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The twenty-fifth meeting of the fifth session of Student Senate was called to order by President RICHARD POSTON at 7:00 p.m. in the World Affairs Room of the University Center.

The following Senators were absent: PATTI ARTHUR, RAY BALCH, BILL BIVIN, JIM NICHOLAS, JUDY GANEM, BILL NEUMANN, TINA SVENDSEN, AND KARL WEDEL.

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#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President POSTON announced that Student Association received a Christmas card for every two Interstate Theatre tickets sold. These Christmas cards have Student Association printed on them. The President stated that the Senators were welcome to some of them if they wanted them.

The President announced that he was giving a party for anyone connected with Student Association December 22 at his house. Maps are available in the SA Office.

The President stated that there was no quorum for the Executive Committee Meeting.

The President reported that Donald Plank, Senator from the College of Engineering, had turned in his resignation.

President POSTON reported that Barry Hafkin had resigned from the Publications Committee.

The President made the following appointments to the Student Publications Board:

Kenton Pate

Ray Johnson

The President stated that there would be one Senate meeting before finals.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Rules and Judiciary

Senator FRENCH read the following report from the Committee on Rules and Judiciary:

The Committee met at 1:12 p.m. December 12, 1968. Present were Senators Balch, Smith, French, and Foreman. Excused was Senator Arthur. Senators Taqvi and Cisel were unexcused. Senator Schwartz was excused from the same meeting. Senator Nicholas was excused from the State, National, and International Affairs Committee Meeting December 5. Senators Shehorn, Bivin, and Keaton were unexcused from the same meeting. Senators Justl and Cooke were excused from the Senate meeting December 2. Senator Schwartz was excused from the Senate meeting Nov. 25. Senator Neumann was excused from December 2 Senate meeting. Senator Cooke was excused from November 25 Senate meeting.

##### Fiscal and Governmental Operations

Senator WHITMAN read the following report from the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations:

All members were present. The Committee reported out 140-41, 140-46, and 140-45. The committee met again on December 10 and reported Senate Bill No. 140-43. The committee held University of Houston Bill No. 140-39.

##### Student Life

Senator PEGODA read the following report from the Student Life Committee:

The committee met Thursday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. Present were Senators Pegoda, Taqvi, Schwartz, and Ganem. The committee took the following action: (1) interviewed Jox Bax and approved his appointment to the Orientation Steering Committee; (2) Revised and approved Senate Bill No. 140-42 out of Committee.

##### Educational Affairs and Policy

There was no report.

##### State, National, and International Affairs

There was no report.

Student Involvement

Senator DELAFIELD read his report from the Committee on Student Involvement:

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OLD BUSINESS

Senator FRENCH moved to accept the portion of the Rules and Judiciary Committee report dealing with absences. The motion was seconded. There was no debate. The motion was voted on and passed.

Senator CISCEL moved to eject the appointments of Kenton Pate and Ray Johnson to the Student Publications Board from Committee. The motion was seconded. There was no debate. The motion was voted on and passed. The appointment of Kenton Pate was brought to the floor. President POSTON read a list of his qualifications. Senator CISCEL asked Kenton why he wanted to be on the Board. He stated that he had worked on magazines and newspapers before, and he felt he would represent a student's view on the campus publications. Senator DELAFIELD stated that he had noticed that Kenton was a member of the SDS. He asked if Kenton went along with the SPS policy of "tearing something down and then building it back up again another way." Kenton stated that "SDS is a joke." He further stated that the organization was on the list of Subversive Organizations, and that it was a very convenient thing to belong to right now because of the draft. A vote was taken on the appointment. Senator WHITMAN called for a roll call vote. The roll call vote tied 11-11. President POSTON voted for the appointment, and the appointment passed.

The appointment of Ray Johnson to the Student Publications Board was then brought to the floor. Senator STRONG stated that he had noticed that Ray was a member of the Campus Crusaders for Christ. He then asked if Ray was going to try to bring the philosophy of this organization to the Board. Ray stated that he would only try to represent the other students. There was no further debate, and the appointment was voted on and passed 15-2.

The appointment of Joe Bax to the Orientation Steering Committee was brought to the floor for consideration. Senator PEGODA gave a resume of Joe's qualifications. He stated that Joe was highly recommended by the other members of the committee. Senator STRONG moved to postpone the appointment until Joe could be present before the Senate. The motion was seconded. The motion was voted on and failed. There was no further debate on the appointment. The appointment was voted on and passed.

Senate Bill 140-40, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, SPRING 1969, was brought to the floor for consideration. Senator STRONG read the bill. Senator CISCEL asked if the binding referendum concerning the yearbook would be a rule which we would have no power to enforce. Senator STRONG stated that this section came primarily from a bill by Senator GANEM. Senator HARRISON proposed a friendly amendment to make Section "D" of Section 2 binding also. Senator STRONG accepted it. Senator SCHWARTZ moved to include Section 2B as a binding referendum. The motion died for lack of a second. The amendment (Senator HARRISON's) was voted on and passed. Senator DELAFIELD moved to add Section 2E, "Whether or not the editor of the Cougar should be elected in the Student Association General Election from a list of candidates certified as having at least 12 hours of advanced credit in English or journalism, a major or minor in journalism, and a 2.25 overall average. The motion was seconded. Senator CISCEL stated that he was opposed to this amendment. He stated that "we have just started a Student Publications Board, and I think there is a real question of what sort of journalism would be in this amendment. Journalists are probably the most incompetent people to run newspapers. Let's give the other system a chance." The motion was voted on and failed 7-9. Senator HARRISON moved to Delete 2C. The motion was seconded. He stated that he did not feel that 23,000 people could vote on the dorm hours, as they were not affected by them. Senator FRENCH stated that all the women in the dorms had an interest and all single males on campus did too. Senator STRONG stated that this was not a binding referendum. The amendment was voted on and failed. Senator FOREMAN introduced the following amendments to the bill:

