

TWENTY-THIRD SENATE
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Fourth Meeting, Monday, May 5, 1986
Dallas-El Paso Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Speaker of the Senate Alfred Bennett in the Dallas-El Paso Room in the University Center.

A verbal roll call was made and the following Senators were present: Bennett, Bhagani, Boyance, Brokaw, Gold, Imperial, Kacir, Khan, Masud, Mian, Nachtigall, Riaz, Saade, Sheppard, Williams J., and Williams L.,

The following Senators were absent: Anctil, Bowman, Cruse, Droll, Gill, Haque, Johnson, Ibrahim, Lai, Lee, Passaretti, Patel, Ramsey and Sosa.

Also in attendance were: Chaney Williams, Senate Secretary; Connie Wallace, Dean of Students; Willie Munson, Director of Campus Activities and Richard Gosselin, Chairperson for the Student Service Fee Planning and Allocations Committee.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Report of the President:

President Boates reviewed the Students' Association goals and objectives for the 23rd session of the Senate in the form of a written memorandum to the Senate. The memorandum states:

STATEMENT OF S.A. ADMINISTRATION GOALS

Scott K. Boates, President
Khayam Husain, Vice President

May 5, 1986

1. **GOAL:** Strengthen the representation of University Park students at the local and state level.
 - a. **TASK:** Maintain current state contacts through the Texas State Student Association (TSSA), establish contacts with the Texas Student Lobby (TSL), and other means to keep informed about state issues affecting students in general and the University of Houston in particular.
 - b. **TASK:** Establish local and regional contact with the Greater Harris County delegation to the Texas House of Representatives and Texas State Senate; communicate student needs and interest to other state and local elected officials.

c. **TASK:** Organize and promote student involvement in state, local, and national issues. Examples:

- 1) Summer and fall voter registration drive;
- 2) Stimulate student involvement and awareness in fall elections through information and orientation tables, letters to the editor, Student Senate Resolutions recommending particular positions and/or candidates for office;
- 3) Fall candidate forum associated with Student Empowerment Awareness Month (SEAM);
- 4) Mobilizing student support for additional/alternative sources of funding higher education in the State of Texas.

d. **TASK:** Maintain local, state, and national contacts to remain informed about local, state and national issues affecting students; encourage participation by UHSA and Senate leadership in student government training and advisory programs. Explore UHSA hosting of National Student Empowerment Training Project summer seminar for Texas student leaders.

2. **GOAL:** Improve and expand S.A. functions and services.

a. **TASK:** Create an executive staff position for the resolution of student complaints and problems in coordinated efforts with the Student Senate.

b. **TASK:** Encourage and support efforts by the Student Senate to enhance the effectiveness of the Student Program Board (SPB).

c. **TASK:** Evaluate the structure and charge of the University Student Court; propose restructuring of the Student Judiciary and S.A. Department of Justice.

d. **TASK:** Continued enforcement of Final Exams Policy of the Faculty Handbook.

3. **GOALS:** Strengthen the Senate of the Students' Association.

a. **TASK:** Develop stronger links between Senators and their respective constituencies, to include increased visibility of the Senator in the college. Examples:

- 1) Public notice of pending legislation, forthcoming public meetings, etc.
- 2) Post photographs and profiles of Senators in colleges of central location.
- 3) Publish the Senate roster in the Daily Cougar.
- 4) Place suggestion boxes in central locations across campus.
- 5) Encourage regular meetings between Senators and academic Deans; encourage Senator initiative in contacting student organizations within the college as a means of promoting visibility and information exchange.

- b. **TASK:** Continue and expand orientation and training opportunities.
 - c. **TASK:** Ensure, through the appointment process, that the membership of the Senate reflects the diversity of the student body. Encourage involvement of more women and minorities in the Senate.
4. **GOAL:** Make all aspects of the Students' Association more visible to the student body.
- a. **TASK:** Develop S.A. logo and slogan for use in public relations campaigns.
 - b. **TASK:** Organize first annual Students' Association Awareness Day in conjunction with Student Empowerment Awareness Month (SEAM).
 - c. **TASK:** Develop a brochure describing the purpose and functions of the Students' Association.
 - d. **TASK:** Continue and expand media relations efforts.
 - e. **TASK:** Continue and expand participation in university orientation programs. Develop S.A. outreach program to recruit students into the Association as well as University committees, councils, and boards.
5. **GOAL:** Improve recruitment and retention
- a. **TASK:** See recruitment proposal above - S.A. outreach program initiated through Department of Personnel.
 - b. **TASK:** Increase opportunities for social interaction between S.A. officers.
 - c. **TASK:** Develop proposal to give S.A. officers academic credit for participation in the Students' Association.
 - d. **TASK:** Promote yearly inauguration of officers as a traditional university event. Include end-of-year awards ceremony recognizing contributions of Students' Association leaders -- including Student Representatives, Student Justices, Student Senators and Executive Staff personnel.

