

**THIRTY-SECOND SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
Tenth Meeting of the 32nd Senate
LaFitte Room, University Center, 8:00 PM
July 25, 1995**

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate, Jennifer Zuber at 8:11 p.m.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Administrative Secretary, Amy Helbach called the roll and the following senators were present: Caryn Arouty, Rick Boeker, Jon Erickson, John Gafford, Casey McMurty, Natalie Merritt, Spring Pankratz, Nader Shah, Jon Sweet, Colleen Truitt

The following Senators were absent: Scott Gorrell, Omilla Harrysingh, Stephanie Smith

The following Senators were excused: Brad Casetlo, Andrea Rachiele

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Giovanni Garibay

3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal

There were no records to approve.

4. Students Wishing to Address the Senate:

None

5. Special Reports:

None

6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members

Senator McMurtry said that he was going to form a small task force to get some work done around the office. He wants help getting the senate office set up and organized, specifically the new computers. He asked for volunteers to let him know when they would be available. He already has help from Senator Erickson and Senator Arouty and he would like to enlist the help of President Garibay if his schedule permits. He wants a representative from the Internal Affairs Committee and the University Administration and Finance Committee to be involved as well. He appreciates all help in getting the computers up and running soon.

7. Report of the President:

President Garibay informed the Senate of things that he was working on at this time. He is involved in an organization called the Council of Campus Leaders, which is comprised of 11 student organizations. This organization is focusing on several issues about campus life such as communication. One current project is the installation of a marquee sign at Cullen and Calhoun. They will be meeting with members of the administration, Dr. Munson, Dr. Lee and President Goerke. President Garibay encouraged the Senators to give him input on issues that they and their constituents feel need attention.

President Garibay said that another project that CCL is working on is Cougar Kick-Off. They are working in conjunction with the Athletics Department and the Alumni Organization. The date for this year's Cougar Kick-Off is set for Wednesday, August 30 from 4 - 9 p.m. President Garibay said that CCL is dividing up the responsibilities for the event and Students' Association is responsible for the publicity. President Garibay encourages all Senators to not only come to the event but to get involved. He will be updating the

Senate with all information closer to the date of the event.

President Garibay also said that he is in the process of meeting with the Deans from all of the colleges, as well as members of the incoming administration. He wants to introduce them to the Students' Association as well as get some feedback from them about what is going on with the administration. He would like to follow these up with additional meetings and utilize these people as another source of information.

President Garibay also wanted to address the internal things going on about the computers for the last two weeks. He talked about the processes that need to be adhered to for all purchases and acknowledged that these are new procedures for him. He said that he has been meeting with the advisors to determine what would not only be appropriate, but more efficient. He said that in talking with former SA President Angie Milner, he learned that she faced some of the same problems. He expressed his desire for SA to focus on the big picture and to not get bogged down in the bickering. He stated that all these issues are important, but focus needs to be on things that are in need of change. He wanted to stress that he likes to not focus so much on the formality, but instead be able to really sit down and talk about these issues and work together to find solutions. He encouraged Senators to come into his office anytime and talk to him about issues, legislation or other matters.

President Garibay said that Vice President Lewinsohn would not be here, but there were some people that need to be brought up in front of committee.

8. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Dom Lewinsohn was not present to give a report.

9. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker of the Senate Jennifer Zuber thanked the Senate for the support that she has received during the transition.

Speaker Zuber addressed the situation of minutes from past meetings. She said that she is trying to piece things together backwards and said that any additional help would be appreciated.

Speaker Zuber said that her office hours would be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday by appointment. She will be in the office more than these specified hours, and will meet at any other time by appointment. She stated that she would like to meet with all of the Senators individually at their convenience.

Speaker Zuber said that in order to increase efficiency, she would like Senators to check their boxes prior to the meeting and review the minutes from the last meeting. This would facilitate moving more quickly during the meeting. The boxes will also contain nameplates, agendas, and any legislation to be introduced in that meeting.

Speaker Zuber read a letter from former SA President Angie Milner. The letter addressed her feelings about the issues of computer placement and construction to the offices.

10. Reports of the Standing Committees

a) Academic Affairs

UB 32006 University Bill Creating a Separate GPA for Students in the College of Optometry

Committee Chair Andrea Rachiele was not present to make a report. Speaker Zuber stated that UB 32006 is still in committee pending further research.

b) Internal Affairs - Brad Castelo

SAB 32006 Students' Association Bill Distributing Computer Equipment for Students' Association Offices

Committee Chair Brad Castelo was not present to make a report, Senator Jon Erickson gave the committee report. The committee met to discuss the computer placement in the offices. At this time Senator Erickson reported back favorably on SAB 32006.

Internal Affairs also discussed TRIS. They have decided not to allocate a specific computer to TRIS, instead they want to find another way. This is still in committee, but they feel that they are making progress on this issue.

Senator Erickson said that they also discussed the issue of the wall removal. They decided to recommend that the offices stay as they are now with no construction. He said that they will see what happens with the existing space without using the other adjoining office. If, after time, the need arises to knock down the wall, then it will be considered at that time.

c) Student Life

Committee Chair Spring Pankratz said that the Student Life Committee did not meet.

d) University Administration and Finance - Casey McMurtry

Committee Chair Casey McMurtry said that the University Administration and Finance Committee did not meet.

11. Reports of the Select Committees

There are no Select Committees

12. Special Orders

There were no Special Orders.

13. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation

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

UB 32007: A University Bill Amending the Student Life Policies

Sponsor: Jennifer Zuber

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor

None

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments

1. Committee on Academic Affairs:

None

2. Committee on Internal Affairs:

None

3. Committee on Student Life:

None

4. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

None

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:

SAB 32006 Students' Association Bill Distributing Computer Equipment for Students' Association Offices

Moved for consideration by Senator Erickson

Seconded by Senator McMurtry.

Senator Erickson presented "The Great Compromise." He said that this was the easiest

compromise and everyone was satisfied. He said the entire Internal Affairs as well as the other Committee Chairs agreed to this plan. He then asked for questions. There were none.

Senator McMurtry stated that this plan would give SA flexibility for the future. He said by giving a computer to each branch instead of one office, there would be more flexibility.

No further discussion. Speaker Zuber stated the motion.

SAB 32006 was approved unanimously.

4. Committee on Student Life:
None

5. Committee on University Administration and Finance:
None

15. New Business and General Orders

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

Committee Appointments:

Carolyn Adams	Student Advisory Board for the DisABLED
Denise Willits	Student Advisory Board for the DisABLED
Brad Castelo	Student Advisory Board for the DisABLED

b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Erickson moved to bypass and consent Brad Castelo for Student Advisory Board for the DisABLED. The motion was seconded by Senator Meritt.

Senator McMurtry asked if since Brad Castelo was on the committee, did he need to be reappointed. Speaker Zuber stated that he did.

The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Pankratz moved to bypass UB 32007. The motion was seconded by Senator McMurtry.

Senator Pankratz stated that this bill needed to be passed expediently because it is long overdue. She stated that this was something that the deadline for these changes is long overdue. She said that these changes were decided on by a panel comprised of faculty and students.

President Garibay said that this information was past the deadline for the new student handbooks, but still needed to be taken care of.

Senator McMurtry amended the motion to a bypass and consent. The motion was seconded by Senator Arouty.

The motion was approved unanimously.

c) Other New Business and General Orders

None

16. Closing Call of the Roll By the Secretary

Administrative Secretary, Amy Helbach, called the roll and the following Senators were present: Caryn Arouty, Rick Boeker, Jon Erickson, John Gafford, Casey McMurtry, Natalie Merrit, Spring Pankratz, Nader Shah, Jon Sweet, Colleen Truitt

The following Senators were absent: Scott Gorrell, Omilla Harrysingh, and Stephanie Smith

The following Senators were excused: Brad Castelo and Andrea Rachiele

17. Comments and Announcements

Senator McMurtry stated that there is no time set for the next meeting of University Administration and Finance Committee, however, he would post notice at least 24 hours in advance. He also reiterated that he needs volunteers to assist him in the set-up of the computers.

Senator Merritt mentioned that she has heard many complaints about the new charges that are going to be applied to student organizations for use of meeting equipment. She would like help in her research and investigation and would like any feedback on these matters.

President Garibay mentioned that he needs help at the additional Orientation Fairs manning the Students' Association table.

Senator Merritt added that this will be the largest Orientation Fair for the summer with over 700 students attending. She mentioned that the more Senators that show up the better for SA.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Giovanni Garibay

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:52 p.m.