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## TWENTY-SIXTH SENATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Seventh Meeting of the Fall Senate  
November 20, 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 7:00 P.M.

**2. Call of the Roll by the Secretary:**

The following Senators were present: Barrus, Browne, Danke, Hasslebrink, Hicks, Karim, Marino, Miklos, Parker, Patel, Saeed, Sharma, Spacek, Ware, Zarka, Wilson, and Urban

The following Senators were late:

The following Senators were excused: Owens (HFA), Potter, and Wuthrich

The following Senators were absent: Harper, Owens (At Large)

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: President Belicove, Vice President Butt, and Co-Director of Public Relations Mark Burge

The following University Officials were present: Nyla Ptomey

**14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:**

Senator Miklos moved to table SR26008: A SENATE RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON VERSUS UNIVERSTIY OF TEXAS FOOTBALL TICKET PRICING. As a point of information, Senator Hicks asked Speaker Danke how the motion made by Senator Miklos could be valid if at the previous question was called during the last meeting. Speaker Danke answered by informing Senator Hicks that a vote on the previous question was a motion to close debate. Once the debate was closed then a vote was taken. He reminded the Senate that before the vote was taken Senator Miklos called for quorum. Because the Senate did not make quorum after the roll was called, the meeting adjourned. Senator Urban seconded the motion to table the resolution. As speaker in favor, Senator Miklos told the Senate that he talked with the authors of the Resolution about an alternate Resolution. He also felt that the legislation should have been worded more positive. So he informed the Senators that the authors and himself have written a new alternate Resolution. After no General Debate a direct vote was taken to lay SR26008 on the table and it passed unanimously.

Senator Urban introduced SR26009: A SENATE RESOLUTION CLARIFYING SR26001.

Senator Hasselbrink introduced UB26018: A UNIVERSITY BILL WHICH ESTABLISHES A CAR-POOLING PROGRAM FOR COMMUTER STUDENTS. The legislation was referred to the Student Life Committee.

Senator Miklos announced that the University Administration and Finance Committee had only four members and could not hold any further legislation until more Senators join the committee. Senator Miklos asked that all legislation be given to Student Life.

Senator Urban moved to bypass and consider SR26009. Senator Hicks seconded the motion. As Speaker in favor, Senator Urban explained that the original Resolution is presently being mis-construed by various Committees around campus. The new Senate Resolution clarifies the Students' Association stand on the issue. This being that each college should be able to pick

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their appropriate class days according to the needs of their students. As Speaker Against Senator Marino did not feel that the resolution clarifying the Students' Association stand was necessary. In general debate, Senator Spacek felt that SR26009 was necessary because she felt the first resolution was misconstrued. In addition, she felt it would give more emphasis to the issue of class schedule times. Vice President Butt asked Senator Spacek how the original was misconstrued. President Belicove answered Vice President Butt's question by informing the Senate that the University Administration is using our original legislation as a tool that the College of Business students desire. He emphasized that the intent of the legislation was to speak on behalf of the University of Houston and to not change the entire campus to a four day class schedule. Vice President Butt asked if the Resolution had anything to do with whether other colleges could use the CBA classrooms. Senator Urban satisfied his point of Information by answering that the Resolution was strictly to clarify that each college should be allowed to work with their students needs regarding class scheduling. The Senate Resolution had nothing to do with classroom usage in the College of Business. After no further debate a vote was taken on the motion to bypass and consider SR26009 and it passed unanimously.

#### **15. Comments and Announcements:**

By general consent, the Comments and Announcement of the previous meeting was merged with the 11/20/89 meeting.

#### **16. Adjournment:**

By general consent, the Adjournment of the previous meeting was merged with the 11/20/89 meeting.

#### **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 the Junior Senators who were attending tonight's meeting. He added that if any Senators were interested in teaching a Legislative Intern, please contact Bruce Ciloski, the Director of Personnel.

President Belicove announced that he would be coming out with the SSFPAC nominations and the nomination for a Senator position later in the meeting.

