

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tenth Meeting of the 27th Senate
Monday, July 30, 1990
Regents Room, University Center 6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:** Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate
2. **Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:** Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal from the Previous Meeting:**
4. **Special Reports:**
 - a) Dr. George Magner, University of Houston Interim President
 - b) Mr. Tim Oakley, SA Representative to the Athletic Advisory Board
5. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members**
6. **Report of the President:** Paul Hogle
7. **Report of the Vice President:** Lee Flemming
8. **Report of the Speaker:** Mark Burge
9. **Reports of the Standing Committees:**
 - a) Academic Affairs: Jan Burns, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: Tiffany Russell, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Charlie Hasselbrink, Chair
 - d) University Administration & Finance: Shannon Wilkie, Chair
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:
 - **UB 27011:** REQUIRING FACULTY TO RETAIN EVALUATED MATERIAL FOR SIX MONTHS
Sponsors: John Berggren & Mark Burge
 - 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:
 - **None**
 3. Committee on Student Life:
 - **None**

4. Committee on University Administration & Finance:
 - **None**
 - b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
 1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:
 - **None**
 2. Committee on Academic Affairs:
 - **SAR 27008**: CALLING FOR THE IMPLIMENTATION OF GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES FOLLOWING THE FALL AND SUMMER SEMESTERS IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT SPRING COMMENCEMENT
Sponsor: D. Lee Grooms
 3. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - **None**
 4. Committee on Student Life:
 - **SAR 27006** : RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS ON CAMPUS BY NAMING A DAY IN THEIR HONOR
Sponsors: Joel Richards & Ken Wong
 - **SAB 27006**: AUTHORIZING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO HAVE POWER BY ITSELF TO APPROVE JUSTICES FOR AD HOC TRAFFIC COURTS
Sponsor: Tiffany Russell
 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance:
 - **UB 27010**: ADDING AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE IN THE SATTELITE
Sponsor: E. F. Hasselbrink
 - **SAR 27009**: ADVOCATING THE CONTINUATION OF CENTRALIZED PLACEMENT SERVICES
Sponsors: Mark Burge & Preeti Gandhi
 - **SAR 27010**: OPPOSING AN INCREASE IN COMPULSORY STUDENT SERVICE FEES
Sponsor: D. Lee Grooms
14. **New Business and General Orders:**
 - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:
 - b) Motions on Committee Bypass:
 - c) Other New Business and General Orders:
 15. **Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary:** Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary
 16. **Comments and Announcements:**
 17. **Adjournment:**

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1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer:

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate Mark Burge at 6:06 PM.

2. Opening Call of the roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the opening roll and the following senators were present: John A. Berggren, Michael C. Berry, P. Jan Burns, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Charlie Hasselbrink, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany Russell, Farrel Sharp.

The following senators were absent at the opening roll call: Joel Richards, Shannon Wilkie.

The following senators were excused: None.

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:

a) Dr. George Magner, University of Houston Interim President:

Dr. George Magner, University of Houston Interim President, spoke about his past year in office saying it had been an exciting one in a both positive and negative ways. He said the University faced a record enrollment of over 32,000 students which included a large number of National Merit scholars. The University added to its cultural diversity by increasing minority enrollment. With this, he said, came additional stress, overcrowded classrooms and parking problems. He said the University started a number of new policies to benefit faculty, students and staff, including a policy on AIDS, a revised policy on sexual harassment, on the misuse of property and a revised policy on the use of drugs and alcohol. Dr. Magner said that the University initiated a new health center fee of \$15 after the approval of a student referendum. He said this fee has generated \$600,000 in revenue. He noted that the Senate is currently considering a resolution opposing any further increase in Student Service Fees. He informed the senators that there is going to be a major lobbying effort by several universities to get the legislature to increase the \$90 Student Service Fee cap and that perhaps they should be prepared to resist. Dr. Magner said it had been an exciting athletic season with Andre Ware winning the Heisman Trophy and Jolanda Jones being rated one of the top athletes by NCAA.

On the negative side Dr. Magner said he had the unpleasant duty of putting an end to the tradition of maintaining a live mascot on campus. He said a lot of money was spent on repairing the massive freeze which hit campus on Christmas Eve. He talked about the efforts to deal with various revenue shortfalls. Dr. Magner said the Athletic Department is currently about \$1.5 million in the red. He said that unless they find a way to remove that debt, the Board of Regents will have to make major

alterations in the UH athletic program. On a positive note, he said \$2 per ticket sold to the upcoming Houston Oilers -Detroit Lions preseason game will be donated to the UH Scholarship Fund. Dr. Magner said the second major shortfall is in the Academic Scholarship program which needs about \$2 million. He said this program funds nearly 1800 students including the National Merit program.

