

TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nineteenth Meeting of the 27th Senate  
Monday, December 3, 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. **Special Reports:** Kamran Riaz, Assistant Dean of Students
5. **Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**
6. **Report of the President:** Paul Hoglund
7. **Report of the Vice President:** Lee Flemming
8. **Report of the Speaker:** Mark Burge
9. **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
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:
13. **Unfinished Business and General Orders:**
  - a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:
    1. Committee on Academic Affairs:
      - Glenda Johnson - Academic Council
      - Daniel Lurvey - Undergraduate Council
      - Ashish Kulkarni - Bookstore Advisory Committee
    2. Committee on Internal Affairs:
      - Kaushik Dutta - SSFPAC
      - Kathryn Sherman - SSFPAC
      - Thomas Creel - SSFPAC
      - John Parker - SSFPAC
    3. Committee on Student Life:
      - Aafia Siddiqui - Religion Center Policy Board

- Shubnum Masood - Organizations Board
  - Tahira Bhatti - Organizations Board
  - Richard Goldfarb - Police & Parking Advisory Board
  - Patricia Falbo - Child Care Center Advisory Board
4. Committee on University Administration & Finance:
- Shaik Ahmed - Safety Committee

b) Reconsideration of Presidential Vetoes and Other Legislative Business

1. Presidential Vetoes to be Reconsidered:
  - None
2. Committee on University Administration and Finance:
  - **SAR 27019:** ADVOCATING FUTURE FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR AUXILIARY SERVICES  
**Sponsors:** Matthew Emal, Preeti Gandhi, & Mark Burge
  - **SAR 27020:** ADVOCATING THE USE OF DEDICATED FEES TO SUPPORT STUDENT SERVICE UNITS  
**Sponsors:** D. Lee Grooms & Mark Burge
3. Committee on Academic Affairs:
  - **UB 27016:** CONCERNING CAMPUS SPONSORSHIP OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES  
**Sponsor:** Tiffany Russell
  - **UB 27020:** ELIMINATING DEPARTMENTAL EXAMS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
**Sponsor:** Joel Richards
  - **SAR 27018:** CALLING FOR THE MANDATORY ASSIGNMENT OF GRADUATE FACULTY ADVISORS IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS  
**Sponsor:** Lloyd Jacobson
5. Committee on Internal Affairs:
  - **SAB 27015:** TO ADOPT TITLE 6 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTION CODE; REPEALING BYLAWS REPLACED BY THE CODE  
**Sponsor:** Law (SAB 27001)
  - **SAB 27016:** TO CREATE TITLE 10 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STUDENT REGENT  
**Sponsors:** Matthew Emal, D. Lee Grooms & Mark Burge
4. Committee on Student Life:
  - **UB 27019:** ESTABLISHING ADEQUATE EXTERIOR LIGHTING ON THE I-45 SIDE OF THE ARCHITECTURE BUILDING  
**Sponsor:** Chris Cortes
  - **UB 27021:** PERMANENTLY PROHIBITING THE ACQUISITION OF A LIVE COUGAR MASCOT  
**Sponsors:** Scott Eastman, Preeti Gandhi, Lloyd Jacobson, & Joel Richards
  - **SAR 27017:** CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF A LIVE MASCOT HOUSED ON CAMPUS  
**Sponsor:** Cheryl Price
  - **SAR 27021:** SUPPORTING MANDATORY PUBLICATION OF UNIVERSITY CRIME STATISTICS  
**Sponsors:** Micael Banta, Michael Berry, & Joel Richards

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

- a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:
- b) Motions on Committee Bypass:
- c) Other New Business and General Orders:

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 7:05 PM.

**2. Opening Call of the Roll by the Secretary:**

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: Alex Arenas, Michael Banta, Michael Berry, Jan Burns, Dean Draper, Scott Eastman, Eddie Elizando, Matthew Emal, Michael Floreani, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Majid Husain, Lloyd Jacobson, Satish Kauta, Mohammed Khan, Tuan Nguyen, Michael S. Oholendt, Cheryl Price, Joel Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany Russell, Mohammed Ali Saeed.

