Call to Order

The meeting of the Spring 2013 Organizational Session was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Speaker Grashoff. A moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Baumgardner.

Roll Call

There were 39 senators present.

Senator Campbell moved to suspend the Rules and immediately consider **LO No. 2**, seconded by Senator Baumgardner.

**LO No. 2** by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint Korey Ryder to Secretary. There were no questions or debate. Favorable Passage was urged. There was a voiced vote. It was the opinion of the chair that the ayes had it.

**LO No. 2 Enrolled**

Senator Campbell moved to suspend the Rules and immediately consider **LO No. 3**, seconded by Senator Baumgardner.

**LO No. 3** by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint Regina Schneider to Undersecretary. There were no questions or debate. Favorable Passage was urged. There was a voiced vote. It was the opinion of the chair that the ayes had it.

**LO No. 3 Enrolled**

Senator Rees moved to suspend the Rules and immediately consider **LO No. 4**, seconded by Senator Zeringue.

**LO No. 4** by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint David Holley to Director of Communications. There were no questions or debate. Favorable Passage was urged. There was a voiced vote. It was the opinion of the chair that the ayes had it.

**LO No. 4 Enrolled**

Senator Campbell moved to suspend the Rules and immediately consider **LO No. 5**, seconded by Senator Miranne.

**LO No. 5** by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint Ryan Adler to Sargent at Arms.
There was no debate. Favorable Passage was urged. There was a voiced vote. It was the opinion of the chair that the ayes had it.

**LO No. 5 Enrolled**

Senator C. Williams moved to suspend the Rules and immediately consider LO No. 7, seconded by Senator Zeringue.

**LO No. 7** by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint Meghan Fraenckel to Parliamentarian.

There was no debate. Favorable Passage was urged. There was a voiced vote. It was the opinion of the chair that the ayes had it.

**LO No. 7 Enrolled**

Senator Campbell moved to suspend the Rules and immediately consider LO No. 1, seconded by Senator Guillory.

**LO No. 1** by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint Brianna Crabtree to the Temporary Student Government Document Revision Committee on behalf of Chief Justice Keller.

Senator Rees asked Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree if she had read through all the governing documents. Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree answered that as a Justice there were times where she had to go through the election code and other documents as part of her job.

There was no debate. Favorable Passage was urged.

**100% in Favor LO No. 5 Enrolled**

**Public Input**

Michael Smith, Student Government Advisor

- Geaux Lead will be from May 19th – 22nd
- First 70 applicants will be taken
- Looking for those who will be at LSU for at least a year after the retreat

Senator Emeritus Elliot Thompson

Senator Emeritus Thompson formally resigned as a senator to pursue other things within SG. This was not a light decision and he enjoyed his time in Senate.

Senator Campbell moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Senator Bevan. There were no objections. Speaker Grashoff thanked him for his service.
Reading, Correction, and Adoption of Minutes

Senator K. Latham moved to adopt the minutes as dispersed by emails, seconded by Senator Stewart. There were no objections. Seeing none, so ordered.

New Business

SGCR No. 57 by Senator Zeringue, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Caroline Oakley the Assistant Director of Freshman Leadership Council was referred to the Temporary Committee on Rules.

SGCR No. 58 by Senator Weeks, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Andrew Nelson as an Associate Justice was referred to the Temporary Committee on Rules.

SGCR No. 59 by Senator Novak, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Mary Pat Haines as the Assistant Director of Programming was referred to the Temporary Committee on Rules.

Senator Bevan moved to suspend the Rules and insert SGCR No. 57-59 into Unfinished Business, seconded by Senator K. Latham.

Committee Reports

Temporary Committee on Finance

- Heard SGR No. 1

Temporary Committee on Rules

- Approved President Woodard’s executive staff
- The committee had the options of reporting favorably, unfavorably, or take no action to the floor
- Each appointment was interviewed one by one and were reported favorably

Executive Officer Reports

President Woodard

- Thanks to the Temporary Committee on Rules for being patient and thorough
- Asked all senators to please be patient throughout the night

Judicial Officer Reports

Chief Justice Keller

- Heard new Chief Justices
Yielded to Deputy Chief Justice Landgrave who resigned from his position. Senator Campbell moved to Suspend the Rules and accept the resignation of Deputy Chief Justice Landgrave, seconded by ----.

