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The Senate met at 7:20 p.m. in Oberholtzer Hall In Dining Room 2, and the meeting was called to order by the President.

The Vice President and eighteen Senators were present, with the following Senators absent: GLEN ADAMS, MIKE BAKER, RON BLACKARD, JOSANNA BRATTIS, BRAD CLEMENTS, PHIL DAGASTINO, BERT GONZALES, SUSAN LOGAN, JAMES SAXE and RICK TREVATHAN.

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President GAGHAGEN reported that he received a letter from Dr. Hoffman regarding the requested traffic light on Wheeler Street. Dr. Hoffman said in his letter that some form of control of the traffic on this street was needed and that the Administration is taking action on the matter.

The President reported on a memorandum sent by Dean Yardley in regard to S.R. 8. The memorandum said that although the resolution will not be accepted exactly as stated in the S.R. 8, Psychological facilities will be taken care of as needed by the students.

President GAGHAGEN read a report made by Bill Taylor, Chairman of the Election Commission, to the Senate. The report recommended several changes to be made in the Election Code. President GAGHAGEN said that he did not agree with this report one reason being that it was not representative of all members of the Election Commission. The President stated other reasons for his disagreement of the report which are the following:

1. A provision should be made for Optometry and Art students.
2. The University Center is quite a distance from the dormitories so a poll should be provided for in Oberholtzer Hall.
3. There should be a member of the Election Commission to supervise each poll instead of one person in charge of several polls.

President GAGHAGEN read Article III, Section 3, paragraph a., of the Student Association Constitution after which he gave his resignation speech to the Senate:

"For the past two years, as your Student Association President, I have fulfilled all of these requirements. Tonight, I must tell you that I meet them all with but one exception. Being a senior, I am presently required to produce at least a 2.0 grade point average each semester. My average for 12 semester hours during the previous fall semester is below this standard, and so with regret, I must tell you that I can no longer serve as your President. Thus, I must announce my resignation as President of the Student Association, effective tonight.

"Everyone is asking 'why' or 'what' happened?' I have never been on academic probation before, in fact, I have never made below a 2.25 before, and my overall grade point averages about 2.7, even though I have been active in student government work for over four years now. I suppose it is a combination of things: being very tired, both physically and mentally; having a group of particularly hard courses; having a streak of bad breaks; and the great amount of time and energy devoted to my job as President and Executive Director of TISA\_ all of these factors contributed to the present situation.

"As many of you know, I have spent a great deal of time with student government, probably too much. But now I will have more time to devote to my academic pursuits, and this I will do as I intend to graduate this June with high grades for this semester which began today, and I hope to enter Law School somewhere in the Fall.

"But I do not intend to withdraw completely from the scene, for there is much to do. I shall remain in my position with TISA as Executive Director. The Powers and duties of President shall devolve on the very capable Vice President, John Mattern, and he shall serve as Acting President, as provided by the Constitution. Mike Kelly, my executive assistant, will continue to serve as Chairman of the TISA Conference on Higher Education, now scheduled for March 16-18. John and I met this afternoon and agreed on these matters, and in addition, we would like the present Cabinet and staff to retain their positions in order to insure a smooth and orderly transition.

"Also, I shall stay on as an advisor to John and the Student Association, and as a Coordinator for National Student Association programs during the coming months. But I must make it clear that my academic studies must have all priority over Student Association work during the coming semester, so I hope that I do not hurt anyone's feelings if you find me saying 'no' more than before.

"I was tempted to pursue the tone of a farewell address tonight, glancing back over the achievements of student government during the past two years, and recommending various measures for your consideration in the future. While I will save the former until the SA banquet in mid-March, I must talk about the more important items now, those measures which I urge you to adopt or participate in during the approaching two months."

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- I. To adopt a resolution commending Governor Connally for his action (not to recommend an increase in college tuition) and possibly urging the Co-ordinating Board to consider the elimination of tuition.
- II. To adopt legislation clarifying that section of the Constitution regarding petitions in such a way as to insure that such petitions are valid.

are validly and legally complied, both for the protection of the student body and the student government, and to ensure that the hard work that goes into securing petition names is not wasted in a vain effort.