The following senators were excused: Damon Chargois, Zaigham Shah, Devi Sunderaj.

The following senators were absent: Richard Corbello, Chris Cooley, Chris Cortes, Farrel Sharp.

**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:**

Kamran Riaz, Assistant Dean of Students, said this year the administration was committed to helping non-traditional student due to an availability of funds in SSFPAC. He said no placement examinations are available for students who attend evening classes. Mr. Riaz said they are looking into the possibility of having placement exams on weekends. He said the Dean of Students Office is planning a 'Student Information Center' near the south entrance of the UC. This location was found to be the cheapest as per an appraisal given by the Physical Plant. The other locations proposed were near the ATM machine in the UC and the first floor lounge. This will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The Student Information Center will remain open 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday and half a day on Saturday. He said this still has to be approved by the President. Mr. Riaz said he will keep office hours until 9 pm next semester. He asked the members of the Senate to inform him about the problems faced by non-traditional students. The next issue he touched upon dealt with fee payment. He said fee payment is between 8am and 7 pm. However, departments close at 5pm. A problem arises if a student gets a stop on his fee bill. Mr. Riaz said his office is trying to work on changing departmental office hours to extend till 7 pm on fee payment days. Senator Khan asked if the student service center will be listed in the class schedule. Mr. Riaz said he will be talking to registration and records about this matter. Mr. Riaz said there will be new job opportunities for students too. Senator Berry asked if there is going to be a publicity campaign. Mr. Riaz said notices are already out and he will ask the other Assistant Deans for permission to advertise in evening classes. He said they will also advertise in the Daily Cougar. Senator Russell asked if the \$45,000 were construction costs alone. Mr. Riaz said the

estimate included costs of furniture, construction and other equipment. This is a one time cost he said. There will be other costs like salaries, etc. he said. Senator Eastman said that by 5 pm all Daily Cougar boxes are empty. Mr. Riaz said that is why he is pressing to go through the Dean of Students office to get it advertised in the evening classes.

#### **5. Two Minute Speeches by the Members:**

Speaking about the live mascot issue, Senator Eastman passed out a 'Shasta Facts' sheet and said a cougar is not an educational aid. He said it is controversial whether she is drugged or not. In response to the claim that there have been no serious injuries he said a bite is a serious injury. He said only 2/6 of the funds have been raised for providing for a new live cougar mascot. Finally Senator Eastman said the Residence Halls Survey this year was not scientific and conducted at a single table.

Senator Grooms said he would like to bypass UB 27023:REQUIRING THAT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION LEGISLATION BE ROUTED DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. He said we have not seen a reply to legislation ever since Dr. Barnett took over and legislation is now being directed through the Vice President for Student Affairs office. He said we need to think of constituents' concerns before bypassing any legislation. Senator Grooms said he does not believe that too many constituents are concerned about a cougar.

Senator Berry said he would like to bypass SAR 27022: CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS FOR STUDENT SERVICE FEE SURPLUSES and SAR 27024: REQUESTING PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUTURE AUXILIARY FUNDS. He said this is a fiscal matter and Dr. Kerley will be addressing the Board of Regents on it. He said it will be relevant if he knows our opinion on this matter before addressing them.

Senator Burns said this is her last meeting as she will be graduating and said she has enjoyed working with everyone.

Senator Richards said Texas A&M is hosting the South Western Black Student Leadership Conference and he would like SA to sponsor him to go there.

Senator Berggren said he would like to bypass SAR 27019: ADVOCATING FUTURE FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR AUXILIARY SERVICES and SAR 27020: ADVOCATING THE USE OF DEDICATED FEES TO SUPPLEMENT STUDENT SERVICE UNITS.

#### **6. Report of the President:**

President Hogle was out of town.

