

TWENTY-NINTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Seventeenth Meeting of the 29th Senate
Monday, February 8, 1993
La Fitte Room, University Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer: Michelle Palmer, Speaker of the 29th Senate
2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal
4. Special Reports: Mitch Rhodes, Student Regent
5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members
6. Report of the President: Rusty Hruska
7. Report of the Vice President: Charles Gaviola
8. Report of the Speaker: Michelle Palmer
9. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a) Academic Affairs: Dina Abramson, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: Coy Wheeler, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Jennifer Zuber, Chair
 - d) University Administration and Finance: Carlos Morales, Chair
10. Report of the Select Committees
11. Special Orders
12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation
 - a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda
 - None
 - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor
13. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
 1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - None
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - Mike Keith –Student Traffic Court
 3. Committee on Student Life:
 - Craig Lannom –Student Publication Committee
 - Edbar Zaman –Student Publication Committee
 4. Committee on University of Administration and Finance:
 - Julie Baumgarten –Student Fees Advisory Committee
 - b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
 - None
 2. Committee on Academic Affairs

- None
- 3. Committee on Internal Affairs
 - SAB29010:** A BILL AMENDING TITLE 1 ENTITLED "RULES OF THE SENATE" OF THE SA CODE
 - Sponsors:** Cipriano Romero
 - SAB29012:** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL THE HONORS COLLEGE AND GIVING IT REPRESENTATION IN THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
 - Sponsors:** Gavin Kaszynski, Jeff Fuller, Michelle Palmer, Gregory Propes
- 4. Committee on Student Life
 - UB29005:** A UNIVERSITY BILL REVISING THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING INLYING PARKING PERMITS AND THEIR UTILIZATION
 - Sponsors:** Gregory P. Propes
- 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - SAB29009:** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 1993 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET
 - Sponsors:** Cipriano Romero
- 14. New Business and General Orders
 - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
 - c) Other New Business and General Orders
- 15. Comments and Announcements
- 16. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary: Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary
- 17. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by Speaker of the Senate Michelle Palmer at 7:18 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Quynh Thai called the roll and the following senators were present: shane patrick boyle, Jeff Fuller, Henry Gaw, Carlos Morales, Amy Parks, Gregory Propes, Saud Qazi, Cipriano Romero, Kevin Soebbing, Brian Thompson, Crystal Wallace, Greg Wassberg, Coy Wheeler.

There were no late senators.

The following senators were absent: Bobbie Bowen, Om Chawla, Anthony Cheng, Gavin Kaszynski, Vernita Hoyt.

The following senators were excused: Dina Abramson, Aijaz Chaudary, Randy Kirby, Reshma Patel, Jennifer Zuber.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Charles Gaviola, Kevin Jefferies, Mitch Rhodes, Jason Fuller.

The following university officials were present: Consuelo Trevino, Director of Campus Activities.

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Special Reports:

Student Regent, Mitch Rhodes reported that the Regent bill introduced by State Representative Greenberg is right now before the Senate and the House in Austin. He said that House Bill 95 will create the position of a non-voting Student Regent on the University Board of Regents. Regent Rhodes said that a similar bill was also introduced in the Senate. He said that some of the arguments against having a Student Regent on the Board is that if that occurs then Faculty and Staff would want similar representation. Regent Rhodes said that at this point it is a "mute" argument because an employee of a state institution cannot serve on the board that is governing the same institution. He informed the Senate that the "Texas Association College of Teachers" will be writing a letter in support of the legislation. Mr. Rhodes said that he has also asked a few of the Regents currently serving on the Board to also write letters to support the idea.

Regent Rhodes said that on the Austin trip those who went were able to meet with a few of the state representatives and senators. He said that they were also able to build up a rapport with other universities as well.

Lastly, Mr. Rhodes said that he and the four student body presidents will be going before the Board of Regents next Wednesday, Feb.17 to represent to the Board the report of each university and the general report on the issue of the Student Regent and other concerns.

Director of External Affairs, Kevin Jefferies informed the Senate that he and a couple of UH students went up to Austin Friday. He reported that they were able to meet and talk with representatives about

their concerns, particularly the issue of Performance Based Funding. Director Jefferies reported that State Representative Glen Maxey has proposed a bill which will give Student Fee Advisory Committee a concrete say in how student service fees are spent.

He informed the senators that SA will be going on a trip to Austin, Tuesday, Feb.16 at 2:30, free of charge for interested students. Mr. Jefferies said that a reception will be held that evening by the UH Capital of Texas Alumni Club for Dr. Pickering and Chancellor Schilt. He said that it is important that members of the Senate attend. Director Jefferies said that part of the mission of the trip to Austin Friday was to deliver invitations to state representative and senators of the Harris county area to attend the reception. Mr. Jefferies said that the reception will provide students a chance to meet and to express their concerns to representatives.

Director Jefferies informed the Senate that committee assignments were made and were very favorable to UH because the Harris county delegations were well represented.

He said that Students as Constituents is meeting at 2:30 on Friday to discuss ideas for the letter writing campaign. Mr. Jefferies asked that senators attend and also help by writing letters.

In closing, Director Jefferies informed the Senate that the University of Houston has submitted bids to host the next Texas Students' Association Conference for the Fall.

5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Romero shared with the senators his discussion with a student concerned about UH spirit and pride. He said that the student's idea for increasing school spirit and school pride revolved around the idea of symbolism and symbols. Senator Romero said that the student suggested the idea of having an official UH class ring. He said that this is an example that students are still interested in school spirit. Senator Romero said that he hopes that senators will "keep their ears to the ground on those particular issues."

Senator Morales reported that he and other senators from the College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communication have setup an appointment with its dean.

Senator Fuller reported from the College of HFAC that he and others briefly met with the dean to discuss their concerns on the future of the college. He said that at their next meeting they will discuss the issue of the UH's Incomplete Policy, as well as the on-going computer problems on campus. Senator Fuller challenged other senators to talk with their deans.

Senator Wheeler congratulated Director Jefferies for his strong showing at the Texas Students' Association election. He reported that Senator Kaszynski and he met with their associate dean from the College of Business. He said that they discussed the issue of the "abysmal" relation that the college has with its alumni. Senator Wheeler said that he thinks that "it is a university-wide problem." He said that the College of Business is looking for ways in which to increase the involvement of its alumni. Senator Wheeler suggested that other senators do the same.

Senator Wallace reported that she met with the dean from the College of Education. She said that at the meeting she was informed that this week was the 50th year anniversary of the college. Senator Wallace said that the college for restructuring purposes will be looking at combining programs to make more new programs available.

6. Report of the President:

SA President Rusty Hruska was not in attendance.

7. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Charles Gaviola reported that the Organizations Board did not meet quorum. He said that currently the board is setting up a criteria to elect the "Organization of the Year," and the "Advisor of the Year" award.

He also informed the Senate that this week is Filipino Awareness Week. Vice President Gaviola asked that SA members attend the many events of the week.

8. Report of the Speaker

Speaker Palmer made the following appointments to the Election Commission: Senator Gaw, Senator Hoyt, Senator Romero and Senator Qazi.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Dina Abramson, Chair of Academic Affairs was not in attendance.

b) Internal Affairs:

Coy Wheeler, Chair of Internal Affairs, reported that his committee met with Associate Commissioner, Ron Capehart who has been recommended President Hruska to become the new Chief Election Commissioner due to the illness of Corey Olomen. He also apologized to member who were not informed of the meeting for not calling them. Senator Wheeler said that their absences will be excused. Senator Wheeler reported that the committee passed favorably SAB29010: A BILL AMENDING TITLE 1 ENTITLED "RULES OF THE SENATE" OF THE SA CODE with an amendment.

c) Student Life:

Amy Parks, Vice Chair of Student Life reported that her committee did not meet.

d) University of Administration and Finance:

Carlos Morales, Chair of University of Administration and Finance reported that the committee passed favorably the nomination of Julie Baumgarten to the Student Fees Advisory Committee. He said that they also passed favorably SAB29009: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 1993 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET.

10. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

11. Special Orders:

None.

12. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

a) Legislation Turned in to the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda

None.

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor

Senator Fuller introduced SAR29008: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. THELMA DOUGLASS FOR HER WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON; SR29004: A SENATE RESOLUTION WISHING PAT SOLOMON SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE AND RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 9, 1993 AS PAT SOLOMON DAY; and SAR29007: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOSTING OF THE TEXAS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION FALL 1993 CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON.