**Unfinished Business**

**SGCR No. 1** by Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Joe Gipson as the Chief of Staff.

Joe Gipson was a former senator for UCFY and had worked with President Woodard and Vice President Gipson.

**Debate**

Senator E. A. Smith

Senator E.A. Smith was on the Temporary Rules Committee and she voted nay. She felt that some of his communication skills were not representative of SG.

Senator Voss and Vice President Parks spoke on behalf of Mr. Gipson, saying that he was a great leader who had always been able to move his peers, and who had their complete confidence in.

86% in Favor SGCR No. 1 Enrolled

**SGCR No. 2** by Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Ashleigh Pichon as the Executive Director.

**SGCR No. 4** By Senator Johnson, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Caitlin Jordan As The Director Of Freshman Leadership Council.

**SGCR No. 5** By Senator J. Karam, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Jacqueline Brewster as the Assistant Director Of Freshman Leadership Council.

**SGCR No. 6** By Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Karen Nelson as the Director Of Communications.

**Debate**

Senator Baumgardner expressed some concerns he had for the appointment. Senator Baumgardner stated that she Ms. Nelson did not articulate how she would be able to revolutionize SG’s social media and did not answer directly when asked about her ideas and initiatives.

Senator Voss asked if the student media for SG has done an effective job communicating to the students. Senator Baumgardner responded that they have done a standard job, but that there needs to be more done.
Debate

Vice President Parks, Senator DeBlieux, Senator C. Williams, and Senator Voss were all in support of Ms. Nelson. They felt that she was very qualified and were very impressed with her interview, and that SG now more than ever is in need of rebranding.

Favorable Passage was urged.

96% in Favor SGCR No. 6 Enrolled

SGCR No. 8 by Senator Pollander, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Meghan Bilski as The Graphic Designer. Meghan Bilski has done events concerning graphic designing for the school of architecture.

Debate

Senator K. Latham was in support of the bill, stating that Meghan Bilski’s graphics were different and eye catching and she had a heavy portfolio.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 8 Enrolled

SGCR No. 9 By Senator Young, A Concurrent Resolution to approve Hannah Faulkner as the Director Of Finance. Hanna Faulkner was a previous senator for the College of Business and a part of PSIF for two years.

95% in Favor SGCR No. 9 Enrolled

SGCR No. 10 By Senator Young, A Concurrent Resolution to approve Arenn Martin as the Assistant Director Of Finance. Arenn Martin has worked in the Office of Orientation and the Marketing Department for LSU Athletics.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 10 Enrolled

SGCR No. 11 by Senator Edmonson, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Elliot Thompson as the Director of Academic Affairs. Elliott Thompson was a previous senator and has talked to Thomas Rodgers extensively about the position and would do well and love the position.

92% in Favor SGCR No. 11 Enrolled

SGCR No. 13 by Senator Edmonson, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Christian Coleman as the Director of Student Services and Diversity. Mr. Coleman participated in Empower and Geaux Lead and has met with a lot of leaders from different societies and minorities.

92% in Favor SGCR No. 13 Enrolled

SGCR No. 14 by Senator Pollander, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Jared Williams as the Assistant Director of Student Services and Diversity.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 14 Enrolled
SGCR No. 15 by Senator R. Karam, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Adetutu Abimbola as a member to the Committee on Student Services and Diversity.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 15 Enrolled

SGCR No. 16 by Senator R. Karam, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Ali Beth Blanchard as a member to the Committee on Student Services and Diversity.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 16 Enrolled

SGCR No. 17 by Senator Do, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Jumoke Dara as a member to the Committee on Student Services and Diversity.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 17 Enrolled

SGCR No. 18 by Senator Do, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Connor Rougelot as a member to the Committee on Student Services and Diversity. Mr. Rougelot is a member of multiple committees and is a part of Greek life.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 18 Enrolled

SGCR No. 19 by Senator Frink, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Brendan Copley as the Director of Transportation. Mr. Copley was a senator last semester and worked with Gary Graham during his term.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 19 Enrolled

SGCR No. 20 by Senator Frink, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Jared Day as The Director of Accountability and Student Interest. Mr. Day is a fifth year senior and president of his SG at his junior college.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 20 Enrolled

SGCR No. 21 by Senator Stelly, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Robbie Mahtook as the Attorney General.