#### **7. Report of the Vice President:**

Vice President Flemming said President Hogle is in Japan. He said Campus Activities is holding a reception in the Lafitte Room between 2 pm and 4 pm on Wednesday. He said SA is taking out an advertisement in the Daily Cougar tomorrow concerning student library donations. He asked the Senators to inform their constituents and tell them a donation to the library is recommended through SA. He then yielded the floor to SA Treasurer, Sandhya Sanghani.

Ms. Sanghani said she is fulfilling her constitutional duties and reporting to the Senate. She said technically she is not responsible for the month of October. She said there are a lot of discrepancies in the September report due to a lack of information. She said there are a lot of missing pieces and an inability to answer questions of where the money has gone. She commented on the inability of the senators to ask pertinent questions while being so concerned about the appointment of a Treasurer. She said she would like to see all transactions including conference money being processed through her. Senator Berggren asked who is spending all the money. Sandhya Sanghani said either the Administrative Secretary or the past Treasurer should be able to answer that. Senator Eastman asked Ms. Sanghani why she was complaining to them about a lack of paper work when it is the responsibility of the Executive office. Ms. Sanghani said she is not complaining but instead is asking if there are any questions on the reports. Senator Russell said she has raised many questions. Senator

Grooms said he has been asking questions on a weekly basis. He said the Senate is not asking any questions now because no one can provide it with answers. Senator Arenas asked how much money is there now. Sandhya Sanghani said there is still \$72,000 in the account. Senator Russell asked if this is minus encumbrances. The Treasurer said she is still looking at that. Senator Rosenberger commended Ms. Sanghani on doing such a good job. Sandhya Sanghani said her future reports will be more accurate.

#### 8. Report of the Speaker:

Speaker Burge said he would like to point out that the Senate is concerned about the budget. He said the dates and locations for Spring Senate meetings are as follows:

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| January 28, 1991  | Regents Room         |
| February 11, 1991 | Regents Room         |
| February 25, 1991 | Regents Room         |
| March 11, 1991    | Dallas/ El Paso Room |
| March 18, 1991    | Dallas/ El Paso Room |

Speaker Burge said there will be a vacancy for the position of Chair of Academic Affairs as Senator Burns will be graduating this semester. He said upon consultation with Vice Chair Michael Floreani he has decided to nominate Senator Berry as Chair.

Senator Burns spoke in favor of the nomination and said Senator Berry is very competent and has shown a lot of industriousness. The nomination was put to vote and passed with one abstention.

Speaker Burge requested all chairs to please file committee reports as soon as possible. He said the current vacant positions in the Senate are: Optometry, Education, Senator-at-large #2, Technology #2.

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

##### a) Academic Affairs:

Senator Burns, Chair of Academic Affairs said she does not have a report on appointments in her committee. She said they had made a few changes in UB 27020: ELIMINATING DEPARTMENTAL EXAMS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION and were reporting out on it favorably.

##### b) Internal Affairs:

Senator Russell, Chair of Internal Affairs, said her committee is reporting out favorably on the following nominations:

Kaushik Dutta--SSFPAC  
John Parker--SSFPAC

She said they had tabled the nomination of Kathryn Sherman to SSFPAC.

Senator Russell said they were reporting out unfavorably on the nomination of Thomas Creel to SSFPAC. She said they had amended and were reporting out favorably on SAB 27015: TO ADOPT TITLE 6 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE; REPEALING BYLAWS REPLACED BY THE CODE and SAB 27016: TO CREATE TITLE 10 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STUDENT REGENT.

##### c) Student Life:

Senator Richards, Chair of Student Life said they were reporting out favorably on the following

nominations:

Aafia Siddiqui--Religion Center Policy Board  
Shabnum Masood--Organizations Board  
Tahira Bhatti--Organizations Board  
Richard Goldfarb--Police and Parking Advisory Board  
Patricia Falbo--Child Care Center Advisory Board

