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The twenty-fourth meeting of the fifth session of Student Senate was called to order by President RICHARD POSTON at 7:10 p.m. in the World Affairs Room of the University Center.

The following Senators were absent: LES KEATON

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President POSTON reported that the Senate Leadership Conference had been held that weekend. He stated that attendance had been very poor. The President stated that the square table setting used at the meeting tonight was a result of the Conference, and he asked that the Senators tell him how they liked it. The President asked the Senators to also sit down and write exactly what they would like to do as a Senator.

The President announced the appointment of Keith Simpson to Engineering School Senator.

The President introduced Liz Rubenstein, the Daily Cougar Reporter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Judiciary

Senator BALCH read the following Rules and Judiciary Committee report:

The R & J Committee had its regular meeting at 1 p.m. The following Senators were present: BALCH, FRENCH, FOREMAN, ARTHUR, and SMITH. Excuses were considered for missing Senate Meetings:

Logan Chamberlain - unexcused, meeting of Nov. 25, 1968
Gary Pegoda - excused, December 2, 1968
Fatti Arthur - excused, December 2, 1968

Excuses were considered for missing the Executive Committee meeting:

Jim Cox - excused, November 25, 1968
Tina Svendsen - excused - November 25, 1968
Ray Balch - excused - November 25, 1968
Marc Whitman - unexcused - November 25, 1968

Bob LeJeune and Richard Snyder gave recommendations for revisions to the Election Code pertaining to the University Center.

The Committee reported out Bill No. 140-26, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTION CODE.

Fiscal and Governmental Operations

There was no report.

Student Life

Senator GANEM gave the following Student Life Committee report:

The Student Life Committee did not have a quorum, so the sub-committee of Gary PEGODA and Judy GANEM met and considered Senate Bill No. 140-42, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON HOMECOMING. The following members were absent: CISCEL, SCHWARTZ, and TAQVI.

Educational Affairs and Policy

There was no report.

State, National, and International Affairs

There was no report.

Student Involvement

There was no report.

The President reminded the Senators to turn in excuses for both Senate Meetings and Committee Meetings to Senator BALCH for the Rules and Judiciary Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator BALCH moved to accept the portion of the Rules and Judiciary Committee Report dealing with absences. The motion was seconded. Senator STRONG moved to amend Senator BALCH's motion and consider Senator CHAMBERLAIN's absence separately. The motion was seconded. There was no debate on the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. Senator CHAMBERLAIN's absence was then considered. He stated that he had an accident that night. The Senate voted to excuse Senator CHAMBERLAIN. The Senate then voted on the remainder of the Rules and Judiciary Committee Report dealing with absences. There was no debate. The motion passed.

University of Houston Bill No. 140-26, A BILL TO AMEND THE ELECTION CODE OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, was brought to the floor for consideration. Senator BALCH read the bill. Vice-President COX proposed the following amendments to the bill:

1. In Section 1B - change "Five (5) school days" to ten days.
2. Strike Section 3.
3. Strike Section 4.
4. In Section 5, E, Subsection 3. Insert the word "only" after the sentence, "There shall be no general "party signs; i.e., signs advertising a political party..."
5. In Section 5, F, Subsection 3. Change the section to read "There shall be no general 'party' handbills, i.e. handbills for a political party only rather than a particular candidate or candidates."
6. In Section 5, G, Subsection 5, Change the section to read "There shall be no general "party" banners, i. e., banners advertising a particular party only rather than a particular candidate or candidates."
7. Section H. Strike "Certification of Materials."
8. Section I. To read: It shall be a direct violation of the election rules for anyone to willfully destroy, deface, move or remove posters, signs, banners, or campaign literature of any candidate.
9. Section 9. Delete the rest of the sentence after "Court."

Vice-President COX moved to consider these in seriatim. The motion was seconded. The motion was voted on and passed. Vice-President COX stated that ten days was the amount in the original code, and he felt it was reasonable. Senator NELSON brought up the question of holidays. He proposed a friendly amendment to Vice-President Cox's motion of "Ten School days" rather than just ten days. The motion was accepted. The amendment was voted on and passed.

Vice-President COX then stated that he felt Section 3 should be stricken because it was a repetition of Part A in the present code. President POSITION stated that the revision he felt was necessary was only a one-word change: to strike "requirements" and insert "qualifications". This would prevent vindictive filing against candidates. It was decided to return to this issue after consideration of the other amendments.

Vice-President COX said that he wished to strike Section 4 because he felt "it is a totally round-about way to do anything". He stated that he felt this was meant to do away with finalists. Vice-President COX also said that there was no need for this because there is nothing in the present code that puts any sort of designation on the ballot for a finalist. Senator CISCEL stated that he felt it is a good idea to insert this because the election code doesn't really state one way or the other about finalists, and this way would make it clear. Senator NELSON asked for permission from the Senate for Rocky Sehnert, Election Commissioner, to speak on the issue. The Senate voted to let Rocky speak. He stated, "By even mentioning the word finalist, you recognize finalists. The present code recognizes no finalists. I would object to this particular amendment because by mentioning the word finalist you recognize that there are finalist procedures." Vice-President COX moved to amend his amendment to read: "The ballot shall not be prejudice in any way by markings which give any candidate an advantage over the other candidates." Vice-President COX also stated that all of Section 4 could be thrown out and the committee could redraft it. It was decided to return to this issue after considering the rest of the bill.

The Senate then considered Vice-President COX's amendment 4. Senator CISCOR, stated, "This means that you can have political parties on the sign, but your name must also appear on the sign. Vice-President COX stated that this was his intent. The Senate decided to accept amendments 4, 5, and 6 as stylistic changes.

Vice-President COX stated that he wished to amend Section H because "you can tell how much money is being spend during a referendum." He said that this meant that all candidates would have to register their materials. He stated that there were regulations and rules already in existence on this subject. Senator NELSON stated that this was to keep people from altering their accounts. Vice-President COX stated that if that was the case, the candidates could alter thier accounts before the election rather than after. "It gives no means of detection or enforcement." Senator BALCH was asked to clarify this for the Rules and Judiciary Committee. He stated that he could not do so. Senator NELSON said "The Rules and Judiciary Committee has had this for a long time. This is the second time tonight where we have asked what the major point is in a change and received no satisfactory answer." Senator TAQVI moved to resubmit the bill to committee. The motion was seconded. Vice-President COX stated that next week election codes would be available for all the Senators to follow. He also said that this was a very important piece of legislation which must be done right. The motion was voted on and passed.

Senator PLANK moved to by-pass committee on the appointment of Keith Simpson as Senator from the College of Engineering. The motion was seconded. There was no debate. The motion was voted on and passed. The Senate then voted on the appointment of Keith Simpson. The appointment passed.

President POSTON administered the oath of office to Keith Simpson.

Senator GANEM moved to by-pass Committee on Senate Bill No. 140-42. The motion was seconded. Vice-President COX stated that he felt that the Senate should wait a week to consider this bill so that they would have copies of it. Senator GANEM withdrew the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator NELSON introduced Senate Bill 140-43, A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FOOD SERVICE BOARD, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

Senator NEUMANN introduced University of Houston Bill No. 140-44, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A POLICY BOARD FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FIELDHOUSE, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

Senator DELAFIELD introduced Senate Bill 140-45, A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE RELATING TO APPPOINTMENT OPENINGS, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

Senator STRONG introduced Senate Bill No. 140-46, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE FOR SENATE LEGISLATION, referred to the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President POSTON announced that he had received the grade reports on everyone, and that all the Senators were okay.

Senator DELAFIELD announced that the Student Involvement Committee would meet Tuesday at 2:30.

Senator BALCH announced that the Committee on Rules and Judiciary would meet Thursday at 1 p.m. He urged Senator STRONG to come and give the Committee the benefit of his knowledge of English.

Senator SHEHORN stated that the Committee on State, National, and International Affairs would meet Thursday at 3 p.m.

Senator WHITMAN stated that the Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations would meet after the Senate meeting.

Senator GANEM stated that the Student Life Committee would meet after the Senate meeting.

President POSTON announced that, with the Senate's consent, he would appoint Keith Simpson to the Educational Affairs and Policy Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the Senate adjourned at 8:45.

APPROVED:

Richard G. Poston, President

Pat Fitzgerald, Senate Secretary