95% in Favor SGCR No. 21 Enrolled

SGCR No. 22 by Senator Bellamy, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Rachel Rhodes as a member to the Committee on Accountability and Student Interest.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 22 Enrolled

SGCR No. 23 by Senator Stipe, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Bradley Guin as a member to the Committee on Accountability and Student Interest.

93% in Favor SGCR No. 23 Enrolled
SGCR No. 24 by Senator Stipe, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Aaron Brown as a member to the Committee on Accountability and Student Interest.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 24 Enrolled

SGCR No. 25 by Senator D’Arcangelo, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Zach Heathman as a member to the Committee on Accountability and Student Interest. Mr. Heathman previously served in the Judicial Branch, and is a member of FLC and Ambassadors.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 25

SGCR No. 26 by Senator D’Archangelo, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Clay Tufts as the Director of External Affairs.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 26 Enrolled

SGCR No. 27 by Senator Weeks, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Stan Kaufman as the Director of Programming. Mr. Kaufman worked for the Hornets, the New York Knicks, and the Super Bowl Committee.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 27 Enrolled

SGCR No. 28 by Senator Stewart, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Nicholas Smith as The Director of Programming. Mr. Smith was the Director of Programming last year.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 28 Enrolled

SGCR No. 29 by Senator Stewart, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Chelsey Gonzales as the Assistant Director Of Programming.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 29 Enrolled

SGCR No. 30 by Senator Herwig, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Missy Wheeler as Commissioner Of Elections.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 30 Enrolled

SGCR No. 31 by Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Garrett Reno as a member to the Election Board.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 31 Enrolled

SGCR No. 36 by Senator Mahtook, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Laurent Exnicios as Associate Justice.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 36 Enrolled
SGCR No. 37 by Senator Noto, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Sreeja Sanampudi as a member to the Courses and Curricula Committee.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 37 Enrolled

SGCR No. 38 by Senator Noto, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Alexis Reaney as a member to the General Education Committee. Ms. Reaney was highly recommended by Thomas Rodgers.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 38 Enrolled

SGCR No. 39 by Senator Wright, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Caroline McDougall as a member to the Media Board.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 39 Enrolled

SGCR No. 40 by Senator Wright, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Vaada Bass as a member to the Organizational Relief Fund Committee.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 40 Enrolled

SGCR No. 41 by Senator Zerkus, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Brendan Copley as a member to the Organizational Relief Committee.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 41 Enrolled

SGCR No. 43 by Senator Stevens, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Alex Cagnola as a member to the Programming, Support, & Initiative Fund Committee. Mr. Cagnola is a fifth year senior and business major.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 43 Enrolled

SGCR No. 44 by Senator Stevens, a Concurrent Resolution to approve M.J. Hernandez as a member to the Programming, Support, & Initiative Fund Committee.

91% in Favor SGCR No. 44 Enrolled

SGCR No. 45 by Senator Voss, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Christian Bardaman as a member to the Programming, Support, & Initiative Fund Committee.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 45 Enrolled

SGCR No. 46 by Senator Tarleton, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Will Syll as a member to the Programming, Support, & Initiative Fund Committee.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 46 Enrolled
SGCR No. 49 by Senator McMahen, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Wendy Gilley as a member of the Committee to Evaluate Student Recommended Fees.

79% in Favor SGCR No. 49 Enrolled

SGCR No. 54 by Senator McMahen, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Jackson Voss as a member of the Student Technology Fee Oversight Committee.

82% in Favor SGCR No. 54 Enrolled

SGCR No. 57 by Senator Zeringue, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Caroline Oakley the Assistant Director of Freshman Leadership Council.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 57 Enrolled

SGCR No. 58 by Senator Weeks, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Andrew Nelson as an Associate Justice.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 58 Enrolled

SGCR No. 59 by Senator Novak, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Mary Pat Haines as the Assistant Director of Programming.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 59 Enrolled

EO No. 2 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to approve the Sponsorship Package.

100% in Favor EO No. 2 Enrolled

LO No. 8 by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint the leadership to the standing committees of the Student Government Senate for Fall 2013.

92% in Favor LO No. 8 Enrolled

EO No. 3 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Scotty Wofford to the Parking Appeals Board.

