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TWENTY-SIXTH SENATE
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Fourth Meeting of the Senate
Monday, April 24, 1989
Dallas-El Paso Room, University Center
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate, Michael Danke, at 7:05 p.m.

Senator Ware was sworn in by President Belicove as the first order of business.

2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

The roll was called by the Senate Secretary, Kandi Harris, and the following Senators were present: Barrus, Browne, Cannon, Danke, Gadberry, Harper, Israel, Kratzer, Kumar, Miklos, Nava, Owens, Parker, Potter, Regan, Saeed, Sharma, Spacek, Traverse, Ware, Wuthrich, and Zarka.

The following Senators were absent: Patel.

The following Senators were excused: Hicks, Karim, Marino, and Mason.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: Robert Lichenstein - Director of External Affairs and Bernie Lugar - Assistant to the Directors.

The following University Officials were present: Thomas Mercado and Willie Munson.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

4. Report of the President:

President Belicove welcomed everyone. He spoke about the Handicapped Students' Advisory Board resolution dealing with the accessibility of the Texas Academic Skills Program on fourth floor E. Cullen. President Belicove asked that the Senate ratify this resolution.

President Belicove is supporting legislation introduced tonight regarding the possible change of Monday through Friday classes to Monday through Thursday classes. The President announced that a candidate for the Campus Activities Advisor position will be on campus to be interviewed. There is an open session for students to attend on April 28 and May 10 at 2:45 p.m. The room will be announced.

Robert Lichenstein, the Director of External Affairs, passed out a list of the proposed legislative agenda for the 26th Students' Association Senate. He spoke briefly on HB1521, HB0003, HB2346, HB558, HB20/SB222, HB121, HB138, HB139, HB111, HB66, and HB99. Mr. Lichenstein will have the information on all of the bills concerning



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higher education ready for the first meeting of the Summer Senate. Please see the attached sheet entitled Proposed Legislative Agenda for the specific information concerning the bills.

5. *Report of the Vice President:*

Vice President Butt spoke about the Student Leader Board that will be placed in the World Affairs Lounge for the outstanding Student Leaders in the Students' Association, Student Program Board, and the Council of Ethnic Organizations stating that it was a good idea.

The Vice President reminded everyone of the Campus Leader Reception at the Blaffer Gallery on 4/27 from 4-6 p.m.

6. *Report of the Speaker:*

Speaker Danke passed out a list for Summer Senate and asked that the Senators update their address and phone numbers for the summer. The Speaker announced that he will be taking applications for the position of Senate Secretary; the rate of pay for the position is \$4.20 - \$4.50 per hour.

Speaker Danke reported that Senators had 72 hours to file a reason for an abstention of a vote with the Senate Secretary in order for it to be placed in the minutes. A Senator has five class days to petition for an excused absence. Senator Wuthrich's phone number was incorrect on the list - the correct number is 947-2178.

The Speaker asked that everyone add Rekha Sharma, Vice Chair for Student Life, under New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetos. The Question and Answer sheet for SB26001 is on the back of the Training Guide.

The Agenda Item for the week on orientation had a very good turnout. The Agenda Item for the week this week is goal setting. Speaker Danke passed out a sheet that will be used to set some goals, for individual Senators. He will be collecting the sheets over the next few meetings.

7. *Special Reports:*

None

8. *One Minute Speeches by the Members.*

Senator Potter met with the Dean of the College of Education. She and Senator Nava spoke with the Dean about the Monday through Thursday classes and the Dean said that he would support any move by the Students' Association to keep the class schedule the way it is. Also, the students in the College of Education prefer a centralized career planning and placement center.

9. *Report of Standing Committees:*

1. Academic Affairs - Yahya Saeed, Chair The committee met last Thursday and worked on UB26001: A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS-WIDE POLICY FOR THE POSTING OF GRADES. They will try to devise a waiver for grade posting.
2. Student Life - Robyn Kratzer, Chair The committee met at 6 p.m. Monday and established goals for the summer and began research on the parking bill.

