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The second 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 in the University Center.

Twenty-four Senators were present. Absentees were as follows: ALANA COOKE, JIM NICHOLAS, ALAN POTTER, ~~ANNIE COOK~~, AND ZAFAR TAGVI.

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#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

It was announced that a telegram had been sent to Mrs. Martin Luther King, from President RICHARD POSTON on behalf of the students of University of Houston. The telegram reads as follows:

Dear Mrs. King:

May I on behalf of the students of the University of Houston extend our deepest sympathy at yours and the nation's tragic loss. Dr. King's consistent advocacy of non-violence as an antidote to the bitter legacy of our past stands in our time as a monument to rationality and reason. He is sorely missed and hopefully, his leadership will serve as a guiding light for future generations of Americans of all races.

With deepest regret,  
Richard G. Poston  
President, student body  
University of Houston

President POSTON then asked that Senator SHEHORN present a group of bills and constitutional amendments to extend the student rights, which are the basic guarantees of the United States Constitution.

The President then announced the death of Wendy MacEachern, who was fatally injured over the weekend. He announced that the time of the funeral was 10 a.m. at the Waldrip Funeral Home on April 9, 1968.

It was also announced by President POSTON that there would be no classes April 9, 1968, due to the funeral services of Dr. Martin Luther King.

President POSTON then requested the Senate to approve the appointment of John Cruickshank as Treasurer. President POSTON explained that he needed someone to write checks other than himself and also to keep the books up-to-date.

President POSTON announced the following Committee Chairmen:

Rules and Judiciary - James Lombardino  
Fiscal and Governmental Operations - Marcus Whitman  
Student Life - Alan Potter  
Educational Affairs and Policy - Tina Svendsen  
State, National, and International Affairs - David Shehorn  
Student Involvement - Judy Ganem

President POSTON also announced the appointments of:

Norma Mancuso, Student Association Secretary, referred to  
Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations  
Bobby Brownstein, Chairman of Election Commission,  
Rocky Sehnert, Election Commission,  
Linda King, Election Commission, referred to Committee on  
Rules and Judiciary  
Bobby Brownstein, Director of Personnel, referred to Committee  
on Fiscal and Governmental Operations  
Leroy Evans, Policy Board, referred to Committee on Student  
Life  
Carolyn Perroni, Director of Public Relations, referred to  
Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Operations

President POSTON also reported that a delegation had been sent to Louisiana State University in New Orleans on April 3-6, 1968, to the "All University Level Model of the United Nations." The University of Houston delegation consisted of Yazed Rustimji, Mel Hinton, Bob Ulmer, and Ray Balch. They represented Kenya. The delegation won the award for the Best Delegation based on: How well they represented the country, resolutions proposed and passed, knowledge of parliamentary procedure and overall attitude and effectiveness. A plaque with names engraved is being sent to the University of Houston.

President POSTON then reminded the Senators to state their name and the name of their college before they spoke.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

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NEW BUSINESS

President POSTON called for approval of Committee Chairmen by a 2/3 vote. There was no debate. All Chairmen were approved together and passed unanimously.

The President then told the Senate that 17 people requested the Student Life Committee. "We did manage to get 19 people their choice for Committees out of 30 Senators. That is 2/3 who got what they asked for." The following Senators were placed on these committees:

Committee on Student Life:

Alan Potter, Chairman  
Irene Salinas  
Tony Flores  
Robbie Moore  
Arlene Schwartz

Committee on Rules and Judiciary:

James Lombardino, Chairman  
Jim Nicholas  
Karen Norman  
Roy Smith  
David Ciscel

Committee on Fiscal and Governmental Affairs:

Marcus Whitman, Chairman  
Ray Balch  
Duane Williamsen  
Eric Nelson  
Donald Plank

Committee on Educational Affairs and Policy:

Tina Svendsen, Chairman  
Marc Saxe  
Robert Black  
Alana Cooke  
Les Keaton

Committee on State, National, and International Affairs:

Dave Shehorn, Chairman  
Zafar Tagvi  
Mike Richard  
Wayne Wood  
Dave Kohler

## Committee on Student Involvement:

Judy Ganem, Chairman  
Dennis Delafield  
Jay Freeman  
Bill Neumann

The President then reminded the Senators that all bills and resolutions must have one copy for the Daily Cougar and one copy for the secretary.

Senator RICHARD introduced Resolution No. 3, A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND SYMPATHY TO THE PARENTS OF WENDY MacEACHERN, which was referred to the Committee on Student Life.

A motion was made to suspend the rule and by-pass the committee, in order that the parents of Wendy may receive the resolution while she was lying in state.

Vice-President COX stated that he interpreted the resolution to mean that the Military Science Department was extending their condolences rather than the students of the University of Houston as a whole. Senator RICHARD explained that, because Wendy was an ROTC Sponsor, the Military Science Department was handling the funeral arrangements. He also explained that a professor from the Military Science Department was expressing the sympathy of the University of Houston as a whole. He was acting as a representative of all the students. Vice President COX stated that the resolution appeared more directed to the professor than to the parents. The resolution was again read and explained. The resolution was then voted on and passed unanimously.

President POSTON informed the Senate that the Student Association had already sent the parents a sympathy card and arrangements were being made to make contributions for a memorial in Wendy's honor. He suggested that perhaps the memorial could be in the form of a Western painting, since Wendy was extremely active in the Rodeo Association. Several of the groups with which Wendy was associated have contributed to it.

The President also stated that if any of the Senators were unhappy with their committees after they had served on them for about two weeks, they could ask the Executive Committee to make a change for them.

Senator SALINAS then introduced Resolution No. 4, A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT SENATE TO SUPPORT THE TEN DAYS OF ACTION AGAINST THE WAR APRIL 21-30 AND TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE HOUSTON MARCH AGAINST THE WAR TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27. It was referred to the Committee on Student Involvement.

Senator SHEHORN then introduced Senate Bills 1, 2, 3, and 4, collectively known as THE BILL FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON BILL OF RIGHTS.

Vice-President COX then moved to suspend the rule on the consideration of John Cruickshank as Treasurer. The motion was seconded.

Senator CISCEL then asked if the chair considered it that necessary at this time to suspend the rule, since the Committees have not yet had an opportunity to function. Vice-President COX replied that the problem is that suspension of the rule should have been done last week and that it had proved out this week that the appointment should have been made. He stated that there was virtually no contact with the old treasurer. "It is imperative now that we get a new treasurer in and officially started." President POSTON then stated that the old treasurer did not come around at all. The motion was voted on and passed.

President POSTON then called for debate on the nomination of John Cruickshank for treasurer.

Senator WHITMAN asked if John was present. President POSTON replied that he was not, but he had to attend his little sister's birthday party and would get here as soon as he could. Vice-President COX stated that he imagined that all the old Senators were familiar with John and "I am fairly confident that he would make a good treasurer." He stated that he would get his application for the Senate if so requested. Senator WHITMAN asked to hear the qualifications. President POSTON stated that John was on the Fiscal Committee last year when they were making up the budget. Senator WOOD then asked if it would be necessary for him to be sworn in to be able to do anything. President POSTON stated no. He said he also would like to have a Financial Report sometime soon. John Cruickshank's qualifications read as follows: He has a 2.6 overall grade point average, is a General Business Major, has 6 hours of accounting and was working with COX and John Mattern last year; he was a member of the Committee on State National and International Affairs, is a member of Phi Kappa Theta and has gone to the trouble to familiarize himself with the procedures and talk to Mrs. Young, who is in charge of the Organizations Bank. It was voted on and passed.

President POSTON then asked that all committee chairmen contact their committee tonight to work out a convenient time to meet. He said that he would like to talk to all chairmen in order to set up a time for Executive Committee meetings, preferably Monday afternoon.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator CISCEL announced that the University of Houston Library Committee had consented to having two student members. In the past, this committee consisted of seven faculty members, plus the Director and Assistant Director of the Library. This Committee advises the Director of the Library on all changes in functions of the library. The appointment of two student members came about because of the controversy over the carrels. CISCEL said that it was a very important step toward student involvement in school affairs. Senator CISCEL is the graduate student member and Senator MARK SAXE is the undergraduate member. Senator CISCEL requested that any suggestions be submitted to either he or Senator SAXE.

Senator GANEM announced that she was trying to place the Senate Banquet, and requested each Senator to please write down what nights would be best for them.

Senator LOMBARDINO announced that the Committee on Rules and Judiciary would meet after the meeting to decide what time to have future meetings.

Vice-President COX stated that it would be beneficial for all committees to meet that night and select a time to meet in the future. He also said they should deal with business tonight and set up regular meetings. Regular reports should be turned in 48 hours in advance (excluding weekends) in order to be considered for Monday's meeting. "Your duty is not only to consider legislation but to generate it."

Senator SAXE asked to know the date of the Senate Retreat. President POSTON announced that it was scheduled for the last weekend in April. He stated that the Leadership Department said it would be extremely difficult to change it because they would have to change people coming to speak. They also would not be able to obtain the same place. He stated that it would take place on Friday night and Saturday.

President POSTON directed each committee to meet in a specific place in the World Affairs Room.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made that the Senate adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the Senate adjourned at 7:35.

APPROVED BY:

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Richard G. Poston  
President, Student Association

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Date

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Pat Fitzgerald  
Acting Secretary

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Date