1. add "e" Whether or not final approval of Student Life Policy should be with the Student Life Council.
2. add "f" Whether or not final approval of University Center Policy should be with the University Center Policy Board.
3. add "g" Whether or not campus wide elections for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Student Publications Committee should be established.
4. add "h" Whether or not violations of Residence Halls Policy should be put under the jurisdiction of the Student Life policy.

The amendments were seconded. Senator SMITH moved to resubmit this bill to Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion was voted on and failed. The amendments proposed by Senator FOREMAN voted on and failed 6-9. Senator WHITMAN moved to strike section 3. The motion died for lack of a second. Senator WHITMAN moved to strike Section 2B. The motion was seconded. He stated that he couldn't see where the student's opinion on this would make a great deal of difference. The motion was voted on and failed. There was no further debate on the bill. The bill was voted on and passed.

U of H Bill 140-41, A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURNISHING OF KEYS TO THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES AREA DOORS, SECOND FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER, TO STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE SECRETARY, was brought before the senate for consideration. Senator STRONG read the bill. There was no debate. The bill was voted on and passed.

Senate Bill 140-42, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON HOMECOMING, was brought before the Senate for consideration. Senator NELSON read the bill. There was no debate. The bill was voted on and passed.

University of Houston Bill No. 140-43, A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FOOD SERVICE BOARD, was brought before the Senate for consideration. Senator NELSON read the bill. Senator SCHWARTZ asked what would be done if the board decided the food was bad. Senator NELSON stated that it could make recommendations. Senator PLANK moved to add Section 5 "Dates and proceedings of all meetings shall be announced in the Daily Cougar and all meetings shall be open to the student body." The motion was seconded. There was no debate. The amendment was voted on and passed. Senator STRONG moved to add Section 6 "The Board shall have the power to radify the food service contract in the University Center contract. The motion was seconded. There was no debate. The motion was voted on and passed. There was no further debate. The bill was voted on and passed.

Senate Bill No. 140-45, A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURE RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OPENINGS, was brought before the Senate for consideration. Senator DELAFIELD read the bill. A question was raised about the content of Section 3. Senator NELSON stated that the committee felt that the SA had a good enough application which could be used for this purpose. Senator NELSON moved to amend Section 3 and delete "(as shown in Appendix A)." The motion was seconded. There was no debate. The motion was voted on and passed. Senator NELSON moved to strike the word prepared and substitute the word submitted in Section 3. The motion was seconded. The motion was voted on and passed. There was no further debate on the bill. The bill was voted on and passed.

Senate Bill 140-46, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A FOLLOW UP PROCEDURE FOR SENATE LEGISLATION, was brought before the Senate for consideration. Senator PLANK asked if this would be one of the major committees in the senate. Senate Delafield stated that it would not. Senator FRENCH stated that he was opposed to the bill, because the Senators who sponsor bills can follow them up themselves. The bill was voted on and failed.

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#### NEW BUSINESS

Senator NELSON introduced Senate Bill No. 140-48, A BILL TO ORGANIZE STUDENT DEFENDERS, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

Senator NELSON introduced Senate Resolution No. 140-47, A RESOLUTION URGING THE FACULTY SENATE TO INITIATE A SERIES OF "FIRESIDE CHATS", referred to the Committee on Student Involvement.

Senator NELSON intrdduced Bill No. 140-49, referred to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary.

Senator SHEHORN introduced Senate Resolution No. 140-48, A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ILLEGAL ACTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER POLICY BOARD, referred to the committee on Student Life.

Senator FRENCH introduced University of Houston Bill No. 140-50, A BILL TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF THE STUDENT LIFE POLICY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, referred to the Committee on Student Life.

Senator FOREMAN introduced the following legislation:

Senate Resolution No. 140-49, A RESOLUTION URGING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER BOARD, referred to the Committee on Student Life

U of H Bill No. 140-51, A BILL TO AMEND SENATE BILL NO. 120-25, of May 24, 1965, referred to the Committee on Student Life.

Senate Resolution No. 140-50, A RESOLUTION URGING THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION III SUBSECTION A AND C OF THE STUDENT PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

Senator von Justl introduced Senate Resolution No. 140-51, A RESOLUTION URGING THE RETIREMENT OF ELVIN HAYES' BASKETBALL JERSEY AND NUMBER, 44, referred to the Committee on Student Life.

Senator STRONG introduced University of Houston Bill No. 140-52, A BILL TO GIVE THE STUDENT SENATE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REVIEWING AND AMENDING THE STUDENT SERVICES FEE ALLOCATIONS BOARD RECOMMENDATION, referred to the committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Undergraduate Research Committee will meet at 12:30 Wednesday.

Rules and Judiciary will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday.

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ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the Senate adjourned at 9:30.

APPROVED:

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Richard G. Poston, President

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Pat Fitzgerald, Senate Secretary