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3. University Administration and Finance - Biren Kumar, Chair The committee met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday and there was no action on University Bill 26003 A UNIVERSITY BILL CHANGING THE DESIGNATION AND SCOPE OF THE AD HOC BOOKSTORE REVIEW COMMITTEE
4. Internal Affairs - Chris Browne, Chair The committee met at noon on Friday and will be reporting out favorably on Tina Patel as Vice Chair, Mary Monasterio as SSFPAC member, and SB26001: A SENATE BILL AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTION CODE was spoke on at length.

10. *Report of the Select Committee:* None

11. *Special Reports:* None

12. *Unfinished Business and General Orders:*

a. Presidential Nominations and Appointments

Senator Kumar moved to accept Mary Monasterio as a member of the SSFPAC. Senator Browne seconded the nomination, the Senate moved to a direct vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Legislation

Senator Miklos moved to adopt SB26001: A SENATE BILL AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTION CODE and Senator Cannon seconded the motion. The Speaker in favor of the bill was Senator Miklos who stated that this is the best possible bill to increase voter turnout. The Speaker opposed to the motion was Senator Sharma who stated that the bill would create limited voter turnout and increase the odds for apathy. Under General Discussion, President Belicove commended Senator Miklos for all of the work on the bill, but also urged the Senate to send the bill to committee. Senator Saeed stated that the polling place for Natural Science and Mathematics was not appropriate because of the lack of classes located in the Building for polling. Senator Harper pointed out that there might be a problem getting out the information of the changed polling places. Vice President Butt commended Senator Miklos for all of the hard work on the bill but also stated that there were flaws in the bill that needed to be addressed. Senator Potter stated that she was in favor of sending the bill back to committee but she also stated that more people in her college would have voted if there were more polling places. Senator Miklos stated that the committee spent two hours going over the bill and the Senators had been invited to attend the meeting. He said that there are two ways to fix the elections: 1. restricted polling sites and 2. voting only allowed with student ID card. Senator Browne asked that the Senate express concerns about times and places at the next meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee. Senator Sharma moved to send the bill back to committee, Senator Wuthrich seconded the motion, the Senate moved to a direct vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

13. *New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetos:*

Senator Parker moved that the Senate endorse the resolution by the Handicapped Students' Advisory Board that disagrees with housing the TASP program in an inaccessible area to the handicapped students. Senator Kumar seconded the motion. President spoke in favor of the bill stating that it is a travesty to house TASP in an area that is inaccessible to the



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handicapped students. The Senate moved to a direct vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Senator Parker moved to accept Senator Sharma as the vice-Chair for Student Life. Senator Saeed seconded the motion. the Senate moved to a direct vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Senator Kumar moved to accept Robert Miklos as the vice-Chair for the Committee on University Administration and Finance and Tina Patel as the vice-Chair for the Committee on Internal Affairs. Senator Browne seconded the motion, the Senate moved to a direct vote and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:

Senator Nava introduced University Bill 26004, A UNIVERSITY BILL CALLING ON THE POLICE AND PARKING ADVISORY BOARD AND THE CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE TO CHANGE THE ACCESSIBILITY STATUS OF LOT 1B.

Senator Harper introduced Senate Resolution 26001, A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TO MAINTAIN A SCHEDULE WITH MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY CLASSES.

15. Presidential Nominations and Appointments: None

16. Comments and Announcements:

President Belicove informed the Committee on Internal Affairs that they can set up a meeting before the first meeting of the Summer Senate.

Senator Potter inquired if the Senate Resolution will require colleges that now have Monday through Thursday classes to be Monday through Friday classes. Senator Harper replied no.

Senator Nava stated that the Dean of the College of Education is in support of the Monday through Friday classes.

Senator Spacek announced that AIESEC is having a hot dog sale between classes and that the cokes are inexpensive.

Senator Ware announced that he was happy to be at the Senate meeting and his mother is doing better.

Senator Wuthrich reminded the Senate of the 10th annual Pharmacy golf tournament on May 15th. She is also selling raffle tickets for \$1.

Senator Sharma announced that the CEO banquet is Friday, April 28, all of the Senators are invited. There is also a dance at 9 p.m. in the Houston Room after the banquet.

Vice President Butt thanked President Van Horn for choosing to stay at the University of Houston.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:07 p.m.