President Boates noted that Robbie Laux, Director of Personnel has issued a report on the status of the nominations to the various standing university committees, councils, and boards. Copies of the report were given to the Senators.

President Boates then yielded the floor to Asif Syed, Treasurer for the Students' Association. Mr. Syed reviewed his report. In closing, Mr. Syed offered the members of the Senate the opportunity to review the report in greater detail during office hours.

In closing, President Boates opened the floor for questions. There were no questions from the Senate.

Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Husain was ill for this meeting of the Senate.

Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Bennett urged the members to serve on more than one committee. He noted that Senators Ramsey and Williams J., have submitted their request to do so.

Speaker Bennett announced (tentively) that there would be a Executive Committee Meeting on May 23, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center. He noted that more details regarding the meeting would be given in the form of a memorandum to the Senators. He also noted that the main topic of the meeting would be the setting of goals and objectives for the Senate. In addition, the Executive Committee would be setting a date for the training of Committee Chairs.

Speaker Bennett encouraged qualified applicants to serve on the University Center Policy Board and the Student Program Board Allocations Committee.

Speaker Bennett noted that he would be asking for advice and consent on the reappointment of Taisoon (Monty) Jhaveri as the Associate Director of Marketing for the Student Program Board.

Speaker Bennett urged the members of the Senate to review the Personnel report issued by Robbie Laux, Director of Personnel.

Speaker Bennett urged the members of the Senate to debate during the proposal of legislation.

Speaker Bennett noted that Dean Wallace would be congratulating the members of the Student Court later in the meeting.

Speaker Bennett noted in closing, that the next Senate meeting would be on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the University Center.

Special Reports

Senator Sheppard made motion to suspend the rules of order to allow Dean Wallace to acknowledge the members of the Student Court. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate voted to suspend the rules of order. The motion carried. Dean Wallace issued plaques to Rosemary Sullivan, Student Traffic Court and Catherine Young, Student Traffic Court for their outstanding service and leadership.

One Minute Speeches by the Members:

None at this time.

Reports of the Standing Committees:

Committee on Academic Affairs: Lela Williams, Chairperson

No report at this time.

Committee on Student Life: Tariq Mian, Chairperson

Senator Saade noted that the committee was reviewing Senate Resolution 32001, urging shared financial support of the department of intercollegiate athletics by all campuses of the University of Houston system. Senator Saade also noted that the committee would be reporting on the resolution at the next meeting of the Senate.

Committee on University Administration & Finance: Ken Anctil, Chairperson

Senator Kacir gave the report for the committee. She noted that the committee had been discussing the issue of the doubling of parking fees with President Boates and Dr. Peter Fitzgerald.

Committee on Budget and Appropriations: Ben Sheppard, Chairperson

Senator Sheppard noted that he would like to set up a training session for the Senators in order to increase their awareness and understanding in budgetary affairs. He noted that the next meeting of his committee would be on May 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the University Center.

Reports of Select Committees

None at this time.

Special Orders:

None at this time.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

Speaker Bennett made motion to suspend the rules to allow Jeffery Gard, Executive Director for the Student Program Board, to speak on behalf of the reappointment of Taisoon (Monty) Jhaveri, Associate Director of Marketing. The motion to suspend the rules carried. Mr. Gard spoke on behalf of Mr. Jhaveri. He also noted his qualifications and capabilities. After motion was made and seconded, the Senate went into direct consideration of the reappointment. The reappointment was unanimously confirmed by the Senate. Senator Sheppard made motion to return to the orders of the day. The motion carried. The Senate returned to the orders of the day.

Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

Resolution No. 32001

SPONSOR: T. RAMSEY

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A JOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND DOCUMENT PROCEDURES FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK FACULTY SENATE.

Comments and Announcements:

Senator Williams announced that her next committee meeting would be at 10:00 am in the Tejas Room of the University Center.

Senator Sheppard announced that the petition drive against the doubling of parking fees has been extended. Further information should be directed to Eric Teltschik, Director of Communications.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.