Dr. Magner said in the early fall the Board of Regents approved the contract for the building of University Apartments. These apartments were built by a private concern at no cost to the State or the University. He said we are completing our six year strategic planning process and are now embarking on some major development efforts. Dr. Magner said a major fundraising drive which has already collected \$50 million in 'lead gifts.' The goal is to have at least \$100 million pledged before starting the fundraising drive begins publicly in the spring. The ultimate aim of the drive is to collect \$300-\$400 million total for the UH System. Dr. Magner said the main aims of the development effort are targeted at the following categories: student support, faculty support, academic programs and facilities. The biggest chunk will go to student support. Dr. Magner also reported that nearly 10,000 people including a large number of media and dignitaries attended President Bush's 'Thank You to Houston' celebration held at UH in conjunction with the 1990 International Economic Summit. He said it was a resounding success with its most lasting result being the positive response generated among people in the city and in Washington about the campus. He said there has been an ongoing effort to get the George Bush Presidential Library for the University of Houston and he estimated that we now have a 50% chance of getting the library. The other places the library can go to are Rice University and Texas A&M. Dr. Magner said UH is a logical choice for the library as Texas A&M is not easily accessible and Rice University is situated in a congested location. In other events, he said the first Texas Musical Festival was held at UH, hundreds of books and articles had been published by faculty last year, Paul Chu was named the best research scientist of the by a poll of five hundred scientists.

Dr. Magner said that for him personally, the past year has been an affirmation and confirmation of the strength of the student body and faculty. He said there has been a change in the reasons students enroll at UH and that students now choose to come here because UH is a good university and not because it is easily accessible. Dr. Magner said a matter of concern is that our resources at the University of Houston are stretched tremendously thin. We have less than a 1000 full time faculty members. A university of this size should have at least 1500 full time faculty members. He said we have to strengthen our academic advising and other services to make them more efficient. Dr. Magner expressed optimism about the future and said he was confident that the 1990's will be a great decade. A major priority in the future must be enrollment management as we come close to having 33,000 students this fall. He said we cannot afford to go over that figure if we want to maintain a reasonable balance and sufficiently serve all the students here. He stated that we were going to see greater cultural diversity over the next decade with a greater proportion of minority students and faculty. He said there are probably going to be more required and elective courses related to cultural diversity as was recently requested by the Students' Association Senate. Dr. Magner said there will be more housing on campus within the next 3-5 years. This housing will be in the form of small group housing suitable for sororities and fraternities. He said he would personally like to see an International House on the campus and that there has been a great deal of interest expressed for at least one language house. Dr. Magner said a modest size retail center has been planned within the same time frame. He said the university will be getting two other small buildings of which one will be an athletic training facility and the other will be a new alumni building. The athletic facility is needed to keep up with NCAA standards. He said a top economic priority of the administration is increasing opportunities related to a more international focus. This will include more study abroad programs and lectures by visiting foreign professors. He said that we will probably see more resources generated in the next two or three years. Dr. Magner said a top priority is the library which is now a major deficiency of the university and that one of the reasons for this is that the legislature has failed to fund the library by its usual formula. Another goal is to establish a major link with the Texas Medical Center. In closing, Dr. Magner said he saw a bright future for UH under incoming President Marguerite Ross Barnett who he said he has found to be extremely

bright, assertive, creative and experienced.

b) Mr. Tim Oakley, SA Representative to the Athletic Advisory Board:

Mr. Tim Oakley, SA Representative to the Athletic Advisory Board and President of the Bleacher Creatures said his organization could use the help of student leaders to get involved and to support school spirit. He said that the Bleacher Creatures is an organization started by students back around 1985-86. He said that recently the alumni, faculty, the Daily Cougar and the Athletic Department have really started to back them up. Tim Oakley said the organization's goals include showing more Cougar spirit by increasing commuter student involvement. He also noted that Senator Rosenberger holds an office in the Bleacher Creatures.

5) Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Berry noted that Dr. Magner said the reason so much money is being spent on athletics is that we need to comply with NCAA standards. Given the current low status of UH Libraries, Senator Berry said he felt the libraries should be granted more priority over the athletic program as they serve as a base for education.

6) Report of the President:

President Paul Hoglund was out of town.

7) Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Lee Flemming said he was very impressed by the amount and quality of the legislation the Senate has put out in his absence. He said after careful review he has signed UB 27009: CONCERNING BOARD CONTRACTS, SAB 27003: adopting a new Title 1 of the bylaws, SAB 27004: ESTABLISHING A STUDENT SENATOR CONTACT PROGRAM WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE, and SAB 27005: COMMITTING SUPPORT FOR HOSTING THE AAUS CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 11-14, 1990.

Vice President Flemming also said he had a meeting with the commencement committee and said that it troubled the committee members that there were not enough students graduating in the fall and summer semesters to warrant a separate graduation ceremony as the Senate is now considering. Instead the committee members were thinking of organizing a social function for the off-semester graduating students. He said the main emphasis was on increasing attendance at the main graduation ceremony. He said the committee members are working on getting major commencement speakers to assist in this endeavor. In closing Vice President Flemming said he will be acting as SA President until President Hoglund returns and will be in the office between 10AM and 5PM on most days.

8) Report of the Speaker:

Speaker of the Senate Mark Burge reported out on the status of legislation passed by the 27th Senate thus far. He said Dr. Magner signed UB 27001: CREATING AN AD-HOC UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A STUDENT-OPERATED RADIO STATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. He has also signed UB 27003: MAKING UPDATED CRIME REPORTS EASILY ACCESSIBLE and that the Dean of Students office has volunteered to act as the UC location for posting the reports. Speaker Burge said UB 27004: ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS has been signed with the provision that the composition of the committee does not exactly match that specified by the legislation. He said UB 27005: CREATING A PLACE ON CLASS REGISTRATION FORMS FOR

AN OPTIONAL DONATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LIBRARIES with a qualification that if there is an alternative method for obtaining such voluntary donations which is more desirable from an administrative perspective he will accept the alternative. Speaker Burge said UB 27008: ESTABLISHING PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS FUNDS TO BE DIRECTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LIBRARIES has been received by the President's Office but SA has not gotten a response yet. He said UB 27007: MANDATING THE ADDITION OF A REQUIREMENT IN MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS TO THE UNDERGRADUATE CORE CURRICULUM has been forwarded to Dr. Ross Lence, Chair of the Undergraduate Council for their consideration.

Senator Russell asked if the donations on the library registration forms were going to be implemented in the fall. Speaker Burge said that under the terms of UB 27005 they should be implemented in the Spring.

9) Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Senator Burns, Chair of Academic Affairs said her committee felt SAR 27008: CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES FOLLOWING THE FALL AND SUMMER SEMESTERS IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT SPRING COMMENCEMENT should be made a University Bill and that they amended it accordingly and are reporting out favorably.

Speaker Burge said that this legislation's new title will be UB 27013

b) Internal Affairs:

Senator Russell, Chair of Internal Affairs said her committee had nothing to report as they had no business in their committee.

c) Student Life:

Senator Hasselbrink, Chair of Student Life said his committee reported out favorably on SAB 27006: AUTHORIZING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO HAVE POWER BY ITSELF TO APPROVE AD HOC TRAFFIC COURT JUSTICES. He said SAR 27006: RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS ON CAMPUS BY NAMING A DAY IN THEIR HONOR has still been tabled for further discussion.

d) University Administration and Finance:

Senator Wilkie, Chair of University Administration and Finance said her committee was reporting out favorably on SAR 27010: OPPOSING AN INCREASE IN COMPULSORY STUDENT SERVICE FEES and on UB 27010: ADDING AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE IN THE SATELLITE. She said SAR 27009: ADVOCATING THE CONTINUATION OF CENTRALIZED PLACEMENT SERVICES is still being held in committee.

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 the Publication of the Agenda:

Speaker Burge said UB 27011: REQUIRING FACULTY TO RETAIN EVALUATED MATERIAL FOR SIX MONTHS, will go to Academic Affairs.

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:

Senator Burns introduced SAB 27008: CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF AN SA RECYCLING/ ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY CURRENT AND FUTURE UNIVERSITY RECYCLING EFFORTS

Senator Burns then introduced UB 27012: REQUIRING THAT THE TIMING OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CULLEN AND ELGIN BE EXTENDED

Senator Burns also introduced SAB 27009: CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY UNIVERSITY COURSE EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE SAME.

Speaker Burge introduced SAB 27007: TO ADOPT TITLE 2 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE OF THE SENATE; REPEALING BYLAWS REPLACED BY THE CODE.

Speaker Burge referred SAB 27008 and UB 27012 to Student Life. He referred SAB 27007 to Internal Affairs. SAB 27009 and UB 27011 were referred to Academic Affairs.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

None.

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business:

1) Presidential Vetoes to be reconsidered:

None.

