

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE UHSA SENATE

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Twentieth Session of the UHSA Senate was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on February 6, 1984 in the Atlantic Room of the University Center by Senate Speaker Pat Condon.

Senators absent were: Grant, Pike, Ray, Van Reenan, and Withington. A quorum was deemed present by the Speaker.

The minutes of the twenty-third meeting were corrected and approved. The minutes of the twenty-fourth meeting were also corrected and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Parker brought the Senators up to date on the Cullen Crossing petition. He submitted a copy to each Senator and requested that they circulate them. Several groups have approached President Parker saying that they would like to help circulate the petitions. Please return the signed petitions as soon as possible.

On February 10, 1984, there will be a meeting regarding Computer Intensive Environment. Please see President Parker if interested.

COSGA '84 will be held at Texas A & M February 25-28, 1984. Please see President Parker if interested. TSA is also coming up.

The floor was yielded to Jose Ortiz-Steels, Chief Election Commissioner. He presented to the Senate a new typed budget, correcting errors in the one submitted last week. Chair Hollis inquired about a "0.00" budget for graphics. She was told that the SA copy machine will be used instead and there will be three or four sample ballots per polling site. They will be covered with clear plastic in some way.

President Bishop's Student Advisory Council will meet this Friday morning. If you have anything you wish to be mentioned, please contact President Parker.

Appointments: Olymide Eyikogbe - Student Traffic Court  
Kevin Lacobie - University Center Policy Board  
Kenan Rote - Child Care Advisory Committee  
Merle Hollard - Protection of Human Subjects  
Kenneth Croft - Student Publications Committee  
Greg Rousseau - Assistant Election Commissioner  
Removing the appointment of Josh Brown  
Robin Caillouet - University Center Policy Board  
*Brenda Hinman - Senator in Education*

*Brian Sexton  
Asst Election Comm.*

Questions: Chair Hollis inquired about the bookstore. She was informed that all contracts that end March 15 have been extended. A notecard file of all books on contract has been compiled. The rest of the books now belong to SA. The bookstore should be able to open by the end of the semester. In talking to other schools, SA has found out that most have more of a directory service, not actually handling the books but referring students to the book owners.

Regarding TEAM. Letters have been sent to all TEAM members as there has not been much communication since December. Many of them are helping at the polling sites.

The position of Director of Internal Affairs is still open

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Phillips reported that next week she will present an extensive committee report.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Peterson presented to the Senators a Status of the M.O. Expenses. He stated that he will make another report including salaries.

Senator Lanza wished to know what subscriptions SA was paying for. He was told that that figure includes magazines such as Texas Monthly and items such as Student Directories.

## SPEAKER'S REPORT

There will be an executive meeting immediately following the Senate meeting. Kevin Lacobie has resigned as Parliamentarian of the Senate.

It was noted that the Parliamentarian may not be a member of the Senate.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fiscal & Governmental: Chair Mason reported that the committee met for approximately seven and a half (7½) hours last Saturday. At 11:00 the committee met to consider extenuating circumstances regarding the charges of impeachment. None were found. The committee then met as the Grand Jury and reviewed evidence from both sides, presented by Matt Woodruff and Ed Watt. They reach the resolution which was presented to the Senate tonight. (A copy will be attached to the Journal). The Articles of Impeachment could not be made public last week out of fairness to all parties. During new business a motion will be made for Executive Session. Chair Mason wished to stress the point that it was the committee's job to determine if there was probable cause, reason for wrong-doing that the Senate should review. Probable cause is low level. The evidence was considered based on standards in the Constitution and Bylaws. It is the Senate's job to hear what is presented and make your own decision. What occurred last Saturday was tape recorded and the tapes are now sealed.

Senator Martin inquired about the wording regarding the time of the trial, "...at or about 7:00 p.m." Chair Mason responded saying that it is a legalism to protect the Senate.

Campus Governance: No report

Student Life: Chair Martinez reported that the committee had an informal meeting at Willie's Pub. They have a bill to introduce and their next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. next Monday.

External Affairs: Chair Condon reported that the committee will meet tomorrow to mail requests for General Information Bulletins. The University of Houston Downtown will have a voter registration drive February 15-16.

Educational Affairs: Chair Hollis reported that the committee met last Monday night. The Master Syllabus was discussed; 501 responses have been received. Each Senator was provided with a "sneak Preview" in the form of the Master Syllabus for the Business College. The final document will be about 70 pages in length. Help is still needed on typing. Items the committee wishes to complete by April include: a bill regarding instructors writing their own tests; finding out the national rankings of U of H Colleges; a bill requiring that the grading policy be made mandatory; and a report revealing that there is a difference between current GPA and graduating GPA. Next meeting will be Monday Feb. 13 immediately following the Senate meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Senate Resolution 29008 A UHSA SENATE RESOLUTION TO CHARGE THE VICE CHANCELLOR DEAN OF STUDENTS WITH FORMING A GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMISSION. Fiscal & Governmental Committee had no recommendation.

Direct Consideration of the resolution. Chair Mason moved to table the resolution, seconded. No objection to table. Resolution tabled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Senator Cunningham moved bypass for the appointment of Dan Carsyle to Senator Natural Science and Mathematics, seconded. No objection to bypass. Direct Consideration of appointment. The appointee gave his own background information. There was no objection to an immediate vote. Passes. He was then sworn in by President Parker.

Senator Caillouet introduced University Bill 29008 A UHSA UNIVERSITY BILL URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROTECT THE BEAUTY OF LYNN EUSAN PARK. A motion for bypass was made and seconded. There was no objection as the Student Life Committee wrote the bill. Chair Martinez spoke in favor of bypass. Vote, bypass passes.

Direct Consideration of University Bill 29008. Senator Ranade said he was against the bill as it only provides for one option. Senator Lanza wondered whether this was within the Senate's jurisdiction. Chair Hollis was in favor of the bill, it is a student need. Senator Cunningham thought it was a good idea and reminded all that it is only asking for the administration to take action. Senator Magruder wished to know if the administration had been consulted and Chair Martinez said that he had spoken with Dr. Osborne and he supports the bill. Senator Gibson inquired about the cost and Chair Martinez said he had no idea. Senator Lanza felt that the physical plant should be consulted. Speaker Condon said that this is for the benefit of the students. All we are saying is that the Senate would like to see this happen. Senator Mason reminded all that this is just a suggestion, someone else will find out what is under the ground if they indeed do decide to put in a pathway. Senator Ranade wished that the bill would not be so specific in regard to the type of material. Senator Magruder made a motion to amend the bill inserting the word consider. Chair Hollis was against the amendment saying the bill is merely a request and there is no need to soften the wording. The question was called. There was an objection. vote, passes. Vote on the amendment to insert the word consider, amendment fails.

Direct Consideration of University Bill 29008. Senator Caillouet reminded the Senators that the Senate is the mouthpiece of the students and this

is something they want. The question was called, seconded, and there was an objection. Vote, 10 to 4, passes.

Final Consideration of University Bill 29008 A UHSA UNIVERSITY BILL URGENT THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROTECT THE BEAUTY OF LYNN EUSAN PARK. Vote, 2 abstentions, one against, passes.

Senator Magruder made a motion that the appropriate committee look into the following:

Ruben Martinez moved bypass for the appointment of Robin Caillouet to University Center Policy Board, seconded. There was no objection. Chair Martinez spoke in favor. No objection to an immediate vote. Appointment passes.

Motion was made to consider the Election Budget, seconded. Vote on the budget as amended, passes. Amount approved was \$1,830.77.

Chair Mason moved that the Senate go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

The open session of the Senate reconvened at 10:25 p.m. The decision of the Executive Session was to dispense with the trial in light of the facts presented. A new and more expeditious route will be taken. A Resolution of Censure was proposed by Ed Watt and Matt Woodruff. The Articles of Impeachment as a public record. The resolution will become a public record once it is typed. Chair Mason then read the order. The decision is final. The Senators have been instructed as to the privacy of Executive Session. Regarding questions, they will not be avoiding you, just doing their job. The Resolution and Order was then signed by Michael Trefney, Chief Justice of the Student Court; Matt Woodruff, Attorney General; Steve Parker, S.A. President; Pat Condon, Senate Speaker.

(A copy of the articles of impeachment and resolution and order will be attached to the Journal)

#### COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Parker informed the Senators that in order to have pictures in the Houstonian, this is the last week to do so. The money will be taken out of contingency and the cost per page is \$39.00, four pages. Speaker Condon inquired if there were any objections, a bill will be presented next week.

Chair Mason said he felt the Senate had shown "class" in its duty and execution. Despite the badmouthing that may occur, he felt the Senate had done the right thing.

Jose Ortiz-Steels reminded all that filing deadline is 6:00 p.m. on Wed. February 8, 1984. Only four or five people have filed so far. Publicity will be in the Cougar.

President Parker reminded the Senate that last year in the last hour of filing, 40 or more names were added. He encouraged all Senators to run for reelection. That is where the strengths and weaknesses of the Senate lie. Motion for adjournment was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.