

TWENTY-NINTH SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Eleventh Meeting of the 29th Senate
Monday, October 12, 1992
Regents Room, University Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer: John Bard, 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
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: John Bard
9. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a) Academic Affairs: Dina Abramson, Chair
 - b) Internal Affairs: Michelle Palmer, Chair
 - c) Student Life: Jennifer Zuber, Interim 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:
 - Elizabeth Carter –Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee
 - Jennifer Murray –Writing Proficiency Appeals
 2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
 - Chris Barelo –Senator for the Graduate School of Social Work
 - Ruben Cantu –Student Traffic Court
 - Om Chawla –Senator for the College of NSM #2
 - Roger McBride –Senator for the College of Engineering #2
 - Alan Matheson –Senator for the College of Law
 - Cipriano Romero –University Hearing Board
 - Erika Schmidt –Student Traffic Court
 - Kevin Soebbing –Senator for the College of Education #2
 - Drue Terry –Student Traffic Court
 - Crystal Wallace –Senator for College of Education #3

- Coy Wheeler–Senator for the College of Business #3
3. Committee on Student Life:
 - Rick Boeker–Organizations Board
 - Om Chawla–Health Center Board
 - Will Davis–Police Advisory Board
 - Lise Drewes–Handicapped Advisory Board
 - Frank Futral–Undergraduate Council
 - Blair Hodges–Health Center Policy Board
 - Bianca Ionescu–Health Center Policy Board
 - Hunter Jackson–Orientation Advisory Board
 - Lissa Korn–Handicapped Students Advisory Board
 - Kathryn Lilie–Organizations Board
 - Amanda Maceo–Religion Center Policy Board
 - Amber Martin–Wellness Task Force
 - Roxanne Martinez–Child Care Center
 - Heather Meley–Health Center Board
 - Cheri Morgan–Organizations Board
 - Kristin Mowbray–Ad-Hoc Committee on Food Service
 - Phil Packwood–Sexual Harassment Committee
 - Chris Pena–Police Advisory Board
 - Saud Qazi–Parking & Transportation Advisory Board
 - Kight Rogers–Wellness Task Force
 - Raquel Roy–Spirit Board
 - Maria Schmitt–Organizations Board
 - Rob Temple–Police Advisory Board
 - Blanca Villarreal–Handicapped Students Advisory Board
 - Stephen Wimmer–Religion Center Policy Board
 - Greg Wassberg–Organization Board
 4. Committee on University of Administration and Finance:
 - Delwyn Trusty–Title IX Grievance 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
 - None
 4. Committee on Student Life
 - UB29002:** A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING ELEVATORS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER MORE WHEELCHAIR -ACCESSIBLE
 - Sponsors: Dina Abramson, shane patrick boyle, Carlos Morales, Michelle Palmer
 - UB29004:** A UNIVERSITY BILL REQUIRING THAT A COPY CARD MACHINE BE PUT IN THE COMPUTING CENTER
 - Sponsors: Michelle Palmer
 - SAR29002:** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN TEXAS
 - Sponsors: Michelle Palmer, shane patrick boyle, Carlos Morales
 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
 - SAB29004:** A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET AS PER TITLE 5 SECTION 2.0.2 PART C OF THE SA CODE.
 - Sponsors: Carlos Morales
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 John Bard 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: Dina Abramson, Bobbie Bowen, shane patrick boyle, Ralph Coatsworth, Vernita Hoyt, Megan McGovern, Dylan Moore, Michelle Palmer, Amy Parks, Gregory Propes, Jennifer Zuber, Nivine Zakhari.

There were no senators late.

The following senators were absent: Aijaz Chaudary, Henry Gaw, Stephanie Hawkins, Carlos Morales, Sadiq Sayani.

The following senators were excused: Reshma Patel

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

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:

None.

5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:

Senator Hoyt from the College of Architecture reported she has scheduled a Student Council meeting with her college dean. She said that all student leaders from seven organizations of the college will be present to discuss the direction of the college and what student body can do to improve the college "B" rating. Senator Hoyt said that the meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

In rebuttal to the two minutes speech made by Senator Moore at last meeting, Senator Bowen remarked that her time is valued differently from other senators. She said that when she leaves a paying job and loses valuable study time to attend Senate meetings that don't meet quorum, she is offended. Senator Bowen said that "what this is saying is that my time is not worthy of your (Senator Moore's) time." She said that she believes that there are three options to solve this problem: to reduce the amount necessary for quorum, to schedule less meetings or to resign from the Senate.