Senator Richards said they were reporting out unfavorably on UB 27019: ESTABLISHING ADEQUATE EXTERIOR LIGHTING ON THE I-45 SIDE OF THE ARCHITECTURE BUILDING. He said the committee had no recommendation on UB 27021: PERMANENTLY PROHIBITING THE ACQUISITION OF A LIVE COUGAR MASCOT and UB 27021: CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF A LIVE MASCOT HOUSED ON CAMPUS. He said they amended and were reporting out favorably on SAB 27021: SUPPORTING MANDATORY PUBLICATION OF UNIVERSITY CRIME STATISTICS.

d) University Administration and Finance:

Senator Berggren requested that SAR 27019: ADVOCATING THE USE OF DEDICATED FEES TO SUPPORT STUDENT SERVICE UNITS and SAR 27019: ADVOCATING FUTURE FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR AUXILIARY SERVICES be bypassed. He said the nomination of Shaik Ahmed to Safety Committee has been tabled.

Senator Berggren said he would like to resign as Chair of University Administration and Finance. Speaker Burge appointed Senator Rosenberger as Acting Chair.

**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 the Publication of the Agenda:

None.

b) Legislation Introduced on the Senate Floor:

Senator Grooms introduced UB 27023: REQUIRING THAT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION LEGISLATION BE ROUTED DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Senator Berry introduced SAR 27022: CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS FOR STUDENT SERVICE FEE SURPLUSES and SAR 27024: REQUESTING PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUTURE AUXILIARY FUNDS.

Senator Banta introduced UB 27022: ABOLISHING SMOKING IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

Senator Burns introduced SAR 27025: SUPPORTING AT LEAST BIENNIAL MEETINGS WITH COLLEGE DEANS.

Senator Rosenberger introduced SAR 27023: : CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TO SUPPORT THE ELIMINATION OF POLYSTYRENE FROM ALL CAMPUS DINING AREAS.

### 13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

#### a) Presidential Nominations and Appointments:

All university standing committee appointments were reported on earlier.

Senator Grooms spoke in favor of the nomination of Kaushik Dutta to SSFPAC. He said Kaushik demonstrated a firm grasp on student service fees and stands opposed to any increase in fees. The nomination was put to vote and approved with 4 abstentions.

Senator Grooms spoke against the nomination of Thomas Creel to SSFPAC. He said Mr. Creel has not shown up at any of the meetings inspite of numerous messages. The nomination was put to a vote and failed with 3 abstentions.

Senator Emal spoke in favor of the nomination of John Parker to SSFPAC. He said Mr. Parker has been present at every SSFPAC meeting. Senator Price asked what his stand is on raising student service fees. Senator Grooms said he was not in favor of such an action and said he was in favor of dedicated fees. The nomination was put to a vote and confirmed with 3 abstentions.

#### 3) Student Life:

Speaker Burge noted that all nominations had to be approved by the committee only.

#### b) Motions on committee bypass:

Senator Floreani moved to bypass SAR 27019: ADVOCATING FUTURE FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR AUXILIARY SERVICES. Speaking in favor of the motion he said it is appropriate to bypass the resolution as it deals with the President Barnett's action last week. The motion was put to a vote and passed with 14 votes in favor and 3 abstentions.

Senator Floreani spoke in favor of the bill. While recognizing President Barnett's actions in forgiving the Athletic Department he said auxiliary services should not be penalized.

The co-sponsor of the bill, Senator Emal said the Athletic Department should not forget its debt. Senator Berry asked if in the future the Athletic Department will repay the debt with profits. Senator Floreani said he believes there exists a 'gentlemen's agreement' to that effect. Senator Rosenberger said President Barnett has asked other units to forgive the debt. Senator Russell asked how much the debt is. Senator Floreani said it is \$3.8 million. Senator Berggren said that research shows the debt is \$2.6 million. Senator Jacobson said there might be possible inflationary effects on auxiliary services and this might lead to an increase in fees by President Barnett. The resolution was put to a vote and passed with 14 votes in a favor, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Senator Berggren moved to bypass SAR 27020: ADVOCATING THE USE OF DEDICATED FEES TO SUPPLEMENT STUDENT SERVICE UNITS. Senator Grooms spoke in favor of the motion and said this resolution ties in with the proposal to increase student fees. The motion to bypass passed with 14 votes in favor and 3 abstentions.