Senator boyle introduced SAB29014: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO ELIMINATE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT REGENT, SPEAKER AND CABINET MEMBERS.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a) Presidential Nomination and Appointments
 - 1. Academic Affairs

None.

- 2. Internal Affairs

Senator Wheeler reported that the nomination of Mike Keith remains in committee.

- 3. Student Life

The following nominations remain in committee:

Craig Lannom Student Publication Committee
Edbar Zaman Student Publication Committee

- 4. University of Administration and Finance

Senator Morales reminded senators that the nomination of Julie Baumgarten to the Student Fees Advisory Committee passed favorably out of committee.

Senator Fuller remarked that Ms. Baumgarten has already attended an SFAC meeting and is really enthusiastic about being a member.

After a vote the nomination was approved by the Senate.

- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 - 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:

None.

- 2) Committee on Academic Affairs

None.

- 3) Committee on Internal Affairs

Senator Wheeler said that SAB29010: A BILL AMENDING TITLE 1 ENTITLED "RULES OF THE SENATE" OF THE SA CODE was amended with the additional Enacted clause of: "That Title 1 "Rules of the Senate," be amended as follows: Insert as item 7 "Students Wishing to Address the Senate" at the appropriate time the Speaker shall recognize students who have previously registered to address the Senate. Each student shall be recognized for 5 minutes.

He said in addition to the amendment, Senator Boyle, Senator Fuller and he would also like to co-sponsor the bill.

Senator Romero said that the reason why he wrote the bill is because the agenda does not provide a place for students to officially address the Senate. He said that by putting the item as number 4 on the agenda allows the students to address the Senate before the Senate does anything. Senator Romero said that the amendment that passed out of committee would limit the student to speak for no more than 5 minutes, to prevent any filibustering during the meeting.

Senator Fuller yielded the floor to Regent Rhodes. Regent Rhodes said that the bill would "give to the student in SA the same thing that Regent bill would give to the Student Regent in the Board of Regents."

After a vote the bill passed unanimously.

- 4) Committee on Student Life

UB29005: A UNIVERSITY BILL REVISING THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING INLYING

PARKING PERMITS AND THEIR UTILIZATION remains in committee.

5) Committee on University of Administration and Finance:

Senator Romero moved to create a blank after the word "the" and before the word "line," seconded by Senator Morales.

After a vote the amendment passed.

Senator Romero moved to fill the blank, seconded by Senator Morales.

Nominations were then taken to fill the blank.

Senator Romero nominated the line-item of travel to fill the blank. He said that SA is traveling a lot and that the money needs to be accounted for because SA is accountable to students through student service fees.

Senator Propes nominated postage as an line-item. He said that the money should be allocated to purchase stamps for the letter writing campaign.

After a Senate vote, travel was approved as the line-item for the bill.

The Senate then voted on the bill as amended.

After a Senate vote the bill passed unanimously.

Senator Wheeler moved to suspend the rules to approve Assistant Commissioner Capehart to Chief Election Commissioner, seconded by Senator Thompson.

Senator Romero moved to ratify presidential appointment of Corey Olomen as Chief Commissioner, seconded by Wheeler.

After a vote the ratification was approved and Ron Capehart was then sworn in by Vice President Gaviola as the new Chief Election Commissioner.

The rules were call to order.

14. New Business and General Orders:

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

Vice President Gaviola introduced the following nominations:

Larry Falli	Senator of the College of NSM
Alan Wong	Senator of the College of NSM #3
Cindy Lane	Senator of the College of HFAC #1
Joyetta Johnson	Senator at Large #2
Brain Hanby	University Hearing Board
Dominic Corva	Energy Conservative Committee
Nahreen Zaman	International Student Advisory Council
Maya Pianka	Handicapped Students Advisory Board

b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Wheeler moved to bypass the nominations of Dominic Corva to Energy Conservation Committee and Maya Pianka to the Handicapped Students Advisory Board, seconded by Senator Fuller.

Senator Wheeler said that Ms. Pianka comes with the recommendation from the president of Handicapped Students Advisory Board. He said that Mr. Corva is a member of UH Ambassador, an Honors Advocate and also a National Merit Scholar.