2) Committee on Academic Affairs:

Senator Berry spoke in favor of UB 27013: CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOLLOWING THE FALL AND SUMMER SEMESTERS IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT SPRING COMMENCEMENT. He said the University of Houston places emphasis on its orientation programs for freshman and transfer students, but that down the line an alumnus is going to remember his graduation much more than his orientation. Senator Berry said working with Telefund to raise money from alumni has shown him that many alumni have a poor opinion of the school and it would be a smart financial consideration to implement ceremonies for fall and summer.

Senator Gandhi noted that the ENACTED clause said 'spring' where it was supposed to say

'summer.' This was changed by general consent.

Senator Hasselbrink said the University should permit colleges to have their own commencement ceremonies.

Senator Burns said she is upset about the fact that any functions held by the colleges to celebrate graduation in the fall or summer cannot be called graduation ceremonies.

Senator Rosenberger noted that there was no 'therefore be it' before the ENACTED clause. This was changed by general consent.

Senator Wilkie asked if the bill is calling for college commencement ceremonies or a University-wide commencement.

Senator Grooms moved that the bill be referred back to committee. After being seconded, the motion passed with ten votes in favor and one abstention and UB 27013 went back to Academic Affairs.

3) Internal Affairs:

None.

4) Committee on Student Life:

Senator Hasselbrink spoke in favor of SAB 27006: AUTHORIZING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO HAVE POWER BY ITSELF TO APPROVE JUSTICES FOR AD HOC TRAFFIC COURTS and said that the Internal Affairs committee is quite capable of confirming ad hoc traffic court justices.

Senator Russell said the bill is only for temporary traffic court justices so it is not a very drastic measure. The bill passed unanimously.

5) Committee on University Administration and Finance:

Senator Richards spoke in favor of UB 27010: ADDING AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE IN THE SATELLITE. He said it will not incur any cost for the university as banks will handle the installation of the machines. The bill passed unanimously.

Senator Grooms spoke in favor of SAR 27010: OPPOSING AN INCREASE IN COMPULSORY STUDENT SERVICE FEES. He said the bill has generated a great deal of interest among the administrators, as shown by the fact that he was called into Dr. Roland Smith's office soon after its introduction at the last meeting. He said the administrators would like to have the \$90 cap lifted so they can increase student service fees without a referendum or consent of the state legislature. He said units need to trim their costs every so often and see how efficiently they function before asking students to pay more fees. He said individual fees like the Health Center Fee have been a point of leverage for the students at the University of Houston in the past. Senator Grooms said a side effect of an increase in student service fees is that athletics would get 35% of the new, higher, amount.

Senator Berry said while he was not necessarily against the purpose of the bill, he felt it was unclear as to whether the bill intended to address the UH administrators or the state legislature. He yielded the floor to Senator Grooms who said he tried to address both the administrators and the state legislature.

Senator Burns said the bill was discussed at the Senate Executive committee meeting and that the SA Treasurer Ryan Chadwick had discussed placing a number of restrictions on Student Service Fee increases.

Senator Berggren said Chadwick's proposals were midway between the administration's standpoint and SAR 27010. He felt it is better to go the whole way instead of compromising. The resolution passed with eight votes in favor, one against and two abstentions.

14. New Business and General Orders:

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:

Vice President Lee Flemming introduced the nominations of Doanh Nguyen to the Undergraduate Council, Donald Easterling to the Library Committee, and Kevin Patrick Carreth to the Graduate and Professional Students Council. Speaker Burge referred these nominations to the Academic Affairs Committee.

Vice President Flemming also nominated John Berggren to the President's Art Acquisition Committee, John Jetty to Handicap Student Advisory Board and Geoffrey Maduzia to A.D. Bruce Religion Center Board. Speaker Burge referred these nominations to the Student Life Committee

b) Motions on Committee Bypass:

Senator Burns moved to bypass committee on UB 27012: REQUIRING THAT THE TIMING OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CULLEN AND ELGIN BE EXTENDED and spoke in favor of the motion saying that the bill addresses a very straightforward issue.

Vice President Flemming asked if the bill was written with the intention of making the green on the Cullen side last longer. The motion to bypass committee failed by a vote of five in favor and six against. The bill remained in Student Life.

15. Closing call of the roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: John A. Berggren, Michael C. Berry, P. Jan Burns, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Charlie Hasselbrink, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Joel Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany Russell, Shannon Wilkie.

The following senators were absent: Farrel Sharp.

The following senators were excused: None.

16. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Grooms asked if a senator can be excused for half an absence and Speaker Burge said that it can be done but the half absence will still count towards the total number of allowed absences.

Senator Berggren said he is pleased to see former members of the Senate including Chris Browne, Michael Danke, and Robert Miklos among the audience.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:45 PM.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON AUGUST 13, 1990

Nandita Venkateswaran

Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary

Mark Burge

Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate