

**THIRTY-FOURTH SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS  
Fourth Meeting of the 34th Senate  
Bluebonnet Room, University Center, 7:00 PM  
April 30, 1997**

1. **Call to Order by the Presiding Officer** - Nathan Wittman, Speaker of the Senate, 34th Administration
2. **Call of the Roll**
3. **Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal**
4. **Special Reports**
  - a) Student Regent Cassidy
  - b) Director of Finance Doherty
5. **Students Wishing to Address the Senate**
6. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members**
7. **Report of the President** - Natalie Merritt
8. **Report of the Vice President** - Jon Erickson
9. **Report of the Speaker** - Nathan Wittman
10. **Reports of the Standing Committees**
  - a) Academic Affairs
  - b) Internal Affairs
  - c) Student Life
  - d) University Administration and Finance
11. **Reports of the Select Committees**
12. **Special Orders**
13. **Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation**
  - a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda
  - b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor
14. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**
  - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
    1. Committee on Academic Affairs
    2. Committee on Internal Affairs
    3. Committee on Student Life
    - a) **UB34001**
    4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
  - b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
    1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered
    2. Committee on Academic Affairs
    3. Committee on Internal Affairs
    4. Committee on Student Life
    5. Committee on University Administration and Finance
15. **New Business and General Orders:**
  - a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations
  - b) Motions on Committee Bypass
  - c) Other New Business and General Orders

16. Closing Call of the Roll
17. Comments and Announcements
18. Adjournment

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**1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer**

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Wittman, Speaker of the Senate, 34th Administration at 7:05 PM.

**2. Call of the Roll**

The following Senators were present: Kathryn Alvarado, Jeff Bailey, Allison Beauvais, Michelle Devor, April Erickson, Asim Farooq, Donald LeGrand, Sorita Lovings, Molly Mize, Amaury Nora, Enrique Parrilla-Rojas, Calvin Pollard, Gerardo Ramirez, Heather Shirk, Adam Taylor, Sebastian Villarreal, Jen Watson and Amy Williams.

The following Senators were not present: Amy Altemus, Adrienne Brooks, Marjorie Brown, Dawn Frasier, Audrey King, Bianca Morales, Amaury Nora, Katie Pham, Adam Rose, Susie Sanchez, Sean Stovall and Randy Volkin.

The following Senators-elect were not present: Raquel Garcia.

The following Executive Cabinet Members were present: Tom Cassidy, Lee Doherty, Jon Erickson, Brenda Johnson and Natalie Merritt.

**3. Reading and Approval of the Senate Journal**

The minutes from the second meeting of the 34th Administration were approved.

**4. Special Reports**

Student Regent Cassidy gave his report from the Board of Regents meeting on April 24th. Student Regent Cassidy and President Merritt addressed the Regents in regards to the proposed tuition raise. All proposals before the Board passed, including the tuition raise and the contract extension with Aramark.

Director Doherty addressed the Senate for the last time, thanking all those individuals who made her term an enjoyable one. Director Doherty also thanked Vice President Erickson for getting her involved with the Students' Association. She then read a poem to the Senate.

**5. Students Wishing to Address the Senate**

Senator Erickson addressed the Senate as the 1996 Homecoming Queen. She spoke of their efforts to support a campus beautification program. Announced that there would be a tree planting program on campus one week from this Saturday.

Andrew Becker addressed the Senate with regards to the food service contract extension with Aramark. He addressed the fact that inequities exist within the mandatory board plan at the University of Houston. These inequities force resident students to subsidize the cost of food service for the University. He

encouraged students to watch the further developments in the food service contract and encouraged the Senate to take an active role in the future of food service at the University of Houston.

**6. Two Minute Speeches by the Members**

Senator Erickson addressed the Senate for the final time. She thanked everyone who she has served with in this administration and the past administration. She thanked Natalie Merritt, Brenda Johnson and Jon Erickson for being her friends. She encouraged the Senators to take advantage of everything that this university has to offer and to take every opportunity to improve the University of Houston.

**7. Report of the President**

President Merritt talked about her trip to Dallas to speak to prospective students in the Dallas area. Also the Provost search is underway and it is going to be a lot of work. She also announced that there are nominations up tonight for the honors college Senate seat and the Director of Finance. She wished everyone good luck on their finals and looks forward to seeing those Senators, who are not serving on summer Senate, next fall.

**8. Report of the Vice President**

Vice President Erickson thanked Lee Doherty for the work that she has done as the Director of Finance. He also congratulation all those who are graduating. The Cougar Card is underway again and Vice President Erickson is accepting ideas about any companies that should be contacted for advertising on the card. Also students are needed to serve on committees, so keep your eyes open for interested students. The Athletics Director search is underway and will be completed by the middle of July. There will be an open forum in the world affairs lounge on May 8th at noon for students who wish to address the committee.

**9. Report of the Speaker**

Speaker Wittman announced that the phone list has been completed. Legislative workshops have been scheduled for June 4th and July 16th in the large conference room at 7pm. Speaker Wittman reminded Senators that summer Senate will begin on May 28th and there will be meetings every other Wednesday following that date. Speaker Wittman also encouraged Senators to set meetings with their Dean and he congratulated all those students who are graduating.

**10. Reports of Standing committees -**

- a) Academic Affairs - No report
- b) Internal Affairs - No report
- c) Student Life - No report
- d) University Administration and Finance - No report

**11. Reports of Select Committees -** There were no Select Committees established to give reports.

**12. Special Orders -** There were no Special Orders

**13. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation**

- a) Legislation Turned into the Speaker Prior to Publication of the Agenda - None
- b) Legislation Introduced on the Senator Floor

At this time Senator Williams introduced a University Bill to Abolish the Need for Students to Purchase an Additional Parking Permit in Order to Attend the University of Houston Fort Bend Institute at Wharton County Junior College.

**14. Unfinished Business and General Orders**

- a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments
  - 1. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - 2. Committee on Internal Affairs
  - 3. Committee on Student Life
    - a) **UB33001** - no report at this time.
  - 4. Committee on University Administration and Finance
- b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business
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  - 5. Committee on University Administration and Finance

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

- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations - President Merritt nominated Senator Sorita Lovings for the position of Director of Finance, Jacqueline Johnson the Honors Senate seat, John Helwig for UPPC and students with disABILITIES committees, and Shay Scheiber for Traffic Court and the University Hearing Board..
- b) Motions on Committee Bypass  
Senator Pollard made a motion to by-pass and consent all nominations, seconded by Senator LeGrand. The motion passed with 17 votes for, 0 against, and 1 abstention by Senator Nora.

At this time Senator Lovings stepped down from the Social Science #1 position.

Sorita Lovings and Jacqueline Johnson were sworn into office at this time.

- c) Other New Business and General Orders - There were none

**16. Closing Call of the Role**

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**17. Comments and Announcements**

Senator LeGrand announced that Lisa Chimola has been chosen to be the managing editor for the summer Daily Cougar staff.

**18. Adjournment**

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