- III. To adopt supporting legislation for the selection of ~~Top Ten~~ <sup>Top Ten</sup> Students to establish that a campus wide committee be given that responsibility subject to the rules and regulations of this body, and recommended that the Editor of the Houstonian be added as a member of the present committee of one student, one faculty member, and one administrator.
- IV. To take the initiative in Houston and Texas in launching a drive to lower the legal voting age in Texas from 21 years of age to 18 years of age.

President GAGHAGEN announced that Jim Evans has submitted a report on Safety and Security which should be read by all Senators. A copy of this report was sent to the Administration and Dr. Hoffman is considering an Advisory Committee on Safety and Security in regard to statements and punishments.

President GAGHAGEN introduced Mr. Bob Kuttner, representative from NSA, to speak to the Senate in regard to Student Stress.

Mr. Kuttner congratulated and welcomed the University of Houston on joining NSA. He discussed the Campus Environmental Program and said that the University of Houston had a very firm chance of participating in this program because of our University's uniqueness of structure.

The President presented a letter of resignation of Don Thiel as Senator from the Downtown School and Press Secretary to the Senate which was accepted.

President GAGHAGEN said that it was a great privilege to serve the student body for two terms and that he believed the major accomplishment of the past administration was our university's affiliation with NSA. He said that it was the responsibility of this student government to take advantage of the programs offered by NSA. He also recommended the adoption of electing delegates to the NSA Congress including the President and Vice President.

President GAGHAGEN then turned the President's gavel over to Vice President John Mattern and said that he was quite certain that the Vice President will be able to take care of the office of the President. Richard Gaghagen said to the Senate, "Thank you for the help you have given me to make this student government a success."

President MATTERN congratulated Richard Gaghagen for his fine service to the Senate and the entire student body. President MATTERN said that the Executive offices will remain unchanged due to the upcoming elections.

President MATTERN announced that the Senate meetings will be held in the University Center starting next Monday, February 20th.

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#### COMMITTEE ON RULES & JUDICIARY

Mr. DRISCOLL, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on February 3, 1967, at 11:30 a.m.

The Committee considered the absences for the Senate meetings of December 12th and 19th.

For the December 12th meeting the Committee recommends that Josanna Brattis, Sue Loesch and Theresa Rhea be excused, and that Glen Adams and Marilyn Harris not be excused for lack of an excuse.

For the December 19th meeting the Committee recommends that Ron Blackard and Bert Gonzales be excused, but that Alan Ewell not be excused for lack of an excuse.

The Committee considered S.R. 9 (THE RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE FREEDOM OF THE STUDENT PRESS IN TEXAS). The Committee unanimously approved the resolution without any amendments.

The Committee then considered John O'Quinn's bill to establish a polling place in the Law School, but due to the fact that the Committee did not have the Election Commission's report on the last election the bill could not be considered in light of all the facts.

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#### OLD BUSINESS

Miss TRUEHEART moved that the portion of the Report of the Committee On Rules & Judiciary concerning absences be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. COX moved that the appointment of Mr. POSTON as Chairman of the Committee On Fiscal & Governmental Operations be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. HANCOCK said that he disagreed with the report presented by Dean Yardley in regard to Psychological facilities. Mr. HANCOCK said that there Counseling and Testing did not provide 24-hour service to students.

President MATTERN asked Mr. HANCOCK sponsor of S.R. 9 to read the resolution to the Senate.

Mr. GREENE of Pharmacy moved to amend S.R. 9 by striking the word "worse" and insert the words "were not in the best" be inserted. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Senate then voted to pass S.R. 9 as amended.

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#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. POSTON introduced S. 27 (A BILL TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE STUDENT SENATE) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

Mr. O'QUINN introduced S. 28 (A BILL TO AMEND THE NSA BILL) which was referred to the Committee On State, National & International Affairs.

Mr. DRISCOLL introduced S.R. 10 (A RESOLUTION URGING THE 60 SESSION OF THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE NOT TO INCREASE THE TUITION AT TEXAS STATE SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND ALSO COMMENDING GOVERNOR CONNALLY FOR HIS STAND AGAINST THE TUITION INCREASE) which was referred to the Committee On State, National & International Affairs; and S.R. 11 (A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RICHARD

GAGHAGEN'S LONG RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT ASSOCIATION) which was referred to the Committee On Fiscal & Governmental Operations.

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ADJOURNMENTS

Mr. COX moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was agreed to; and (at 8:45 p.m.) the Senate adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

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John Mattern  
President, Student Association

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Secretary

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