at a difficult time. He asked interested senators to come see him. He asked if anyone needed a copy of this semester's schedule of Senate meetings. He said he has asked committee chairs to set regular meeting times and hoped they will do it tonight. He said all senators are required to be on one and no more than two committees and asked senators who needed to change committees because of their schedule to come and see him. He said that according to UB 27023 the legislation route has been changed back to the original route. Speaker Burge said this is a major improvement as it gives us more accessibility to President Barnett. He reiterated the importance of writing bills giving weight to flexibility. Citing an example he said Senator Banta wrote an excellent bill on smoking but the administration would not approve it as it dealt with only one college. Making it university wide would have given more flexibility to the administration. Speaker Burge said SAR 27026: CONCERNING EFFECTS OF THE CURRENT WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST was written after consultation with Campus Activities. He said SA can take a leadership role in promoting unity on campus. He said UH can be proud of its tolerance and free speech. He said no matter what our individual views on the war are we all want to see the troops back safe. Speaker Burge said he is hoping to see strong support for this resolution among the senators and passed a copy around asking them to sponsor it.

#### 9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

##### a) Academic Affairs:

Senator Berry, Chair of Academic Affairs said AA tabled the following nominations as he could not get in touch with the applicants:

Glenda Johnson--Academic Council  
Daniel Lurvey-Undergraduate Council  
Ashish Kulkarni-Bookstore Advisory Committee

Senator Grooms asked how long these nominations have been in committee. Speaker Burge said one nomination has been in committee since October and the other two since November.

##### b) Internal Affairs:

Senator Russell, Chair of Internal Affairs said they had tabled the nomination of Kathryn Sherman to SSFPAC.

##### c) Student Life:

Senator Richards, Chair of Student Life said his committee did not meet as they had no business to conduct.

##### d) University Administration and Finance:

Senator Richards said Senator Rosenberger, Vice Chair of University Administration and Finance said he is unable to attend as he has a class at the same time. He asked Senator Richards to convey a message that his committee has not yet met and will report once a chair is found.

#### 10. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

#### 11. Special Orders:

Senator Grooms introduced the nomination of James Engel for Director of Finance for Student Program Board.

He said officers of SPB have to be confirmed by SA according to law. He said Mr. Engel is eminently qualified and has been approved by SPB. Senator Grooms asked if anyone was interested in reading his resume.

Senator Russell said according to the constitution the Director of Finance has to report to a certain committee in SA. She asked Senator Grooms for Mr. Engel's opinion on this matter. In response, Senator Grooms said the subject has not yet come up and Mr. Engel will begin on February 4th. Senator Grooms moved to confirm the appointment of James Engel as Director of Finance. Senator Emal spoke in favor of the appointment and said James Engel is a good choice. He said he was a former President of College Republicans. Senator Berry asked if this is the end of the term for the Director of Finance. Senator Grooms said the former Director resigned and James will finish the term until the end of May. The nomination was put to a vote and approved with 18 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

## 12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

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

None.

- b) Legislation introduced on the Senate Floor:

Senator Russell introduced UB 27025: BEGINNING GREATER PLACEMENT OF BICYCLE RACKS ON CAMPUS.

Senator Grooms introduced UB 27024: ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON and SAR 27026: CONCERNING EFFECTS OF THE CURRENT WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Senator Berry introduced SAR 27027: COMMENDING DR. STUART HALL FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AS FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT and SAR 27028: SUPPORTING DR. JOHN BERNARD DURING THE YEAR 1991 AS UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT and SAB 27017: AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION OF THE STUDENT REGENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SAB 27011.

Senator Eastman moved to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Easterling to speak on the increase in the Computer Use fee. Vice President Flemming asked if it is possible to put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Senator Richards moved to set a time limit of 2 minutes. The motion was put to a vote and passed with a two-thirds majority.

Mr. Easterling said SA and the students of UH deserve a pat on the back for UB 27005 dealing with Library Donations. Concerning the \$10 increase in a Computer Use fee, he said the Board of Regents approved it during the Christmas break. He said the \$10 fee is specifically for one thing-the purchase of a new computer system. He said the present online system is too slow and obsolete. The new system will be faster and more efficient.