Senator Grooms spoke in favor of the resolution and said that it advocates fees proved by student referendum instead of general fees. Vice President Flemming asked if a dedicated fee frees up money from base student fees. Senator Grooms replied it depends on the structure of the fees. Senator Banta asked someone to define 'units'. Senator Grooms said it is a service that can receive student service fees. Senator Emal said some units receive their funding solely from SSFPAC.so. Senator Rosenberger asked if 100% of the money goes to the unit in the case of dedicated fees. Senator Grooms said this is where negotiations get more power instead of a blanket increase in fees. Senator Berggren moved for a roll call

vote. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor. The roll call vote was as follows:

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|------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Senator Arenas   | Favor     | Senator Grooms      | Favor     |
| Senator Banta    | Abstained | Senator Husain      | Absent    |
| Senator Berggren | Favor     | Senator Jacobson    | Favor     |
| Senator Berry    | Favor     | Senator Kauta       | Absent    |
| Senator Burns    | Abstained | Senator Khan        | Absent    |
| Senator Chargois | Absent    | Senator Nguyen      | Absent    |
| Senator Cooley   | Absent    | Senator Oholendt    | Favor     |
| Senator Cortes   | Absent    | Senator Price       | Favor     |
| Senator Draper   | Favor     | Senator Richards    | Favor     |
| Senator Eastman  | Favor     | Senator Rosenberger | Abstained |
| Senator Elizando | Abstained | Senator Russell     | Favor     |
| Senator Emal     | Favor     | Senator Saeed       | Absent    |
| Senator Floreani | Favor     | Senator Sharp       | Absent    |
| Senator Gandhi   | Favor     | Senator Shah        | Absent    |
| Senator Sunderaj | Absent    |                     |           |

The resolution passed with 14 votes in favor and 4 abstentions.

Senator Burns spoke in favor of UB 27020: AFFECTING DEPARTMENTAL EXAMS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. She said this pertains to a particular course which is mandatory for all education majors. She said the test is the same every semester. Senator Banta said he wrote the bill after a student complained to him. He said he hopes the entire college will take note of this. The bill passed unanimously upon being put to vote.

Senator Draper spoke in favor of SAR 27018: CALLING FOR THE MANDATORY ASSIGNMENT OF GRADUATE ADVISORS IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS. He said this is a good way to improve the graduate program as students find it extremely difficult to meet with an advisor. Senator Burns asked why there are no advisors. Senator Draper said that now a Professor instead of teaching a class does the advising. The resolution was put to a vote and passed with 2 abstentions.

Senator Eastman asked what amendments had been made to SAB 27015: TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, KNOWN AS THE ELECTION CODE. Senator Grooms said most of the amendments were concerned with changing the hour requirements. Campaigning, he said, is left less open to interpretation. He said they defined what a class is. The bill was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Senator Emal introduced SAB 27016: TO CREATE TITLE 10 OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STUDENT REGENT. He said it is about time we have a student regent. Senator Grooms said it is time for one to be elected. Senator Floreani proposed an amendment to place the student regent in the first position and not third in order of importance. Senator Grooms spoke against the amendment and said there is no need to elect a President if the Student Regent is considered more important. The amendment was put to vote and failed with 4 votes in favor, 6 against and 7 abstentions.

Senator Berggren said we should research the hierarchy of the structure of the ballot. Speaker Burge noted it is outlined in Chapter 4. Senator Berry said we need to address the fact of office setting. Speaker Burge noted it is outlined in Chapter 6. Senator Russell said by making it an elected position the student regent will have the power of the student body behind him. Senator Eastman said there is a contradiction in Chapter 6 where it seems like the position is being degraded. Vice President Flemming said it is because the amount of time needed for the position is much less than a cabinet

position. Senator Burns moved the previous question and debate was closed with 13 votes in favor and 3 against.

The bill was put to a direct vote and passed with 15 votes in favor and 3 abstentions.

Senator Berggren spoke against UB 27019: ESTABLISHING ADEQUATE LIGHTING ON THE I-45 SIDE OF THE ARCHITECTURE BUILDING. Senator Emal asked if Senator Berggren is withdrawing the bill. Speaker Burge said the bill is the property of the floor. The bill was put to a vote and voted down.

Senator Burns asked if both the Shasta bills could be debated together. Speaker Burge said some senators might wish to vote against both and therefore it is not feasible to do so. Senator Eastman spoke in favor of UB 27021: PERMANENTLY PROHIBITING THE ACQUISITION OF A LIVE COUGAR MASCOT. He said there is proven link between Shasta and school spirit. He said according to an article in Exotic Care the average age of a cougar is 20 years, Shasta's is between 5 and 7. He said the Cougar guard are not trained to handle animals. Senator Eastman said having a live mascot on campus is a disservice to UH. Senator Price said we are here to represent student opinion. She said no one has been laid down in hospital yet with injuries. Senator Grooms said the vast majority of constituents do not care about this issue. He moved that the bill be postponed indefinitely. Speaking in favor of the motion, Senator Grooms said most students do not want to deal with this issue. He said the administration has not heeded the opinion of SA on this issue in the past. Senator Grooms said the concerned groups should take this issue up. Senator Berry spoke against the motion and said he is concerned about postponing legislation indefinitely. He said a majority of his constituents did not care about soap dispensers either. Senator Richards said he agreed with Senator Berry and said we should take the time to address minority issues too. Senator Burns moved the previous question on the motion. Debate was closed on the motion and it was defeated. After no further debate, Senator Rosenberger called for a roll call vote on the bill. The roll call vote was as follows:

|                  |         |                     |         |
|------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Senator Arenas   | Favor   | Senator Grooms      | Against |
| Senator Banta    | Against | Senator Husain      | Absent  |
| Senator Berggren | Favor   | Senator Jacobson    | Favor   |
| Senator Berry    | Favor   | Senator Kauta       | Absent  |
| Senator Burns    | Favor   | Senator Khan        | Absent  |
| Senator Chargois | Absent  | Senator Nguyen      | Absent  |
| Senator Cooley   | Absent  | Senator Oholendt    | Favor   |
| Senator Cortes   | Absent  | Senator Price       | Absent  |
| Senator Draper   | Against | Senator Richards    | Favor   |
| Senator Eastman  | Favor   | Senator Rosenberger | Against |
| Senator Elizando | Against | Senator Russell     | Favor   |
| Senator Emal     | Favor   | Senator Saeed       | Absent  |
| Senator Floreani | Favor   | Senator Sharp       | Absent  |
| Senator Gandhi   | Favor   | Senator Shah        | Absent  |
| Senator Sunderaj | Absent  |                     |         |

The bill passed with 12 votes in favor and 6 against.

SAR 27017: CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF A LIVE MASCOT HOUSED ON CAMPUS was put to a vote and defeated.

Senator Richards spoke in favor of SAR 27021: SUPPORTING MANDATORY PUBLICATION OF UNIVERSITY CRIME STATISTICS. He said the bill meets a definite need. He said the amendment made to the resolution was to have the last resolved clause read "That said information should expire

one full year (12 months) after it is compiled, and should therefore be updated annually in order to provide timely, accurate information.' Senator Floreani said this information will dissuade students from coming to UH. Senator Berry said the U.S. Senate and the University of Oklahoma are doing it. He said if our crime problem is so bad that it will dissuade students from coming here then hopefully it will increase preventive measures. Senator Rosenberger questioned its effectiveness as it might encourage officials not to report crimes. Senator Grooms said UHPD is not funded by the University and should not be affected by University policies. The resolution was put to a vote and passed by 16 votes in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.

#### 14. New Business and General Orders:

##### a) Introduction of Presidential Nominations:

None.

##### b) Motions on Committee Bypass:

Senator Banta moved to bypass UB 27022: ABOLISHING SMOKING IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. Senator Eastman asked what the urgency is that the issue warrants a bypass. Senator Banta said he has researched this topic extensively and the facts are that passive smoking is dangerous. He said Farish Hall is circular and hence everyone is exposed to the smoke. The motion to bypass was put to a vote and passed. The bill was put to a direct vote and passed with 2 abstentions.

Senator Grooms moved to bypass UB 27023: REQUIRING THAT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION LEGISLATION BE ROUTED DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. Senator Berry spoke in favor of the motion to bypass. He said a policies might change during the break and he would like for SA's opinion to be known. Senator Burns said she was under the impression that Roland Smith was dealing with this matter. The motion to bypass was put to vote and passed. Senator Grooms spoke in favor of the bill. He said legislation was routed directly to Dr. Magner's office when he was the President. He said we have not received any feedback on legislation ever since Dr. Barnett took office. He said SA is pumping out legislation and not being heard. Senator Richards proposed an amendment to the last resolved clause to read '...shall be routed directly to the Office of the President for his/her perusal..' Senator Eastman said he favors this legislation because it is a dangerous trend that the administration is putting another block between itself and the students. Senator Rosenberger asked if this piece of legislation will go through Dr. Smith's office, too. Speaker Burge said it will but that he will also send a copy to Dr. Barnett's office as there is no rule saying we cannot send things there, as well. The bill passed unanimously upon being put to vote.

Senator Burns moved to bypass SAR 27025: SUPPORTING AT LEAST BIANNUAL MEETINGS WITH COLLEGE DEANS. Senator Floreani spoke in favor of the motion and said this issue needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The motion to bypass was put to a vote and passed unanimously. Senator Rosenberger spoke in favor of the resolution. He said this would help us a lot. Senator Russell made a motion to amend the second resolved clause to read 'That the term biannually be defined for these purposes as once every academic semester--twice in any given Students' Association Senate term.' Senator Berry proposed an amendment to have the first resolved clause read 'That the Senate support its Senators in meeting at least biannually with the Deans of their individual colleges to determine which issues need Senate attention and to facilitate positive relations between the Senate and the colleges; and be it further.' Senator Grooms proposed an amendment to use 'semesterly' instead of biannually. The amendment failed. Senator Rosenberger suggested specifying the summer semesters. Senator Emal said summer is included as Senate terms run from April to April. Senator Richards moved the previous question. The resolution was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Senator Elizando moved to bypass SAR 27023: CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TO SUPPORT THE ELIMINATION OF POLYSTYRENE FROM ALL CAMPUS DINING AREAS. Speaking in favor of the motion Senator Elizando said Team Earth is meeting with ARA and would like to have the support of SA before they do so. Senator Richards suggested making it a Senate Resolution so it could be finalized more quickly.. The motion to bypass was put to vote and passed. The motion to change the resolution to a Senate Resolution passed after being put to a vote and the resolution was renamed SR 27007. During general debate a typo was found in the third whereas and changed to read 'carcinogen.' Senator Emal asked if polystyrene is made entirely or partly of benzene. The Senate Resolution was put to vote and passed unanimously.

Senator Berry moved to bypass SAR 27022: CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS FOR STUDENT SERVICE FEE SURPLUSES. The motion to bypass passed with one vote against and one abstention. Speaking in favor of the resolution, Senator Berry said Dick Cigler, Director of Student Publications told him that Cougar Byte is filled with IDT's at the end of the year with departments buying computers unnecessarily. Senator Price asked if this meant there cannot be a one time allocation requirement. Speaker Burge said there is no rule to that effect. Vice President Flemming said money allocated to the departments is spent at the end of the year. Senator Richards suggested amending the second resolved clause to read ' money in those accounts should be used specifically for that unit and not be transferred from one unit to another.' Senator Rosenberger opposed the amendment and said that if a one time allocation fee comes up it should be left to the units discretion to use it. Vice President Flemming said units are spending the money on things they do not need instead of saving it. Senator Arenas said this allows a way for each unit to have a separate bank account. Expressing concern about the amendment, Senator Grooms said if he was budgeting he would be building his own reserves and made less accountable to SSFPAC. Senator Berry said the people who make these decisions are encouraged not to show anything as a surplus. Senator Rosenberger said it is very unproductive just to have money sitting there. Senator Berggren asked if having this money in reserve would make the administration cut their allocation. Speaker Burge said this is done through SSFPAC. Senator Eastman said he sees a need for more research and moved to table the resolution. Senator Emal asked if such a motion is in order. Senator Richards spoke against the motion. He said the issue is straightforward. Senator Eastman said all of us have questions on this matter. Speaker Burge yielded the chair to Speaker Pro Tem Berry so he could satisfy any queries being the author of the resolution. Senator Burge said the original reason this resolution came up is because SSFPAC has to allocate money to various units. Otherwise this money will go to the athletic department. This issue is therefore urgent as SSFPAC is dealing with \$83,000. Senator Rosenberger said this rationale should be stated more clearly in the resolution. Senator Eastman said he would like to withdraw the motion. The motion was withdrawn and Senator Floreani moved the previous question. The amendment failed with 2 votes in favor, 11 against and 1 abstention. Senator Richards called for a division of the assembly. Senator Burge asked him what his purpose is. Senator Richards said there are two issues which need to be dealt with separately. Senator Burge moved the previous question on all pending motions. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor and 2 against. The motion for a division of the assembly was brought to a direct vote and failed. The resolution passed with 11 votes, 3 against and 2 abstentions upon being brought to a direct vote.

Senator Berry moved to bypass SAR 27024: REQUESTING PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUTURE AUXILIARY FUNDS. The motion to bypass passed with 10 votes in favor, 2 against and 3 abstentions. Senator Rosenberger moved to table the resolution and discuss it in January as it needed more work. Senator Berry spoke against the motion and said a motion to bypass and table the same resolution are contradictory. The motion to table was put to a direct vote and failed with 2 votes in favor and 8 against. The resolution was put to a direct vote and passed with 12 votes in favor, 3 against and 2 abstentions.

Senator Berggren moved that the final roll call be placed after Comments and Announcements on the Agenda. The motion passed.

**15. Comments and Announcements:**

Senator Grooms said a lot of people may have had questions to do with the bill concerning dedicated fees. He said these questions may have resulted in people abstaining from voting. Senator Banta thanked Doris Ayyubi, Administrative Assistant for organizing the food at the meeting. Senator Berggren said it has been a pleasure working with Senator Burns. Senator Gandhi wished everyone a happy new year. Senator Emal said he would like to encourage Speaker Burge to run for Student Regent. Senator Berggren said the school of Architecture is holding two displays. Senator Price said the Vice President's position at RHA is open. Speaker Burge said the Senate dealt with 16 pieces of legislation tonight, which may be a record.

**16. Closing Call of the Roll:**

Senate Secretary Nandita Venkateswaran called the roll and the following senators were present: Alex Arenas, Michael Banta, John Berggren, Michael Berry, Jan Burns, Scott Eastman, Eduardo Elizando, Matthew Emal, Michael Floreani, Preeti Gandhi, D. Lee Grooms, Lloyd Jacobson, Michael S. Oholendt, Joel Richards, Michael Rosenberger, Tiffany E. Russell, Cheryl Price.

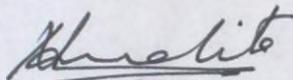
The following senators were absent: Richard Corbello, Chris Cooley, Chris Cortes, Dean Draper, Majid Husain, Mohammed Khan, Tuan Nguyen, Mohammed Ali Saeed, Farrel Sharp.

The following senators were excused: Damon Chargois, Satish Kauta, Zaigham Shah, Devi Sunderaj.

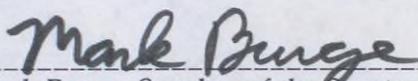
**17. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 10:20 pm.

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY SEVENTH SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HOUSTON ON JANUARY 28, 1991



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Nandita Venkateswaran, Senate Secretary



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Mark Burge, Speaker of the Senate