The nominations bypassed committee unanimously.

After a vote the nominations were approved.

Senator Fuller moved to bypass the nomination of Craig Lannom to the Student Publications Committee, seconded by Wheeler.

Senator Fuller informed the Senate that Mr. Lannom is the current advertising manager for the Daily Cougar and would provide the board with advantageous.

After a vote the nomination bypassed committee.

The Senate then approved the nomination.

Senator Fuller moved to bypass SAR29008: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. THELMA DOUGLASS FOR HER WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, seconded by Senator Wheeler.

Senator Fuller informed the Senate that Dr. Douglass has service as an Assistant Dean of Student for the university for a long time and has been with the university for 16 years.

The motion to bypass committee passed.

After a vote the resolution was approved.

Senator Fuller moved to bypass SR29004: A SENATE RESOLUTION WISHING PAT SOLOMON SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE AND RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 9, 1993 AS PAT SOLOMON DAY, seconded by Senator Wheeler.

Senator Fuller said that Mrs. Solomon served as the SA administrative secretary and will be transferring tomorrow to the Handicapped Student Service Center.

The motion to bypass committee passed.

The resolution was then approved by the Senate.

Senator Romero moved to bypass SAB29014: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO ELIMINATE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT REGENT, SPEAKER AND CABINET MEMBERS.

The motion was not seconded and therefore, failed.

c) Other New Business and General Orders

Speaker Palmer made the following committee assignment:

Academic Affairs:

None

Internal Affairs:

Larry Falli	Senator of the College of NSM
Alan Wong	Senator of the College of NSM #3
Cindy Lane	Senator of the College of HFAC #1
Joyetta Johnson	Senator at Large #2
Brain Hanby	University Hearing Board

SAR29007: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOSTING OF THE TEXAS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION FALL 1993 CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

SAB29014: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO ELIMINATE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT REGENT, SPEAKER AND CABINET MEMBERS

Student Life:

Nahreen Zaman	International Student Advisory Council
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University of Administration and Finance

None.

15. Comments and Announcements:

Jerrald Alwais, President of the Residence Hall Association reminded the Senate that RHA will be having its annual Casino Night on February 13 and that the ticket cost is \$5.00. He said that Casino Night is an annual fundraiser for Camp Cougar, a summer camp held on campus for mentally retarded children. He said that he is working on the issue of repairing the Residence Hall's tennis court and basketball court, he asked that if senators would like to help to contact him.

Regent Rhodes asked for those senators wanting an individual account on the SA network to see him after the meeting. He informed the Senate that he is applying to become a member of the Guarantee Student Loan Corporation Board.

Senator Wheeler informed the Senate that the intermurals fields are being taken over by the new athletics center. He said that he will be looking into the issue and would like for those interested to help.

Director of Personnel, Jason Fuller informed the Senate of the SA banquet which will take place in

April.

Senator Romero asked that those selected to be on the Election Commission to stay after the meeting. He reminded the Senate that SA has not received a financial report from the Director of Finance. He asked that senators show the same concern for the report and approach Director Harmon about it. Senator Romero said that due to restructuring the accountability of each department's finances must be made.

Senator boyle said that the reason why he did not second the motion to bypass the SAB29014: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL TO ELIMINATE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT REGENT, SPEAKER AND CABINET MEMBERS is because Director of External Affairs, Kevin Jefferies had suggested amendments to the bill, in which he would like time to consider.

16. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary

Senate Secretary Quynh Thai called the closing call of the roll and the following senators were present: shane patrick boyle, Jeff Fuller, Henry Gaw, Carlos Morales, Amy Parks, Gregory Propes, Saud Qazi, Cipriano Romero, Kevin Soebbing, Brian Thompson, Crystal Wallace, Greg Wassberg, Coy Wheeler.

The following senators were absent: Bobbie Bowen, Om Chawla, Anthony Cheng, Gavin Kaszynski, Vernita Hoyt.

The following senators were excused: Dina Abramson, Aijaz Chaudary, Randy Kirby, Reshma Patel, Jennifer Zuber.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SENATE OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 22, 1993

Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary

Michelle L. Palmer, Speaker of the Senate