96% in Favor EO No. 3 Enrolled

EO No. 4 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Alex Cagnola to the Parking Appeals Board.

100% in Favor EO No. 4 Enrolled

EO No. 5 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Ashley Folse to the Parking Appeals Board.

100% in Favor EO No. 5 Enrolled
EO No. 6 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Alexandra Hymel to the Parking Appeals Board.

100% in Favor EO No. 6 Enrolled

EO No. 7 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Vaada Bass to the parking Appeals Board.

97% in Favor EO No. 7 Enrolled

EO No. 8 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Robbie Mahtook to the Temporary Student Government Document Revision Committee.

91% in Favor EO No. 8 Enrolled

EO No. 9 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Taylor Parks to the Temporary Student Government Document Revision Committee.

94% in Favor EO No. 9 Enrolled

EO No. 10 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Paul Broussard to the Temporary Student Government Document Revision Committee on behalf of Vice President Parks.

97% in Favor EO No. 10 Enrolled

EO No. 11 by President Woodard, an Executive Order to appoint Gabby Murphy to the Temporary Student Government Document Revision Committee on behalf of Vice President Parks. Ms. Murphy was a senator last semester and UCFY President.

97% in Favor EO No. 11 Enrolled

Advisor Reports

Thomas Rodgers

- Thanked everyone for hanging in there throughout the long meeting.
- There are four months between today and the first meeting of the regular session. He encouraged senators to keep their momentum and start their initiatives this summer.
- His office is 340 in the Student Union

Legislative Officer Reports

Speaker Grashoff

- Informed the floor that they were making great progress and the next will be committee appointments and elections.
Senator C. Williams moved to suspend the Rules and open up nominees for the Summer Planning Committee, seconded by Senator Zerkus.

Senators Baumgardner, K. Latham, Muehleman, Taylor, and Buvens were nominated.

Senator Buvens wants to pass as much legislation as she can because she will be going to nursing school in the spring.

Senator Muehleman was on the Committee on Budget and Appropriations and wants to make sure that the proper funds are allocated.

Senator K. Latham was on SAS and wants to spend the summer continuing dining initiatives.

Senator Buvens wants to establish a student discount at the bookstore.

Senator Baumgardner wants to implement more initiatives that the entire student body can see. These include having a key chain tiger card and an iPhone passbook for the union.

**Questions**

**Senator Voss**

What are you other obligations and how much time do you expect they will take up?

Senator Baumgardner: I have no commitments; I have one class for the first session of summer school.

Senator Buvens: I will be working as a customer service representative, working 10 hours a week.

Senator K. Latham: I will be an orientation and stripes leader.

Senator Muehleman: I have an internship with the Department of Education, working a max of 29 hours. I will be here the entire summer and will take one course.

Senator Taylor: I will be working a day job on campus in a lab, from 8-3 pm.

**Debate**

Senator E. A. Smith was in support of Senator Baumgardner because he works diligently and understands SG very well, Senator Taylor because she’s a hard worker and has a great of what SG should be and great initiatives, and Senator K. Latham because she works hard and she sees her dedication. They also all had doable initiatives.

Senators Guillory and Voss were not in support of Senator K. Latham because she will have obligations that will require a lot of time.
Senator Knight was in support of Senator K. Latham because despite her commitments she would do everything in her power to get things done.

Senators Baumgardner, Taylor, and K. Latham were voted on the committee.

Senator C. Williams moved to open the floor to nominations to the Temporary Student Governing Document Revision Committee, second by Senator Zerkus.

Senators Voss, Campbell, DeBlieux, Pinac and Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg were nominated to the Temporary Student Governing Document Revision Committee.

Senator Campbell stated that he knows the rules and feels very strongly about them.

Senator DeBlieux stated that there are so many things in the governing documents that need to be redone and he hasn’t been jaded by the documents and has unique ideas.

Senator Pinac is a double major in political science and political communications and can bring a lot of knowledge from her classes to the committee.

Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg stated that it is important for the Speaker Pro Tempore to be on the committee to make the transition easier.

Senator Voss has played a part in advising the election committee and is involved with public police. He was also extensively involved the bylaws during his earlier time as a senator.

Questions

Senator Taylor

What other senator would you elect to be on the committee?

Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg: I would elect Speaker Campbell because of his past experience as Speaker Pro Tempore and his knowledge of the governing documents.

Senator DeBlieux: Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg because he needs to be a part of this committee.

Senator Pinac: Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg because it’s his job.

Senator Campbell: Senator DeBlieux because they had worked together in Rules committee.

Debate

Senator Taylor was in support of Senator Campbell because knows the rules inside and out and knows what needs to be changed.
Senator Stelly was in support of Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg because having to relate the changes to the floor is crucial.

Senator Baumgardner was in support of Senator DeBlieux and Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg because they will be able to handle it with a fresh perspective.

Senator Herwig was in support of Senator Campbell because he has the most training and chaired the Committee on Rules.

Senator Bevan, yielded to Justice Scalco who stated that the purpose of the committee is to evaluate all governing documents, making sure there is no contradictions or loopholes, and making sure it is an efficient document.

Senator K. Latham was in support of Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg because he’s smart and eager to learn, and Senator DeBlieux because he’s eager young and he has a fresh perspective and will have an open mind.

Senator DeBlieux and Senator Campbell (after a runoff with Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg) were elected on the committee.

Senator C. Williams moved to open the floor for nominations for the PSIF Committee, seconded by Senator Buvens.

Senators K. Latham, Miranne, and Stewart were nominated for PSIF Committee.

Senator K. Latham stated that it will be a good experience for her because she wants to know how funding for organizations work and it will benefit her as an ambassador.

Senator MirAnne wants to do a lot for the student body and fells that this would be the best way to directly impact students.

Senator Stewart was on Budget and Appropriations this semester; she saw how many organizations are in need of funding and direction and she can lend a hand to those organizations.

**Questions**

**Senator Stewart**

What is your plan to help students if they don’t receive help from PSIF?

Senator K. Latham, Stewart, and Miranne answered that they will try to help them within the best of their abilities and to explore other options that they could take.

Senator Herwig moved to call to previous questioning, seconded by Senator Voss. There were no objections.
Senators Miranne and Stewart were elected to the committee.

Senator C. Williams moved to open the floor for nominations for the Committee to Evaluate Student Recommended Fees, seconded by Senator Zerkus.

Senators C. Williams and Buvens were nominated to the Committee to Evaluate Student Recommended Fees.

As there were only two positions, there was no vote.

Senator C. Williams moved to open the floor for nominations for the Student Required Fee Advisory Committee, seconded by Senator Zerkus.

Senators K. Latham and Buvens were nominated to the Student Required Fee Advisory Committee.

Senator K. Latham stated that she was eager to learn and would make sure to keep up to date with the committee and it would help her as an LSU Ambassador as she’s asked questions about student fees.

Senator Buvens stated that she thinks it’s important that SG has a good liaison to the student media.

Senator Voss called to previous questioning.

Senator Buvens was elected to the committee.

Senator Campbell moved to open the floor for nominations for the Student Required Fee Advisory Committee, seconded by Senator Knight.

Senators K. Latham, Muehleman, B. Williams, and Voss were nominated to the Media Board.

All senators stated that are frustrated with the student media and keep up with regularly. Senator Voss stated that it is important to establish a civil relationship with the fellow students in the student media.

Senator Campbell called to previous questioning, seconded by C. Williams.

Senator B. Williams was elected to the Media Board.
Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications

Senator K. Latham

- LSU Symphony Orchestra and Choir Ensembles will be having a concert Friday, 7:30 in the Union Theater.
- Thanks to those who voted for me for the summer committee.

Senator Baumgardner

- Gave the Slamwall back to Senator Campbell.

Senator Muehleman

- Apologized for his earlier speech, he’s bad under pressure.
- The president of Focus wants SG to come to a dinner over summer and help with games; if you’re interested, email him: kmuehl1@lsu.edu

Senator Miranne

- Excited for the PSIF Committee.
- There will be an event (science café) April 30 at 5 pm at Chelsea’s Café

Senator Bevan

- Please like the Black Caucus Facebook page as it is still active!

Senator Campbell

- Thank for electing for him to the committee
- Congrats to both mentees for being on the PSIF committee 😊
- Slamwall has returned back with its previous chair in all its glory~

Adjournment

With 73% in Favor, the Senate adjourned at 10:51 p.m.