Senator Chargois asked the Senate to allow 2 minutes for questioning. The motion was put on the floor and passed.

Senator Chargois asked if this fee is for every semester. Mr. Easterling said it is and that it will include catalogues expansion. He said in the long run it will call up texts. Senator Eastman asked till when the \$10 fee will apply. Mr. Easterling said it will apply for a long time as there are licensing fees for an onrunning catalog. Senator Elizando asked what will happen to the old computers. Mr. Easterling said they will be trashed. Senator Elizando asked why students were not informed of this increase. Mr. Easterling said no one was on campus during the break. Senator Russell said that must have been the way they wanted it. Mr. Easterling said he will be available at the end of the meeting for questioning.

**13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:**

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

All university standing committee appointments were reported on as earlier.

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business:

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:

SAR 27024: REQUESTING PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUTURE AUXILIARY FUNDS was postponed on the floor after a motion by Senator Berry. He said he would like to do more research on the matter.

2. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

None.

3. Committee on Academic Affairs:

UB 27016: CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES was still in committee.

4. Committee on Student Life:

None.

5. Committee on Internal Affairs:

None.

**14. New Business and General Orders:**

Senator Grooms moved to discharge the 3 appointments in Academic Affairs to Student Life. Speaking in favor of the motion he said the nominees have been in committee for too long and that senators in Student Life have handled interviews especially well. He said these people need to be on their committees. Senator Grooms said SA exists to facilitate SA representation on committees. Senator Berry spoke against the motion and said he cannot see where Academic Affairs has failed. He questioned the logic behind transferring these nominations to a committee which has not even had a meeting. Senator Berry said he has not been able to contact the nominees yet. Senator Eastman said Senator Berry intends to deal with the nominations by the next meeting and transferring them to another committee will not expedite matters in any way. He said he is giving Senator Berry a vote of confidence. Senator Grooms said he does not mean this as a personal attack and is only looking at the interests of the 3 nominees in committee. Senator Elizando said the nominees have not shown any initiative in getting in touch with the committee and suggested that Senator Berry deal with the matter. Senator Grooms said while he does not know what the experience of the nominees with AA is, their experience with the Personnel Office was horrendous. He said he knows attempts were made by the nominees to contact Academic Affairs. Senator Kauta said that Senator Berry's word that he has tried to contact the nominees should be good enough and anything else is a personal insult to Senator Berry.

The motion was put to a vote and defeated.

Senator Grooms moved to discharge the nomination of Shaik Ahmed to the Safety Committee from

University Administration and Finance to Academic Affairs as UAF will not be meeting. The motion was put to a vote and defeated.

#### 14. New Business and General Orders:

##### a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:

President Hoglund introduced the following nominations which were referred as follows:

Albert Holden--Chief Election Commissioner--Internal Affairs  
Angela Cowan--Assistant Election Commissioner--Internal Affairs  
Suja George--Assistant Election Commissioner--Internal Affairs

##### b) Motions on Committee Bypass:

Senator Richards asked if there are any vacant Senate positions. Speaker Burge said 4 positions are currently vacant. Senator Banta said Kittrie Gleason was told by Doris Ayyubi, SA Administrative Secretary that she will be the new Education #2 senator. President Hoglund said she still needs to go through the through the interview process. Vice President Flemming asked her to get in touch with him at a later date. Speaker Burge suggested Internal Affairs interview the candidate in advance. Senator Grooms moved to bypass committee on SAR 27026: CONCERNING EFFECTS OF THE CURRENT WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST. The motion was put to vote and passed with a two thirds majority.

Senator Grooms spoke in favor of the motion. He said the resolution upholds the spirit of toleration and celebrates the spirit of unity on campus. Senator Emal reminded senators that most of them sponsored the resolution. Senator Berry asked about the provision in Section 4 which reads 'of greater restrictions.' Senator Gandhi proposed an amendment to Section 1 to strike out 'United States.' Senator Kauta suggested replacing 'United States' with 'Allied Forces.' Senator Gandhi said she wanted the amendment to remain as stated.

Senator Richards spoke in favor of the amendment and said it is in the spirit of the resolution. Senator Banta spoke against the amendment and said if all men and women come back it will mean fewer Americans will come back. Senator Richards asked if he is suggesting there is a correlation between men and women on our side and their side. Senator Banta said he is. Senator Berry said the problem is that there are 2 issues at stake. He said the intent of the resolution is extending support to US troops. Senator Sunderaj said UH is made up of different ethnic groups and the relationship if people here is too complex to nail down to one group. She said we as SA senators want all to come back. Senator Eastman moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion failed with 9 votes in favor, 3 against and 3 abstentions. Senator Rosenberger said Senator Gandhi's amendment is worth pondering. He said Senator Berry is correct in noting there are two different issues at stake here. He suggested sending it back and rewriting it as 2 different pieces of legislation. Senator Richards said the second whereas states 'peoples of the world' and to say that US troops should be the only ones returning is a travesty and not in the spirit of the bill. Speaker Burge suggested rewording it to read 'safe return of all combatants.' Senator Gandhi said she has no objection to the substitution. Senator Richards moved the previous question. The amendment passed with 15 votes in favor and 3 abstentions. The resolution was put to a vote and passed with 15 votes in favor and 2 abstentions.

Senator Berry moved to bypass committee on SAR 27027: COMMENDING DR. STUART ANDREW HALL FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AS FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT. Speaking in favor of the resolution Senator Berry said this is a token of appreciation for Dr. Hall who has just completed his term of office. Senator Richards asked what we are commending Dr. Hall for. Senator Berry said that for the UH community, Dr. Hall's major contribution has been to open doors to students. The resolution was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Senator Berry moved to bypass SAR 27028: SUPPORTING DR. JOHN DANA BERNARD DURING

THE YEAR 1991 AS UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT. Senator Richards questioned the legislation's urgency. Senator Berry said Dr. Bernard just took over and thus it will be a timely piece of legislation. Senator Banta said he would like to see it tabled as he is not sure of Dr. Bernard's plans. Senator Grooms said he will support anyone in doing his job. He said the second resolved clause asks him to address the February 11th meeting of SA. Senator Berry said Dr. Bernard's election was not a controversial one and that the Faculty Senate does not really care if we support it or not. However, Dr. Bernard has come to SA meetings and demonstrated that he has a ear open to SA. The motion to bypass committee passed upon being put to a vote. Senator Richards asked why we should support the resolution. Vice President Flemming said that what we are doing is showing Dr. Bernard our willingness to work with him. President Hogle said we do work closely with the faculty senate and it is a good proposal to open doors. Senator Grooms said this bill should give Dr. Bernard a good impression of SA. Senator Russell moved the previous question. The resolution was put to a vote and passed.

**15. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary:**

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: Alex Arenas, Michael Banta, Michael Berry, Chris Cortes, Dean Draper, Scott Eastman, Eduardo Elizando, Matthew Emal, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Lloyd Jacobson, Satish Kauta, Michael S. Oholendt, Joel Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Farrel Sharp, Devi Sunderaj.

The following senators were excused: Michael Floreani, Tuan Nguyen, Zaigham Shah.

The following senators were absent: John Berggren, Damon Chargois, Richard Corbello, Majid Husain, Mohammed Khan, Cheryl Price, Mohammed Ali Saeed.

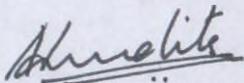
**16. Comments and Announcements:**

Senator Richards reiterated that the Senate needs more women members. He said Black Students Union is working in conjunction with the African -American program month and will hold its next meeting on Wednesday in the Pacific Room at 12:20 pm.

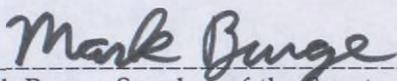
**17. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:50pm.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 11, 1991



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Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary



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Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate