

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sixteenth Meeting of the 27th Senate  
Monday, October 22, 1990  
Dallas/El Paso Room, University Center 7:00 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. **Reports of the Standing Committees:**
  - a) Academic Affairs: Jan Burns, Chair
  - b) Internal Affairs: Tiffany Russell, Chair
  - c) Student Life: Joel Richards, Chair
  - d) University Administration & Finance: John Berggren, Chair
5. **Reports of the Select Committees:** None
6. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**
  - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
    1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
      - **Adrian Brown** - Graduate and Professional Studies Council
      - **Franklin Chang** - Writing Proficiency Appeals & Grievance Committee
    2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
      - **Jason Wilson** - Student Court Chief Justice
    3. Committee on Student Life:
      - **David Konen** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
      - **Ramsey Morris** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
      - **Hayley Waters** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
      - **Stephen C. King** - Handicapped Student Advisory Board
      - **Daniel Tapia** - International Student Advisory Board
      - **Hakeem Bishi** - Religion Center Policy Board
      - **Delaine Foss** - Organizations Board
      - **Mohammed Chaudhry** - Organizations Board
      - **Jennifer Pendleton** - Organizations Board
      - **Zaigham Hasan** - Organizations Board
      - **Mary Valle** - Student Publications Committee
    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 University Administration and Finance:
      - **UB 27014:** ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE NOTIFICATION PROCESS  
**Sponsors:** Michael Berry, D. Lee Grooms, Tiffany Russell, & Mark Burge
      - **SAR 27014:** CALLING FOR FULL TUITION REFUNDS TO STUDENTS CALLED INTO ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES  
**Sponsors:** D. Lee Grooms, Preeti Gandhi & Mark Burge

3. Committee on Academic Affairs:
  - **UB 27016:** CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES  
**Sponsor:** Tiffany Russell
  - **UB 27018:** REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE OF STUDENT COMPUTER FACILITIES  
**Sponsors:** Zaigham Shah, M. Ali Saeed & Scott Eastman
  - **SAB 27012:** PURCHASING NEWSPAPER LISTINGS OF COMPUTER FACILITIES  
**Sponsors:** Chris Cooley & Preeti Gandhi
4. Committee on Student Life:
  - **UB 27015:** REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT OF THE NORTHWEST WALKWAY FROM THE NORTH MOODY TOWER  
**Sponsor:** Michael Berry
  - **UB 27017:** CONCERNING A STOPLIGHT AND CROSSWALK AT ENTRANCE 19  
**Sponsors:** Damon Chargois & Jan Burns
  - **UB 27019:** ESTABLISHING ADEQUATE EXTERIOR LIGHTING ON THE I-45 SIDE OF THE ARCHITECTURE BUILDING  
**Sponsor:** Chris Cortes
5. Committee on Internal Affairs:
  - **None**
  
7. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:**
  - a) Legislation Turned In to the Speaker Prior to the Publication of the Agenda:
  - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:
  
8. **Special Orders:**
  
9. **New Business and General Orders:**
  - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:
  - b) Motions on Committee Bypass:
  - c) Other New Business and General Orders:
  
10. **Special Reports:**
  
11. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**
  
12. **Report of the President:** Paul Hoglund
  
13. **Report of the Vice President:** Lee Flemming
  
14. **Report of the Speaker:** Mark Burge
  
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 7:15PM.

2. Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the opening roll and the following senators were present: Michael C. Berry, Richard Corbello, Michael T. Floreani, D. Lee Grooms, Majid Husain, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Michael T. Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Zaigham Shah, Farrel Sharp, Devi Sunderaj.

The following senators were excused: John A. Berggren, Chris Cooley, Chris Cortes, Michael S. Oholendt, Mohammed Ali Saeed.

The following senators were absent: Jan Burns, Damon Chargois, Brodrick Dockery, Scott D. Eastman, Preeti M. Gandhi, Joel D. Richards.

The following University officials were present: Consuelo Trevino, Director of Campus Activities and Willie Munson, Dean of Students.

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

The Senate Journal was approved as corrected by the members.

Senator Grooms moved to suspend the rules and interview candidates nominated for Senate positions. The motion was approved by a two-thirds majority. Vice President Flemming introduced the candidates present. He said the nominee for Education # 2, Michael Banta is highly motivated and has shown a lot of initiative in coming to the office and for the meeting today. Speaking before the Senate, Mr. Banta introduced himself and said he has tried to establish an organization in his college but has met with serious difficulty. He said the problems faced by education majors include limited classroom time, not getting to student teach appropriate age groups and lack of income while student teaching.

Introducing Cheryl Price for Hotel and Restaurant Management, Vice President Lee Flemming said she is very active in RHA, SPB and other campus organizations. Ms. Price said she is a native Houstonian and is new in HRM. However she is quickly getting know people in her college.

Vice President Flemming said Eduardo Elizando, applying for Social Sciences # 1 is a member of UH Ambassadors, has attended the Leadership Seminar and ran in last Spring's SA elections. He said he has shown great motivation. Mr. Elizando said he is anxious to get started and is looking forward to working with Michael Berry and Matthew Emal in working for the College of Social Sciences. He said that he is especially concerned with the status of the library.

Vice President Flemming said Dean Draper, the nominee for Natural Sciences and Mathematics #1 has a good GPA, is highly motivated, is on the Small Stage Committee with SPB and has served on the

Academic Computing Committee. Mr. Draper said he is a Graduate Student, and said he was disappointed by the lack of academic guidance he received at UH. He said senators can be positive he will show up at Senate meetings.

Vice President Flemming said Matthew Emal is the nominee for Social Sciences # 3 and is a member of College Democrats and was the Chair of the recent AAUS conference held here. He said Matthew Emal is a Political Science major and has a good GPA and is also highly motivated. Mr. Emal said he is in his third year at U of H. He said he ran for a Senate position in the Spring but lost. He said he is looking forward to working with Michael Berry and Eddie Elizando to make the College of Social Sciences a role model. He said he has heard a lot of comments from students about problems with knowledge integration courses in his college.

Senator Floreani moved to bypass the nominations.

Senator Rosenberger spoke against the motion to bypass the nominations. He said the Senate has debated several times whether nominations should be bypassed or go to committee. He said he doesn't doubt the credentials of the candidates but feels the proper place for them to be considered is in the appropriate committee.

Senator Grooms said the reason nominations go to committee is so that the entire senate doesn't waste its time in scrutinizing them, which would be the ideal. He said this is an ideal situation here.

Senator Grooms said he wished some of the actual senators would show similar initiative and be present at the meetings.

At this point Speaker Burge stepped down to the floor and Speaker Pro Tem Berry chaired the meeting. Speaking in favor of bypassing the nominations, Senator Burge said the candidates have spoken about genuine concerns and have shown more initiative than some senators not present. Senator Burge said we need to harness the energy of these people who have made an effort to attend the meeting and get the Students' Association moving forward.

Senator Rosenberger commended the effort made by the candidates but said we should not take a short cut method.

Senator Burge said that he did not feel much would be accomplished by subjecting the nominees to additional interview by senators who are not present when there has been ample opportunity for questioning the nominees here.

Senator Rosenberger said there may certainly be some very good reasons for their absence and we should not attempt to punish them without knowing the reasons.

Vice President Flemming said it is not by any means a punishment, but rather a reward for some motivated students.

Senator Floreani said he agreed with Vice President Flemming and said we need more 'high speed senators.'

Senator Nguyen pointed out that almost all the members of the Internal Affairs committee are present at the meeting and seem satisfied with the nominees.

Senator Sunderaj said she hopes an equilibrium will be maintained by bringing in new senators. She noted that the last meeting was adjourned early due to a lack of quorum and the Senate fell behind in its business.

Senator Burge moved the previous question, which passed with a two-thirds majority. The motion to bypass committee also passed with a two-thirds majority.

Senator Burge spoke in favor of the nominations and said the Senate should question the candidates now that it is on the floor and the candidates have a chance to answer questions.

Senator Richards asked who the candidates were as he has come in late.

Senator Burge said the candidates were Michael Banta, Matthew Emal, Cheryl Price, Dean Draper and Eduardo Elizando.

Senator Floreani moved the previous question.

Senator Grooms asked if the nominations can be brought up again if voted down.

Senator Burge said they could, but it may take as long as six weeks.

Senator Rosenberger said he did not think it would take that long.

The motion to previous question passed and the nominations were approved by a two-thirds majority.

Speaker Burge returned to the chair.  
Senator Russell asked if anyone knew where President Hoglund is.  
Vice President Flemming said he is not feeling well.  
Vice President Flemming swore the new senators in.

#### 4. Reports of the Standing Committees:

##### a) Academic Affairs:

Senator Floreani, Vice Chair of Academic Affairs said his committee did not meet.

Senator Richards moved for a 2 minute recess. He spoke in favor of the motion and said he had left his report in his car and would like to go get it. Senator Berry spoke against the motion and said the other chairs can report out in the meantime.

The motion to recess failed with 4 votes in favor, 7 against and 3 abstentions.

##### b) Internal Affairs:

Senator Russell, Chair of Internal Affairs, said her committee was reporting out favorably on the confirmation of Jason Wilson as Student Court Chief Justice.

##### c) Student Life:

Senator Richards, Chair of Student Life said his committee reported out favorably on the nominations of the following:

David Konen- Handicapped Student Advisory Board  
Ramsey Morris-Handicapped Student Advisory Board  
Hayley Waters-Handicapped Student Advisory Board  
Stephen C. King- Handicapped Student Advisory Board  
Daniel Tapia- International Student Advisory Board  
Hakeem Bishi- Religion Center Policy Board  
Mary Valle- Student Publications Committee

Senator Richards said they tabled the nominations of  
Delaine Foss-Organizations Board  
Mohammed Chaudhary- Organizations Board  
Jennifer Pendleton- Organizations Board  
Zaigham Hasan-Organizations Board

##### d) University Administration and Finance:

Senator Rosenberger, Vice Chair of University Administration and Finance said his committee had nothing new to report out on.

#### 5. Reports of the Select Committees:

None.

#### 6. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

##### a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

##### 1. Academic Affairs:

None.

2. Committee on Internal Affairs:

The election of Jason Wilson to Student Court Chief Justice was confirmed with two abstentions.

3. Committee on Student Life:

All appointments in the Student Life Committee that were approved for university standing committees will take effect immediately. The four tabled appointments remain in committee.

4. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

None.

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business:

1. Presidential Vetoes to be reconsidered:

None.

2. Committee on University Administration and Finance:

UB 27014: ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE NOTIFICATION PROCESS was put to a direct vote and passed with 4 abstentions.

Senator Grooms spoke in favor of SAR 27014: CALLING FOR FULL TUITION REFUNDS TO STUDENTS CALLED INTO ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES. He said although the issue at hand has shifted it still is a good bill. He proposed amending the first resolved clause to read 'That the University of Houston Students' Association commends the U of H administration in its move to allow' and the last resolved clause to read 'That the Students' Association be authorized to encourage the Texas legislature to support this action fiscally.' The amendments changed the target of the resolution from the UH administration to the Texas State Legislature, requesting financial backing. Senator Rosenberger spoke in favor of the amendment and said this should have come out a long time ago. The amendment passed upon being put to a direct vote. The resolution also passed unanimously.

3. Committee on Academic Affairs:

Senator Floreani said UB 27016: CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES is tabled in committee.

Senator Berry spoke in favor of UB 27018: REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE OF STUDENT COMPUTER FACILITIES. He said that upon talking to a large number of students he found that most students do not realize that a lot of computers are for public use. He said his opinion is that most professors don't tell students about some facilities so that their TA's can make more use of them.

Senator Russell asked what he means by the definition of public posting.

Senator Berry said perhaps 50 feet or another figure if Senator Russell wanted to propose an amendment.

Senator Russell said fifty feet will be redundant because a student within fifty feet will know of such facility.

Senator Rosenberger said the problem is that students from a different college don't know of a computer

facility in other colleges.

Senator Berry proposed an amendment that there be a public notice posted within fifty feet of the facility.

Senator Rosenberger said we should define what a public area is first. Senator Russell said perhaps the bill should state a communal place like the Residence Halls or the UC. She said it should be public information. Senator Grooms said if a notice is placed on a public bulletin board then it has to come down within a certain time. He said the bill states that the information will be placed in the course schedule and that will be the main accomplishment of the bill. He said posting around campus is either temporary or illegal. Senator Draper suggested marking the outside of the concerned buildings. Senator Russell said this will lead to problems of who will pay for it.. She said it is a good idea to put the information in the course schedule. She asked if the information will state who can use the facility. Senator Berry said that is what he meant by 'user eligibility.' Senator Richards asked him how he arrived at fifty feet. Senator Berry said it was arbitrary. The amendment to include fifty feet was put to a direct vote and was approved. The bill also passed.

Senator Emal asked how he can be excused as he is not feeling well. Speaker Burge said he needs to fill out an excuse form at the SA office.

SAB 27012: PURCHASING NEWSPAPER LISTINGS OF COMPUTER FACILITIES was taken up next for consideration. Senator Russell asked if SA will pay for the advertisement. Senator Berry said in more than \$100,000 of student service fees there is money to spend on advertising. He said he has spoken with President Hogle and knows there is money in the budget. Senator Banta questioned the need to pay for more advertising when it already exists. Senator Grooms said he has never seen any advertisements to this effect. Senator Sharp said he has seen them.

Senator Floreani moved that the bill be sent back to committee where this matter can be researched. Senator Grooms spoke against the motion and suggested tabling the bill. He said the committee might not make quorum and that one person is enough to research this matter.

Senator Berry said students will appreciate the fact that SA is doing this. Senator Elizando said the listings used to be in the Daily Cougar.

Senator Grooms said the listings everyone is talking about sound like the advertisements put out by Microcomputing for their courses.

Senator Floreani moved the previous question. The motion to send the bill back to committee failed.

Senator Richards moved to table the bill. Senator Grooms said we need to be clear about the information we are seeking. Senator Floreani said we are going to find out which senators are right. Senator Sharp asked who is doing the research. Speaker Burge said the author or sponsors might wish to do so.

Upon being put to a direct vote the motion to table the bill on the Senate floor passed.

#### 4. Committee on Student Life:

Senator Rosenberger spoke in favor of UB 27015: REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT OF THE NORTHWEST WALKWAY FROM THE NORTH MOODY TOWER. He said the bottom half of the walkway is broken with puddles forming in the rains. He said this poses an obstacle and is an inconvenience to a handicapped individual. Senator Elizando asked if anyone has complained about this. He said there are other walkways and questioned why this was chosen. Senator Rosenberger said as resident of Moody Towers this is something he has first hand information on. Senator Berry asked who was going to pay for this. Senator Richards asked who normally pays for it. Senator Grooms said the Physical Plant normally pays for it. The bill was put to a direct vote and passed.

UB 27017: CONCERNING A STOPLIGHT AND CROSSWALK AT ENTRANCE 19 came to the floor for consideration. Senator Sunderaj asked which entrance 19 is. Senator Richards said it is the one on Calhoun opposite Rother's Bookstore.

During general debate Senator Floreani made a motion to table the bill. He said his legislative intern

researched the matter and said the City will have to come into the picture, perhaps adding more information to the bill. The motion to table passed unanimously.

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

Senator Grooms introduced SAB 27014: REQUIRING MANDATORY OFFICE HOURS FOR COMPENSATED STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

Senator Sunderaj introduced SR 27005: CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES TO BETTER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISEMENT and SAB 27013: MANDATING THE UPKEEP OF STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS AND THE UNIVERSITY CENTER. All the legislation was referred to Internal Affairs.

**8. Special Orders:**

None.

**9. New Business and General Orders:**

a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:

Vice President Flemming introduced nominations and they were referred as follows:

Mohammed A. Khan--Engineering #1--Internal Affairs

Alex Arenas--At Large # 8--Internal Affairs

Llyod Jacobson--Social Work (Senate)--Internal Affairs

Glenda Johnson--Academic Council--Academic Affairs

Jerrold Alwais--Undergraduate Council--Academic Affairs

Salim Chatour--Police & Parking Advisory Board--Student Life

**10. Special Reports:**

Senator Sunderaj delivered a report on the Faculty Senate meeting held on October 17th. She said the Campus Life Committee addressed the confusion existing on the eligibility to live at Cambridge Oaks. She said it is for faculty, staff, graduate students or students 24 and older. She said the 24 years old rule has been waived. She said they were discussing limiting the number of athletes. Senator Sunderaj said she and President Hogle are researching this topic and would welcome any input. The second item discussed was university response to emergencies. She said there is concern about the awareness of this policy which seems to be limited. Senator Sunderaj said the Committee on Educational Policies discussed setting up of an International Affairs department. She said Professor Gusteen made some recommendations to be more specific, increase coordination in the administration for issues like visa and immigration and a foreign college requirement. Other recommendations were an international core curriculum, faculty and link up with international student services. Senator Sunderaj said Dr. Roland Smith stated that the mentor program was to improve the retention rate of students. She said it would be beneficial if senators could also be mentors. Senator Sunderaj said the Students Needs Assessment committee has a survey ready. She said President Hogle spoke at the meeting about the progress of faculty evaluations. Senator Sunderaj said the questions have been categorized and faculty input requested for implementation. She said a second meeting meeting was slated on Monday to specifically discuss the outcome of the firing of Professor Chris Downs at UH-Clear Lake.

**11. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**

Senator Grooms his bill requiring minimum office hours for compensated student leaders is intended to patch up a hole in the SA bylaws. He said other major student organizations such as RHA and SPB require them. He said RHA requires that its officers maintain 15 hrs a week in the office and only get paid \$166/month. Senator Grooms said the SA President gets paid \$566. He said 2 of the authors of the bill and one of the sponsors are people awho would be affected by its provisions.

#### 12. Report of the President:

President Hogle was not in attendance

#### 13. Report of the Vice President:

Vice President Flemming said he and Senator Sunderaj were discussing Senate retention rates. He asked the old senators to fill the new senators in on how the office is run. He said AAUS went off really well. He said he attended the Student Disciplinary Procedures Committee last week and they reviewed alcohol policy. He said interested senators should talk to Jean Munson about the idea of setting up a central reservations office on campus. Vice President Flemming congratulated the new senators.

#### 14. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Burge said Business #1 and Optometry positions are now the only positions without nominees, and that three positions are unfilled but have nominees. Senator Banta asked what these positions were. Speaker Burge said they are Social Work, At-Large #8, and Engineering #1.

#### 15. Closing Call of the Roll by the Secretary:

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: Michael C. Berry, Richard Corbello, Michael T. Floreani, D. Lee Grooms, Joel D. Richards, Michael T. Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Farrel Sharp, Devi Sunderaj, Michael Banta, Eduardo Elizondo, Dean Draper.

The following senators were excused: John A. Berggren, Chris Cortes, Chris Cooley, Mohammed Ali Saeed, Cheryl Price, Matthew Emal, Michael S. Oholendt.

The following senators were absent: Jan Burns, Damon Chargois, Broderick Dockery, Scott D. Eastman, Preeti M. Gandhi, Majid Husain, Tuan Vu Nguyen, Zaigham Shah.

#### 16. Comments and Announcements:

Senator Sunderaj said she talked with Jean Munson who said UC Policy board has not been able to meet due to an absence of student representatives. She asked if anyone was interested in changing the time of Senate meetings for next semester.

Senator Banta said he will check the Daily Cougar for past listings of computer facilities.

Senator Richards said he would like to commend the SA Executive on filling senate positions in a way that reflects ethnic diversity.

Senator Rosenberger said several senators are concerned with the current state of the Students' Association. He asked interested senators to stay back after the Senate adjourns to discuss this problem.

Vice President Flemming said new senators should get in touch with Speaker Burge to get committee

assignments.

Senator Russell asked what quorum now is. Speaker Burge said it is currently 14, but once quorum is established that it is legal to conduct business unless quorum is called.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:47 PM.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HOUSTON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON NOVEMBER 5, 1990

*Nandita Venkateswaran*

Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary

*Mark Burge*

Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate