

**THIRTY FOURTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
Eleventh Meeting of the 34th Senate
Bluebonnet Room, University Center, 7:00 PM
August 27, 1997**

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Wittman, Speaker of the Senate, 34th Administration at 7:05 PM.

2. Call of the Roll

The following Senators were present: Kathryn Alvarado, Jeff Baily, Allison Beauvais, Marjorie Brown, Michelle Devor, Dawn Frasier, Raquel Garcia, Jackie Johnson, Molly Mize, Amaury Nora, Calvin Pollard, Monica Quintero, Gerardo Ramirez, Susie Sanchez, Heather Shirk, Sean Stovall, Randy Volkin, and Amy Williams.

The following Senators were not present: Amy Altemus, Audrey King, Bianca Morales, Enrique-Parilla Rojas, Katie Pham, Adam Rose, Adam Taylor, Sebastian Villarreal, and Jen Watson.

The following Executive Cabinet Members were present: Tom Cassidy, Sorita Lovings, Brenda Johnson and Natalie Merritt.

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal

The minutes from the Tenth meeting were read and approved.

4. Special Reports

There were none.

5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate

Marcus Garcia-Lopez addressed the Senate. He spoke about the need to establishing a polling place on the campus of the University of Houston in the University Center. This would benefit the University by making voting more accessible to students and making the University more notable for its political actions. This would entail having a room such as this available for voting from Oct. 17 through Oct. 31, Nov. 4th is the General Election, and Dec. 6th, the run-off elections. Also free parking spaces for non-students would have to be made available as dictated by the county clerks office. He asks for our support in this endeavor.

6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members

Senator Quintero addressed the Senate. She wished everyone good luck with the next semester and said that this is the time for us to turn around the Senate. Also we need to take our leadership positions seriously and do something for the students. Senator Rose has been working with Senator Quintero with the Athletics Department in order to find a more efficient way for students to gain access to football tickets. Russell Dean is asking for Senators to help out in passing out these football tickets to students. If you have any questions contact Senator Quintero or Russell Dean at [REDACTED].

Senator Nora addressed the Senate. Senator Nora corrected the Daily Cougar Opinion article that stated that there was no new legislation during the summer Senate. Senator Nora called for a public debate between Mr. Quinteras and Senator Nora, in order to discuss the effectiveness of the Students' Association. Senator Nora also asked SA to support the organizations that are currently heading up a massive voter registration drive on campus.

7. Report of the President

President Merritt announced that tonight we have the Students' Association Bill that can not be passed until September first. So please take the time to look over the Budget prior to the next meeting. President Merritt commended the Houston Alumni Association for the success of Cougar Craze, and we hope that this event will rapidly become a tradition. Town Hall meetings on SVN will be held starting next Thursday at 8pm any Senator who is interested can attend. Cougar Rally in Cougar Alley is coming up September 13th at the UH football game vs. Pitt at Robertson Stadium. This will be an event held by the President's office in cosponsorship with the Council of Campus Leaders. The President's tent will be set up on the west side of the stadium. This will be an opportunity to meet with some of our students. The tickets will be available in the SA office for students to pick them up. Also there are three appointments for tonight and they will come up during new business.

8. Report of the Vice President

Vice President Erickson was absent and left no report.

9. Report of the Speaker

Speaker Wittman reported that the next legislative workshop will be on September 17th, all Senators are expected to attend. Senators are required to hold their town hall meetings in your respective colleges at least once a month beginning in September. All Senators are expected to hold town halls and to submit a written report to the Speaker when you have completed your town hall.

10. Reports of Standing committees -

- a) Academic Affairs - No report
- b) Internal Affairs - No report
- c) Student Life - No report
- d) University Administration and Finance - No report

11. Reports of Select Committees - There were no Select Committees established to give reports.

12. Special Orders - There were no Special Orders

13. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation

- a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda - None
- b) Legislation Introduced on the Senator Floor - President Meritt introduced SAB34002.

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 - 1. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - a) UB34003 - No report at this time.
 - 2. Committee on Internal Affairs
 - a) SAB34001 - No Report at this time.
 - 3. Committee on Student Life
 - 4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - a) UB34002 - No report at this time.

- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 - 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
 - 2. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - 3. Committee on Internal Affairs
 - 4. Committee on Student Life
 - 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance

15. New Business and General Orders:

- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations.
President Merritt nominated:
 - Donald Large, Law Senate Seat
 - Amaury Nora, Graduate and Professional Studies Council
 - Jason Marchand, Bookstore Advisory Committee
- b) Motions on Committee Bypass
Senator Pollard moved to by-pass and consent in block all nominations. Seconded by Senator Nora. These nominations passed unanimously.
- c) Other New Business and General Orders - There were none

At this Time Senator Pollard moved to suspend the rules in order to return to Two Minute Speeches by the members.

Senator Pollard addressed the Senate. He encouraged Senators to do our job and to do our best and to also stop throwing stones at the Daily Cougar. Go Coogs.

Senator Large addressed the Senate. Senator Large thanked the Senate for the trust that has been placed in him as the Senator from the Law College. He explained a little information about himself and again thanked the Senate for accepting him as a senator.

Senator Brown addressed the Senate. Senator Brown addressed the matter of the Daily Cougar. She said that we are ready to work and we should redraft a letter to the Cougar in order to have them reevaluate our actions as the Students' Association.

16. Closing Call of the Role

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17. Comments and Announcements

Senator Quintero announced that there are still spots open on the homecoming committee, anyone who is interested please contact her.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:45 PM.