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## TWENTY-SIXTH SENATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Second Special Meeting of the Spring Senate  
March 5, 1990  
Dallas/El Paso Room, University Center  
7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the Senate, Michael Danke, at 7:00 P.M.

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

The following Senators were present: Barrus, Burns, Danke, Hoglund, Marino, Miklos, Parker, Patel, Saeed, Sharma, and Spacek.

The following Senators were late: Browne, Dockery, Grimm, Hasselbrink, and Zarka.

The following Senators were excused: Foley, Harper, Karim, and Wuthrich

The following Senators were absent: Corbello, Heaney, Owens, Ware, and Urban.

The following Executive Cabinet members were present: President Belicove

The following University Officials were present: William Munson

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

President Belicove began by thanking everyone for attending the Special Session. He proceeded by informing the Senate of UB26033: A UNIVERSIT BILL ESTABLISHING A STANDING UNIVERSTIY COMMITTEE ON FOOD SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. He noted that the Bill had been looked at by the Student Life Committee and they had decided to pass favorably on the bill.

He reminded the Senators to write legislation and urged all Senators to keep attending the Committee meetings. In this same category, the President announced that two more pieces of legislation would be introduced later in the meeting. One piece of legislation, was a Senate Bill establishing a compensation policy in compliance with the December 1989 Student Leader Compensation Report. He noted that a committee met all last semester to see of the Student Leader Compensation needed to be revised. President Belicove mentioned another piece of legislation. The Resolution would ask that the Students' Association would advocate a change in the submental loan for students so that it would reflect the dichotomy between traditional and proprietary institutions.

President Belicove announced that he and Senator Hasselbrink went to Washington D.C. from Wednesday February 28- Sunday, March 4, 1990. Both he and Senator Hasselbrink had a great time at the conference. He added that the trip was very productive and he was elected to the National Board of Directors of the American Association of University Students. He further explained that he was the Chair person for the states of Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska . He added that his responsibilities would be to coordinate the AAUS activities within those states. In addition, President Belicove announced that he would be coming back to the Senate next week and would be asking the Student Senate for monetary support (via line item transfer ) from his position.

President Belicove thanked the Senate for the Resolution that was passed last week. President Belicove informed the Senate that Mr. Green was present at the Conference and he commended the University of Houston for its efforts of differentiating between proprietary and traditional institutions. Both student leaders brought back numerous information from the conference.

In addition, President Belicove spoke about the AAUS's new program "Commonground " based on a \$50,000.000 grant from Shell Oil Company. President Belicove explained that the program is geared at

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increasing the awareness of diversity on college campuses. The pilot program would be started in the city of Houston and in the city of Philadelphia. The President stated that AAUS was considering the University of Houston as well as Rice University for the pilot program. He noted that the best pilot program (after one year) would be issued a \$5,000 grant from Shell. President Belicove felt that Commonground would flourish at the University of Houston. Senator Dockery asked President Belicove to explain the new program in more depth. President Belicove added that at other institutions around the United States, racism was ramped and diversity was a problem. Senator Dockery asked if Shell Oil was running the program. President Belicove stated that after hearing that Shell Oil had given this grant, many people at the conference were upset about the fact that Shell had not completely divested in South Africa. He noted that Senator Hasselbrink spoke with a sponsor from Shell who proposed the program. The man commented that Shell had invested in South Africa but was using all South African labor. President Belicove added that if Senator Dockery wanted to express his interests to the AAUS, he would be more than happy to bring it forward to them. Senator Dockery explained that he did not know a lot about the program, but was in favor of instituting it at the University of Houston. However, he wondered if Shell Oil or AAUS came forth with the program. He added that he had some information on the issue of Shell Oil in South Africa and he would like to share with the Senate. President Belicove commented that he would be more than willing to pass the information on to the AAUS's national office. He also told the Senate that if working with a company like Shell Oil Company was unproper, he would support the Senate's decision.

**4. Report of the Vice President:** None

**5. Report of Standing Committees as they pertain to nominations and legislation in committee**

1. Academic Affairs Committee, Chair Saeed - Senator Saeed announced that their would be no report.
2. Internal Affairs, Chair Browne - Senator Browne announced that the fourteen pieces of legislation would remain in committee until the next meeting.
3. Student Life, Chair Sharma - Senator Sharma announced that the Committee was reporting out favorably on UB26033: A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING A STANDING UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON FOOD SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON.
4. University Administration and Finance, Chair Miklos - Announced that the committee had no appointments or legislation pertaining to this meeting.

**6. Motions from Standing Committees on Presidential Nominations:** None

**7. Motion and Discussion of UB26033-Food Service Committee Bill**

Senator Zarka seconded the motion. In general debate on the motion to consider UB26033, President Belicove, explained that the reason for the special session meeting was for this bill. Furthermore, he added that when he first came to live on campus, there were no mechanisms for feedback except Comment Cards. He felt that in order to improve the food services on campus, the University needed a consistent flow of input to the Administration as well as to the food contractors. President Belicove described the members who would serve on the Committee. He added that the Administration was not really interested about what the students thought about these matters. President Belicove felt that the improvement of the ARA Campus dining Services were due to the fact that ARA was currently up for renewal. He described the four subcommittees that would be on the University Food Service Advisory Board. President Belicove emphasized that there must be a formal way to communicate the concerns of all. Senator Hasselbrink noted that the Committee would provide a good mix of organizations on campus. After no further discussion, a direct vote was taken and the University Bill passed unanimously.

**8. Special Orders: All By-Law/ Constitutional revisions**

Senator Browne reported that he was holding on the bylaws until the next meeting. In addition, Senator Browne noted that there were several changes to the judiciary procedures which would need administrative approval. He also announced that the Election Commissioner will be making a few changes to the election code at the next meeting. Senator Browne announced that the next Internal Affairs meeting was on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. and urged the Senators on Internal Affairs to attend the meeting.

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



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- a. Presidential Nominations and Appointments: None
- b. All other matters that are brought to President Beliove's attention, in writing, by 5:00p.m.  
3/5/90: None

## **10. Introduction and First Reading of New Legislation:**

Senator Marino introduced SB26024: A SENATE BILL ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION POLICY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DECEMBER 1989 STUDENT LEADER COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT. The bill was referred to the Internal Affairs Committee

Senator Hoglund introduced UB26035: A UNIVERSITY BILL MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES COURSES AS A MEANS TO FUFILL THE CULTURAL HERITAGE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CORE CURRICULUM. The bill was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee.

Senator Miklos introduced SR26021: A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT AT THE LAW SCHOOL. The resolution was referred to the Student Life Committee. In addition Senator Miklos introduced SR26022: A RESOLUTION PROTESTING THE SLOW PACE OF ENACTING UB26012.S The Resolution was referred to the University Administration and Finance Committee. Senator Miklos introduced UB26036: A UNIVERSITY BILL ESTABLISHING A STANDING UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF SHCOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID. The Bill was also referred to the University Administration and Finance Committee.

## **11. Comments and Announcements:**

*Senator Hasselbrink* - Directed his comments to Senator Dockery which dealt with the issue of Shell Oil Company and the Apartheid movement in Africa. Senator Hasselbrink noted that Shell oil was loosely organized and had many different branches: in America and in Africa. He felt that the oil company was a "force for good" because the company hired only blacks and also offered housing for all employees. Senator Hasselbrink added that he would like to see more information pertaining to the issue.

*Senator Dockery* - Told Senator Hasselbrink that they could get together and talk about the issue. He noted that there were other companies

*Speaker Danke* - Stressed to the Senate the importance of the Students' Association Retreat. He added that the official notice of the Retreat would be posted in the Election Commissioners Office.

## **12. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:38 p.m.