Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Third Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Speaker Westbrook. A moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Buvens.

Roll Call

There were 44 senators present.

Senator Schwartzenburg motioned to suspend the Rules and immediately consider SGCR No. 21 by Senator Beadle, seconded by Senator Catalanoto, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Emily Smith as a Senator for the Graduate School.

Ms. Smith introduced herself as a PhD student in the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences who also works with graduate student application.

Favorable Passage was urged.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 21 Enrolled

Senator Schwartzenburg motioned to suspend the Rules and move into Induction of New Senators, seconded by Senator Zeringue.

Induction of New Senators

Emily Smith was sworn in by Associate Justice Crabtree.

Public Input

None.

Reading, Correction, and Adoption of Minutes

Senator Boudreaux moved to accept the minutes as dispersed by email. There was an objection by Senator Baumgardner. Senator Baumgardner informed the floor that his name was misspelled. There was a voiced vote, and it was in the option of the chair that the nays had it. Minutes were adopted as dispersed by email.

New Business

SGCR No. 23 by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Ben Latham as a senator for the University Center for Freshman Year was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.
SGCR No. 24 by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Michael MacLaggan as a Senator for the Graduate School was hereby refereed to the Committee on Rules.

SGR No. 6 by Senator Hilton, a Resolution to clean up East Parker Blvd from AG Center Drive to Stadium Drive/South Lakeshore Drive was hereby referred to the Committee on Campus Affairs and Sustainability.

SGR No. 7 by Senator Latusek, a Resolution to urge and request Louisiana State University’s Facility Services to maintain the Oaks Lot Lightning was moved into Committee on Campus Affairs and Sustainability.

SGR No. 8 by Senators Scotton and Stewart a Resolution to thank the Freshman Leadership Council (FLC) and specifically the Initiative Committee for completing its service project in cleaning up the LSU campus lakes was hereby referred to Unfinished Business.

SGB No. 8 by Senator Baumgardner a Bill to amend the Student Government Bylaws was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senator Grashoff moved suspend the Rules and insert SGR No. 9 into New Business, seconded by Senator Knight. SGR No. 9 was hereby referred Unfinished Business.

Committee Reports

**Academic Affairs**

*Senator Thompson*

Discussed:

- Scantron issues
- How exec is running out of scantrons extremely fast
- Alternative methods to distribute scantrons
- Collaborated with the new Union Director about the 24 hour study space that will be in the Union
- Increasing hours in Middleton
- Domestic benefits for employees and graduate and married students

Senator Boudreaux asked to clarify about the ideas of sustaining the free scantron program.

A: BRCC students are allotted certain number of scantrons and blue books per month, and while LSU might not lean towards a system as verbatim, the committee is working out the details.

**Budget and Appropriations**

No meeting, no report.
**Campus Affairs and Sustainability**

*Senator Taylor*

CAS wrote legislation in regards to summer orientation.

**Rules**

*Speaker Pro Temp Campbell*

Rules went through the College Council Constitution and made some amendments.

**Student Auxiliaries and Services**

*Senator Schwartzenburg*

Discussed:

- Dining initiatives
- Extending the weekend hours for the Take 5 and Outtakes won’t be a problem but still working out details
- Vegan options in dining hall
- Setting up a meeting with LSU Vegetarian Society about options for vegan meals in dining halls
- Additional meal plan option (currently on campus residents only have 3 options for meal plans and 2 price options)
- More freedom with Paw Points
- Student meal donation program (a program in which a student can donate their unused meal plans to students in need); the Dean of Students Office would be in charge of determining the eligibility of who would be able to receive donated meals; have allocated 720-800 meals for programs; kinks in program are being worked out.
- Cell phone charger rental program for library
- Improving lost and found system

**Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach**

*Senator Cavell*

There was not a meeting this week, however, Senator Cavell pointed out that it is the seventh legislative week, and Senators have two more weeks to get SO Points. Another event coming up this Saturday: Kaplan Testing Center is having free testing.
**Caucus Reports**

**Black Caucus**
No meeting, no report.

**Greek Life Caucus**
No meeting, no report.

**Executive Officer Reports**

**Ian Gutch, Director of Campus Affairs and Sustainability**

Installing microwaves around campus has received approval in the following locations:

- Starbucks (Art and Design Building)
- Tiger Lair
- CC’s in the New Business Complex
- CC’s in the Library
- Live Oak Lounge (possibly)
- Chopin (possibly)

The microwaves first need to have safety and electrical concerns looked over.

**Andrew David, Chief of Staff**

- The Kaplan Testing event is Saturday, March 2nd at 9 a.m.
- Kaplan has enough volunteers, but encourages students to take the test.
- The Exec Office will have scantrons for midterm week. Exec is looking into improving the distribution of scantrons.
- The Campus Transit Survey will be sent out to the student body next week
- Stay engaged with Governor Jindal’s budget

Senator Faulkner

Q: Has Executive Branch followed through with ordering scantrons?

A: We have been waiting for signatures and emails so we can go ahead and access that money.

Senator Boudreaux

Q: Is the amount of scantrons in reserve efficient for demand?

A: Probably not; students take more scantrons then they need. There are currently two packs of large scantrons, a couple backs of small scantrons, and some blue books in reserve.
**Thomas Rodgers, Director of Academic Affairs**

- Transition Advisory Team meeting in the AG Center Thursday, Feb 28 at 1p.m.
- He was approached for a Finance Bill to cover half of a survey to investigate plus-minus grading system, with Faculty Senate covering the other half.
- There have been a lot complains regarding the temperature in classrooms, so feel free to call 225-578-3186 (Facility Services) for adjustment.

Senator Schwartzenburg

Q: What will be the cost of the survey?

A: At most $1,000, SG will pay for half, and Faculty Senate and the College of Engineering will cover the other half.

Senator Herwig

Q: Is this survey different in regards to the monitoring of grades for the students in the Science Res College?

A: These surveys are separate; the new survey will take a holistic approach on the student body.

**Carrie Hebert, Vice President**

Vice President Hebert gave the Commissioner of Elections report, Aimee Simon, as she was not present:

- The debate among the presidential candidates is Thursday, March 7th, in Dodson Auditorium, at 7p.m.
- Tiger TV will be hosting their own debate, March 6th, time and place TBA.
- Mandatory meetings for Pres, VP, Senate, and College Council was held earlier this week, all disqualified candidates will be removed from the website.

Vice President Hebert’s updates:

She first gave a special thank you to Senators Cavell and Watts with helping her get the Business College Council up and running.

- Held CCPC Meeting
- HSS’s President will buy the rights to ARGO the week that it becomes public; there will be a big College Council Event, in which the Union Theater will be rented out.
- Held Auxiliary Services Meeting, incorporating a sidewalk in the back of the union.
• Talks of putting in a gaming systems space (XBoxs, Wiis, PlayStations) in the space near Kaplan
• The parking garage by the bookstore is not finished due to two issues: the Fire Marshall does not want to approve two of the floors, and the elevator has had cable issues. Do not expect to see it opened till summer.
• The Faculty Club is going under reservation; it will be restored into a hotel, with the eating and dining area still available; all the rooms above the staircase will be restored into 9-10 luxury rooms this spring, and will be open in November
• The north plaza in front of the Union will be undergoing makeup to put in a big fountain that will hold seating and a roundabout.
• The southwest plaza’s new retaining walls are helping with drainage.

**Judicial Officer Reports**

Justice Crabtree

• Still seats open on parking appeals board, which meet every Tuesday and Thursday
• Encourage those to come to meetings
• For questions, send email to chief justice Faulk at sgjudicial.lsu.edu.
• Last week had at the J Branch meeting, Chief Justice Faulk gave SEC Exchange Program report.

**Unfinished Business**

Senator Scotton motioned to immediately considers SGR No. 8, seconded by Senator Latham.

**SGR No. 8** by Senators Scotton and Stewart a Resolution to thank the Freshman Leadership Council (FLC) and specifically the Initiative Committee for completing its service project in cleaning up the LSU campus lakes.

Senator Rees

Q: What did FLC do?

A: Went around the lakes Saturday morning with trash bags and cleaned up.

**Debate**

Speaker Pro Temp Campbell

In support of, however, paragraph 7 lists a lot of name. Amendments are needed to be made on formatting, such as punctuation and capitalizing.

The amendments were deemed friendly.
Favorable Passage was urged.

85% in Favor SGR No. 8 Enrolled

SGB No. 5

Purpose is to clarify changes made to Rules that are already in effect but not written down.

Senator Copley

A: By eliminated the text stating the jobs of the Secretary and Treasurer, would those positions then be eliminated?

A: Yes, most college councils don’t have official Secretaries or Treasurers.

Debate

Senator Schwartzenburg

Wanted to clarify who “voting members” are as stated in the College Council Constitution (Pres, VP, At-Large-members, and senators and therefore can vote on who can fill senate vacancies).

Senator Cavell

Made an amendment; remove the text pertaining to the Secretary and Treasurer on the Executive Board.

Favorable passage was urged.

93% in Favor SGB No. 5 Enrolled

LO NO. 12 by Speaker Westbrook, a Legislative Order to appoint Dario Scalco to the Student Parking Appeals Board.

Senator Zeringue

Q: How many parking tickets have you had?

A: None in the past few years.

Senator Faulkner

Q: What do you feel is an appropriate reason to appeal a parking ticket?

A: Many instances, for example issues with parking where the lines are unclear.

Favorable passage was urged.

95% in Favor LO No. 12 Enrolled
Senator Grashoff motioned to immediately consider SGR No.9, seconded by senator Zeringue for thanking alumni, administration, and friend of LSU for displaying a private fundraiser to renovate and expand engineering facilities. There are not enough research labs for engineering needs, and using business classrooms for engineering classes is not efficient. Want to build an auditorium, conference rooms, and work places for teams.

Favorable Passage Urged.

93% in Favor SGR No. 9 Enrolled

LO No. 13 by Speaker Westbrook, a Legislative Order to appoint the Standing Committees of the Thirty-Third LSU Student Senate.

Senator Smith joined the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

95% in Favor LO. No. 13 Enrolled

Advisor Reports

- Geaux Big – A service project with the purpose of having faculty and students go out and give back to Baton Rouge community. It’s on April 20th, and the program is taking in team and individual applications, due March 8th and March 18th respectively. You will be randomly assigned to a project.
- The Secretary will be emailing you if you have absences that are 1.5 or higher, meaning you’re nearing losing your senate seat. Three (3) or more absences will result in a loss of a senate seat.

Legislative Officer Reports

Speaker Westbrook: Do not forget that most of you need to get an SO point in two weeks. If you have 1.5 absences or higher you will be receiving an email from Korey shortly.

Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications

Senator Schwartzenburg: Gave a shout out to the freshman on the SAS committee; Gabby Murphy and MJ Hernandez worked really hard on dining initiative and he is excited for them.

Senator Deblieux: Update on the night bus – everything went well, he thanked the floor, and there have been a lot of publicity about bus.

Speaker Pro Temp: Was informed that Google Docs wasn’t working and is try to fix it; discussing creating an online database.

Senator Faulkner: Needs help with a promotions class. She has to interview 3 adults who live in LA who don’t have Blue Cross insurance. If your family lives in a suburb in LA and your parents have 2 or more children with at least one in grade school, if they have time this weekend, she would appreciate being able to talk to them for around 45 minutes.
Senator Cavell: The Business College Council is putting on an etiquette dinner at Juban’s for business majors; the cost is $10, on April 16th. The dinner will involve talks about how to interact with upper level management and CEO, business.lsu.edu/rsvp.

Senator Beadle: There is a step show Thursday night at 6:30 in the Union Theater; the cost is $8.

Senator Taylor: Tedtalk is on the weekend of March 9th. Volunteers are needed to work from 12:00–9 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Senator Catalanoto motioned to adjourn, seconded by Senator Duhon. There was an objection. With 85% in Favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.