#### **5. Report of the Vice President:**

Vice President Butt updated the Senate on the current situation of Students' Association T-shirts. He added that the T-shirts were designed by the Mark Brokowski and Mark Burge in the Public Relations Department.

He announced that the Black Student Union started a newsletter titled *Unity*.

Vice President Butt announced that only two Graduate Committee positions remain unfilled.

He informed the Senate of a new organization on campus called SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving.) The Organization is aimed at creating an awareness on campus about the affects of Drunk Driving. Vice President Butt gave the number of Mitchell Chamblin for anyone interested in joining SADD.

Vice President Butt endorsed the UB26018: A UNIVERSITY BILL WHICH ESTABLISHES A CAR-POOLING PROGRAM FOR COMMUTER STUDENTS written by Senator Hasselbrink. He added that this would alleviate some of the problems involving parking on campus.

He added his support for upcoming UB26016: A UNIVERSITY BILL BANNING POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. Vice President Butt felt that this University Bill expressed the Senate's stand on Environmental issues.



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On a final note, Vice President Butt mentioned the Habitat for Humanity. He informed the Senate that as a college of Architecture student, he plans to volunteer his time to build houses for the needy. He added that in the future he hopes to get some type of Resolution supporting the Organization on campus.

## **6. Report of the Speaker:**

Speaker Danke mentioned several business items: 1) He attended the Police and Parking Advisory Board meeting last Friday and asked for the Senate input regarding the Shuttle route. He informed the Senate that the visitor lot will increase parking fees to \$2. In addition, he added that a temporary lot will be made on the North East corner of Cullen and Elgin. 2) Speaker Danke thanked Senator Hicks for the nameplates. 3) Announced that he was still making appointments to the Select Committee. Anyone interested please contact Speaker Danke. 4) Updated the Senate on several pieces of Legislation. The UB26009: A UNIVERSITY BILL PROVIDING FOR UP TO TEN HOURS OF PASS/FAIL FREE-ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. The Bill has been sent to Bob Lineberry. Both UB26013: A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING A NEW PERMANENT GRADUATE ADVISOR IN THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE and UB26002: A UNIVERSITY BILL CHANGING THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR PARKING LOT CLASSIFICATION CHANGES have been referred to the appropriate Administration heads. 5) The times for the upcoming Senate meetings: December 4, January 29, February 12, February 26, March 12, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16, April 23, April 30.

## **7. Special Reports: None**

## **8. One Minute Speeches by the Members.**

*Senator Miklos* - informed the Senate that he attended a Student Publications Committee. He felt that the present committee, minus the students members, are not completely aware of the actions of the Daily Cougar. He felt that the present conditions of the SPC were unacceptable and the committee needed to change.

*President Belicove* - Clarified that Senator Miklos' words, "Students Members" meant the Students Members appointed by the Students' Association.

*Speaker Pro Tempore Marino* - Thanked the Senators for attending the Dean's Reception. He added that the Receptions offered him a chance to discuss ideas and legislation with the Deans.

*Senator Hasselbrink* - Attended the Handicapped Student Advisory Board meeting with Senator Parker. *Senator Hasselbrink* spoke on the importance Stewardship. *Senator Parker* - Added that Interim President Magner did attend the HSAB meeting and the committee was able to speak with him.

## **9. Report of Standing Committees:**

1. **Academic Affairs** - Yahya Saeed, Chair - Met with quorum and reported out favorably on Russel Bunteo, Admissions Review Council Committee and Faisal Butt, Undergraduate Council

2. **Internal Affairs** - Chris Browne, Chair - Reported out favorably on Eric Grimm, Senate At large Pos. 8, Tanima Malhotra, Assistant Election Commissioner, and Sujhah George, Assistant Election Commissioner. He announced that the Committee reported out favorably on the SB26010: A SENATE BILL ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE 1990 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS. He informed the Senate that the Internal Affairs Committee is still discussing the Election Bill. However, he reported that voting by computers will not be implemented in this years election. He added, if there was no objection, to call a meeting on November 27, 1989 at 6:00 p.m. for the Constitutional Reading Committee. He informed the Senate that the Constitution would have to come out by January 29, 1990 or it would not be able to make the Election Ballot.

3. **Student Life** - Rekha Sharma, Chair - Reported out favorably on all nominations in Committee and also on UB26014: A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-



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LITTER CAMPAIGN as well as UB26015: A UNIVERSITY BILL STIPULATING HOW FUNDS FOR THE SHASTA CAGE SHALL BE EXPENDED.

4. **University Administration and Finance** - Robert Miklos, Chair - Reported out favorably on UB26015: A UNIVERSITY BILL STIPULATING HOW FUNDS FOR THE SHASTA CAGE SHALL BE EXPENDED and on UB26016: A UNIVERSITY BILL BANNING POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. He informed the Senate that his committee had four members, so they were unable to deal with UB26017: UNIVERSITY POLICY ON CASHING PAYROLL CHECK ON CAMPUS. After making several inquiries, Chair Miklos felt that unless substantial changes were made in the form of the bill, he would not approve the piece of Legislation. In addition, he informally approved Warron J. Tison to the Police and Parking Advisory Board.

10. **Report of the Select Committee:**

11. **Special Reports: None**

12. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**

a. **Presidential Nominations and Appointments**

Senator Miklos moved to accept all appointments in Committee and include Warron J. Tison to the Police and Parking Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Senator Sharma. After no general debate, a direct vote was taken and the appointments were approved unanimously. At this time Senator Browne swore in Latricia Sellers to the University Hearing Board.

b. **Legislation**

Senator Miklos motioned to discharge UB26015: A UNIVERSITY BILL STIPULATING HOW FUNDS FOR THE SHASTA CAGE SHALL BE EXPENDED. The motion was seconded by Senator Karim. After no general debate, a vote was taken and the motion to discharge was passed unanimously. In the motion to consider UB26015, Senator Miklos motioned to amend the University Bill to add another enacted before the final enacted stating "That people or groups who have contributed \$100 or more for the construction of a new Shasta Cage be contacted and given the option of having their contribution returned, or put into a holding account, and be it further enacted." The amendment was seconded by Senator Hasselbrink. As Speaker in favor, Senator Miklos informed the Senate that the University Administration and Finance added the amendment in committee. In General Debate, Senator Saeed asked why the amount of the contribution to the Shasta Cage was \$100 and not \$50. President Belicove informed him that \$100 was the price a Shasta Brick. Senator Hicks added a friendly amendment in the last enacted. However, Speaker Danke informed the Senate that the amendment proposed by Senator Hicks was not germane to the amendment offered by Senator Miklos. In further General Debate, Senator Miklos explained that the proposed enacted would give the people an option of choosing whether or not to have their contribution returned or donated to the Main Campus Library System. Senator Sharma asked who was in charge of calling all the people who donated money to the cage. President Belicove answered that the calling would be done by the President's Office and this process had already begun. The amendment was brought to a vote and it passed favorably. In general debate on UB26015 as a whole, Senator Hicks moved to amend the bill inserting "or after a live mascot is considered by the new President" after "one and one half year" in the final enacted. The amendment was seconded by Senator Urban. As Speaker in Favor, Senator Hicks told the senate that there was no reason to leave the money in an account, when it could be used in the library. He added that after the decision has been made by the President, the money was either going to be used or not. As Speaker Against the amendment, Senator Sharma thought the problem with the wording of "considered" was vague. Senator Miklos thought the amendment should be changed "or until a new President has decided." President Belicove thought that if this change to the amendment was accepted by the Senate, it probably would not be signed by President Magner. Senator Hasselbrink told the Senate that people would have to wait one and one half years for the decision. Speaker Danke asked what are the chances of the President position not being filled after one and one half years. President Belicove answered



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that the chances were zero to none, and cautioned the Senate about approving the amendment. Senator Karim moved to call the previous question and it failed. Senator Hicks clarified that the money would go into an account and as soon as the President had finalized his decision. Then the money would go to the appropriate place after a decision was made on the Cougar. President Belicove reminded the Senate that everytime the Senate plans to pass a University Bill, they need to be extremely careful when wording the piece of Legislation. Senator Marino moved to call the previous question and the motion passed; debate was closed. A vote was taken on the amendment made by Senator Hicks and it failed. In general debate on UB26015 Senator Miklos asked President Belicove how long it would take to get a new President at the University. President Belicove felt it would be until the end of next summer. With this in mind, Senator Miklos motioned to amend the final enacted to strike "one and one half years" to read "one year." This was seconded by Senator Karim. After no General Debate, a vote was taken on the amendment made by Senator Miklos. The amendment passed favorably. Senator Miklos moved to close debate. There were three seconds and debate was closed. A vote was taken on the amended version of UB26015 and it passed unanimously.

Senator Miklos moved to pass UB26016: A UNIVERSITY BILL BANNING POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. This was seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore Marino. As Speaker in Favor, Vice President Butt commended Senator Miklos on his Bill. He felt that this piece legislation showed the Students' Association's stand on environmental issues. In General Debate, Speaker Pro Tempore Marino added that he was in favor of the Bill. As a point of information, Senator Sharma asked if the Senate office was free of all polystyrene products. Speaker Danke assured the Senate that the Senate office was free of the product. A vote was taken on UB26016 and it passed unanimously.

Senator Sharma motioned to pass UB26014: A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN favorably. The motion was seconded by Senator Miklos. As Speaker in favor, Senator Miklos told the Senate that the Campaign would increase awareness and at the same time decrease refuse. He added that the Campaign was profitable and it would be a neat school spirit campaign. In General Debate, Senator Hasselbrink moved to add another "t" to the word litter. A vote was taken and the Bill passed unanimously.

Senator Browne moved to pass UB26010: A SENATE BILL ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE 1990 STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS. The motion was seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore Marino. As Speaker in Favor, Senator Saeed informed the senate that all the dates were in accordance with the guidelines of the Constitution and that the dates were in everyone's interests. After no further debate, a vote was taken and the University Bill passed unanimously.

Senator Miklos motioned to bring off the table and back on the floor SR26008: A SENATE RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON VERSUS UNIVERSTIY OF TEXAS FOOTBALL. The motion was seconded by Senator Sharma. After no discussion, a vote was taken and the Resolution failed.

### **13. New Business and Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes:**

President Belicove put forth Brodrick Dockery for the Senate At Large Position No. 2 and Karen Kirk for the Book Store Advisory Committee. In addition he put forth the nominations Felica Provada, Rodger Peters, and Mohammad Khan for SSFPAC.

### **14. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:**

Senator Saeed moved to bypass SR26010: A SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SELECTION OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON AS THE SITE FOR THE 1990 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT. The motion was seconded by Senator Karim. As Speaker in Favor, President Belicove commended the authors on the legislation. He added that it was the Students' Associations' responsibility to become aware of national issues. In General Debate, Senator Hicks complimented the Senators on a great bill. He suggested that the Resolution be accompanied by a letter (when sent to the



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Mayor and the State Department.) A vote was taken and the resolution was passed unanimously.

Senator Miklos introduced UB26019: A UNIVERSITY BILL PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCIAL AID DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE 60 DAY HOLDS ON REGISTRATION DETERMINATIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER.

Senator Barrus introduced UB26020: A UNIVERSITY BILL REVISING THE STUDENT PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

## **15. Comments and Announcements:**

*Senator Urban* - extended an invitation to all Senators for the Toastmaster International breakfast with guest Kathy Whitmire. The event will be held on December 12, 1989 at 7:00 a.m. She told anyone interested in attending the event to please contact her for directions.

*Senator Hicks* - Announced that the next meeting will be his last Senate meeting because he is graduating at the end of the Fall Semester. In addition, he introduced his Legislative Intern Julie Bell.

*Senator Sharma* - Introduced her Legislative Intern, F. Sharp. In accordance, with the UB26016 banning polystyrene, she hoped that the Students' Association would make an effort to get rid of all the polystyrene in their office.

*President Belicove* - Announced that Next Monday, November 27, 1989 Interim President Magner would be giving the State of the University Address. In addition, he wished Andre Ware a great last game.

*Vice President Butt* - Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

## **16. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:40 p.m.