Senator Moore said that he was not trying to say that attending meetings are not important. He said that if there is business before the Senate then senators need to be there. Senator Moore said that what he meant was that just because senators are not signing and enacting new legislations everyday does not mean that they are not doing their job. He said that people need to recognize that people in the Senate are doing their job by being active in their respective colleges and working with their constituents. Senator Moore remarked that he did not mean to offend anyone.

6. Report of the President:

President Rusty Hruska reported that there are several different committees that he has been working to establish. He said that the first committee is on UH Pride. President Hruska said that the committee will concentrate on creating more pride for the university by informing students about what the university has to offer. He said that hopefully this will encourage more students to support the university in the future. President Hruska said that the committee will be organized by students, the administration and the Alumni Organization.

He said that a committee on revising the Election Code will also be established. President Hruska said that that committee will work towards revising the Election Code and establishing an election commissioner for the next SA election.

President Hruska said that the last committee will concentrate on reshaping the university. He said that he will be asking Senator Morales to head the committee and that the Director of External Affairs, Kevin Jefferies will be working with the committee. The committee he said will focus on issues involving Students as Constituents, town meetings' issues and other issues confronting the university. President Hruska said that "a bundle of legislation is worthless," but a piece of legislation that has the input and expresses the concerns of students is important. He encouraged all senators to meet with their college deans and try to make an impact within their college.

He reminded the Senate that Family Weekend takes place during Homecoming and said that he hopes that all will participate.

Lastly, President Hruska informed the Senate that during Homecoming, S.T.E.P.S will be holding two different awareness weeks for drug and alcohol abuse. The program he said will keep students better informed on the War on Drugs. President Hruska said that the first week is called "S.E.A.R.C.H" and that the second week of awareness is called the "Red Ribbon Campaign," emphasizing "the Pledge to be Drug-Free." He again encouraged all senators to participate.

7. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Charles Gaviola said that he is still looking for contributors for the SA Newsletter. He asked that articles be submitted on time, and announced that the deadline for articles is October 26. Secondly, Vice President Gaviola informed the senators that he will be chairing the committee on revising the Election Code. The committee he said will focus on clearing the ambiguities of the Election Code. Vice President Gaviola said that the committee will be addressing concerns such as campaigning, security of ballot boxes, ballot box locations, and others. He asked for interested senators to contact him. Vice President Gaviola said that the first tentative meeting will be held next Monday, Oct.19.

8. Report of the Speaker

Speaker John Bard gave the senators two prospective dates for the Senate Retreat-Seminar. He thanked the senators from the college of Technology, Pharmacy, Social Science and Architecture for setting up their respective town meetings. Speaker Bard asked for the senators who have not done so to set one up as soon as possible. He said that he is currently negotiating with the Daily Cougar to publish articles about the town meetings.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

a) Academic Affairs:

Dina Abramson, Chair of Academic Affairs, said her committee will hopefully meet this week. She asked that senators in her committee to stay after the Senate meeting to designate a good time for their committee meeting.

b) Internal Affairs:

Michelle Palmer, Chair of Internal Affairs, reported that her committee discussed and approved the following nominations:

Chris Barelo –Senator for the Graduate School of Social Work
Om Chawla –Senator for the College of NSM #2
Crystal Wallace –Senator for the College of Education #3
Coy Wheeler –Senator for the College of Business #3

She also asked that the Internal Affairs Committee senators stay after the meeting to discuss meeting time.

The following nominations remain in committee:

Ruben Cantu –Student Traffic Court
Roger McBride –Senator for the College of Engineering #2
Cipriano Romero –University Hearing Board
Erika Schmidt –Student Traffic Court
Drue Terry –Student Traffic Court

c) Student Life:

Jennifer Zuber, Interim Chair of Student Life said that her committee will meet next week. She asked that senators in her committee stay also to discuss a meeting time. Senator Zuber said that the committee has a lot of business to do and that it needs to meet.

d) University of Administration and Finance:

Carlos Morales, Chair of the University Administration and Finance was not in attendance.

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

None.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

a) Presidential Nomination and Appointments

1. Academic Affairs

None.

2. Internal Affairs

The Internal Affairs Committee approved the following nominations:

Chris Barelo –Senator for the Graduate School of Social Work
Om Chawla –Senator for the College of NSM #2
Crystal Wallace –Senator for the College of Education #3
Coy Wheeler –Senator for the College of Business #3

The Senate voted to approve the above nominations. Crystal Wallace and Om Chawla was sworn in by President Hruska and joined the Senate meeting.

The following nominations remains in committee:

Ruben Cantu –Student Traffic Court
Roger McBride –Senator for the College of Engineering #2
Cipriano Romero –University Hearing Board
Erika Schmidt –Student Traffic Court
Drue Terry –Student Traffic Court

3. Student Life

Speaker Bard nominated Senator Zuber as the new chairperson for Student Life. The nomination was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

4. University of 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

None.

4) Committee on Student Life

The committee reported that UB29002: A UNIVERSITY BILL MAKING ELEVATORS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER MORE WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE remains in committee.

5) Committee on University of Administration and Finance:

Speaker Bard reported that SAB29004: A STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BILL ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET AS PER TITLE 5 SECTION 2.0.2 PART C OF THE SA CODE remains in committee.

14. New Business and General Orders:

- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations

President Hruska introduced the following nominations:

Yulanda Cambell	Child Care Center
Lana Thomas	Title 9 Grievance Committee
Robbie Strong	Title 9 Grievance Committee

- b) Motions on Committee Bypass

Senator Palmer moved to bypass the following nominations:

Lana Thomas	Title 9 Grievance Committee
Robbie Strong	Title 9 Grievance Committee
Yulanda Cambell	Child Care Center Committee

seconded by Senator Zuber.

The motion to bypass committee on the above nominations passed.

Senator Palmer said that her reasons for approving the above nominations is because she felt that they were qualified for the committee. She said that Ms. Thomas is very active in a lot of different women's groups and other campus organizations. Senator Palmer said that Ms. Thomas would be effective in the Title 9 Grievance Committee. She said that Robbie Strong is very interested in the same committee and is also involved with the Health Center Committee. Senator Palmer said that because Ms. Cambell has a child in the Child Care Center and would be an appropriate person to sit on the Child Care Center Committee.

After a vote the nominations were approved.

Senator Zuber moved to bypass the following nominations:

Rick Boeker	Organizations Board
Hunter Jackson	Orientation Advisory Board
Kathryn Lilie	Organizations Board
Amber Martin	Wellness Task Force
Cheri Morgan	Organizations Board
Kristin Mowbray	Ad-Hoc Committee on Food Service
Kight Rogers	Wellness Task Force
Maria Schmitt	Organizations Board

seconded by Senator Palmer.

Senator Zuber yielded the floor to Director of Personnel, Jason Fuller to discuss the nominations bypassed.

Mr. Fuller said that Rick Boeker, Cheri Morgan and Kathryn Lilie are very involved in different campus organizations and would be good representatives on the Organizations Board. He said that both Amber Martin and Kight Rogers showed genuine interest in the Wellness Task Force Committee. Mr. Fuller said that Kristin Mowbray is a HRM student and would be good on the committee. He said that Maria Schmitt would also be a good representative on the Organizations Board. The above nominations were put to a vote and were approved by the members of the Senate.

c) Other New Business and General Orders

The date for the Senate Retreat-Seminar was put to a vote and the date was set for October 26, at 6:00 p.m.

15. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Moore informed the Senate that the Alcohol Awareness Week will start October 19. He said that on Wednesday, Oct. 21, the S.T.E.P.S, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Student Program Board would be sponsoring Dr. Alan Bloom to speak about alcohol awareness. Senator Moore asked senators to pass out flyers and for more information to contact Amy Wortham of S.T.E.P.S.

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: Dina Abramson, Bobbie Bowen, shane patrick boyle, Om Chawla, Ralph Coatsworth, Vernita Hoyt, Megan McGovern, Dylan Moore, Michelle Palmer, Gregory Propes, Jennifer Zuber, Crystal Wallace, Greg Wassberg, Nivine Zakhari.

The following senators were absent: Aijaz Chaudary, Henry Gaw, Stephanie Hawkins, Randy Kirby, Carlos Morales, Amy Parks, Sadiq Sayani.

The following senators were excused: Reshma Patel.

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 OCTOBER 26, 1992

Quynh Thai, Senate Secretary

John Bard, Speaker of the Senate