Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Sixth Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Speaker Loga. Senator Dean led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

There were 41 senators present.

Public Input

Sterling at Burbank
   Talked about their plans for Burbank and other properties

Point of Personal Privilege: Senators Triche and Faircloth are present.

Ellen Sturgill, Marketing Manager for LSU Dining
   Talked about customer satisfaction survey
      Need more responses

Senator Catherine Hauth, Spread the Word to End the Word
   Saturday is the Unified Flag Football game
      Need representatives to wear shirts and hand out information

Armand Link, Gender Neutral Housing
   Now in the proposal phase for gender inclusive housing
      Discussed a potential pilot program

Question: Senator Muehleman asked if it would be at both Pentagon and ECA. Answer: He stated that this program would be at both.

Question: Senator Grashoff asked what would happen if the rooms were filled up. Answer: They would have to backfill the rooms at a certain time.

Question: Senator Dean asked how matching roommates would work. Answer: They have another application and a committee to choose those students and match them.

Point of Personal Privilege: Senator Murphy is present.

Block and Bridle Club
   Invited Senate to annual rodeo
Question: Senator Dean asked if they had a graphic they could share on Facebook.
Answer: They have it on their Facebook page.

Senator Taylor Wainwright
   Resigned from Senate
   Senator K. Latham moved to accept the resignation, Senator Zerkus seconded this motion. Senator Grashoff objected.

Reading Correction and Adoption of the Minutes

Senator K. Latham moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as dispersed by email. Senator Mullet seconded this motion.

New Business

SGR No. 33 by Senator Davis, a Resolution to urge and request the LSU Department of Athletics and the LSU Sustainability Department to place recycling bins throughout Tiger Stadium near every trash can. SGR No. 33 was referred to Campus Affairs and Sustainability.

SGR No. 34 by Senators Gremillion and Frink, a Resolution to establish a temporary governmental affairs committee. SGR No. 34 was referred to Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach.

SGR No. 35 by Senator M. Boudreaux, a Resolution to urge and request the Office of Campus Affairs and Sustainability to provide recycling bins for all participating Greek houses. SGR No. 35 was referred to Campus Affairs and Sustainability.

SGR No. 36 by Senator Lassus, a Resolution to urge and request LSU Auxiliary Services to allow LSU University Recreation to temporarily utilize the former billiard’s space in the LSU Student Union. SGR No. 36 was referred to Student Auxiliaries and Services.

SGFB No. 9 by Senators Grotte, D. Boudreaux, K. Latham, and Terrebonne, a Finance Bill to allocate twenty thousand dollars from the Student Government surplus account to finance the redesign of Memorial Oak Grove. SGFB No. 9 was referred to Budget and Appropriations.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Triche
   Really productive joint meeting
   Senator Mullet will have meeting with registrar about syllabus database

Budget and Appropriations – Senator Grashoff
   Heard a bill to establish a Grad ORF Committee
Campus Affairs and Sustainability – Senator Frink
  Problems with game day recycling event for Alabama game

Student Auxiliaries and Services – Senator K. Latham
  Reminded everyone to take the dining survey
  Joint committee went great

Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach – Senator Muehleman
  Talked about Diversity Week
  Senator Hall designed the graphic for the event
  Last chance for SO opportunity

Executive Officer Reports

Clay Tufts, Student Body President
  U. S. Senate Debate went very well
  Looking into run-off debate
  President’s Office very pleased with annexation resolution
  Continue coming to executive meetings with legislative reports

Students on Target
  Everybody’s Tent went very well
  Need to go to SOT events in order to obtain Groovin’ on the Grounds VIP passes

Rob Lancon, Attorney General
  Lost LSU-Ole Miss It’s On Us pledge challenge
  Meetings for It’s On Us are Mondays at 6:30

Unfinished Business

SGR No. 24 by Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux and Senator Smith, a Resolution to establish a temporary committee to review frequently appealed academic policies.

Author’s opening comments by Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux and Senator Smith. He stated that this is an initiative from President Tufts. The colleges of LSU have policies that are frequently appealed, and the committee will review the appeals process to judge how well it is going.

Debate by Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux who had an amendment.
  Seen as friendly and therefore adopted

Debate by Senator Mullet had technical amendments.
  Technical and therefore adopted

Debate by Senator Triche, who showed her support for this resolution.
Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGR No. 24 Enrolled

SGR No. 31 by Senators Dunn, Abad, Hauth, Landry, Rempert-Kraeuter, and Zerkus, a Resolution to establish a committee to oversee the allocation of the Graduate Organization Relief Fund.

Author’s opening comments by Senators Dunn, Abad, Hauth, Landry, Rempert-Kraeuter, and Zerkus. Senator Dunn stated they hope to increase the amount of funds and organize how funds are delegated.

Debate by Senator Grashoff who stated that this would be excellent for the University.

Debate by Speaker Loga who said he hopes this changes the way this is looked at.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGR No. 31 Enrolled

SGR No. 21 by Senator Petit, a Resolution to urge the Office of Academic Affairs to implement a policy prohibiting coursework from being assigned and/or due during times of campus closure.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Petit. He stated this was to prevent assignments from being due over times of campus closure.

Debate by Senator Petit who had amendments that were for his own bill. Seen as friendly and therefore adopted

Debate by Senator Griffin who stated that this resolution limits the time a professor can assign work. She stated this causes higher concentrations of work.

Debate by Senator J. Latham who stated that he is very much in favor of this bill.

Debate by Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux who stated that he likes the idea and the way it is outlined now.

Debate by Senator Frink who stated that she was hesitant at first, but now that there are amendments in place, she is for this bill.

Debate by Senator Zerkus who stated that he is against this because getting the syllabus on the first day of class is like a contract that a student must respect.

Debate by Senator Landry who stated that this resolution is technologically relevant, but he wants to make sure that this policy is a serious issue.
Debate by Senator Dean who stated that she was against this because she believes that the syllabus outlines the assignments and acts as a contract between the student and teacher.

Debate by Senator Gore who stated that he thinks this is one of the most important resolutions this session.

Debate by Senator de Gravelle who stated that she is very torn regarding this legislation.

Debate by Senator Faircloth who stated that he thinks this is to fix the bad exceptions to classes where they make assignments due during a break. He proposed an amendment to make it coursework not previously assigned in the syllabus. Amendment seen as hostile.

Debate by Senator Petit said this ruins the point of the bill, which is for students who don’t have the resources for holiday assignments. Senator Faircloth said he was only speaking on behalf of his constituency, who would be forced to do work later. 

With 31% in Favor, the Amendment Fails

Debate by Senator Mullet who stated that resolutions are non-binding.

Debate by Speaker Loga who stated that one should feel that you either favor or are against the coursework being due.

69% in Favor SGR No. 21 Enrolled

SGR No. 25 by Senator Gore, a Resolution to urge and request the LSU Office of Assessment and Evaluation to install a physical queue system in the computer testing lab in 52 Himes Hall.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Gore. He stated that the current queue is unorganized and impedes other students. He wants something similar to the system used for restaurants in the Tiger Lair in the Student Union.

Debate by Senator Grashoff who stated that this is an awesome idea for the Testing Center.

Favorable passage urged.

95% in Favor SGR No. 25 Enrolled

SGR No. 26 by Senator Dean, a Resolution to urge and request that the Tiger Cash Kiosk in Middleton Library be moved to a location that is accessible in the new 24-hour study space.
Author’s opening comments by Senator Dean. She stated that this is to move the Tiger Cash kiosk to a more convenient location within the 24-hour study space.

Debate by Senator de Gravelle who stated that this is a quick fix and she is totally in favor.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGR No. 26 Enrolled

SGR No. 27 by Senators Dean and Gore, a Resolution to urge and request that paper towels and paper towel dispensers be installed in all Middleton Library restrooms.

Author’s opening comments by Senators Dean and Gore. She stated that they need paper towel dispensers in the library because people were complaining.

Debate by Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux who stated that hand dryers spread bacteria all over the floor, and that paper towels are definitely sustainable.

Favorable passage urged.

97% in Favor SGR No. 27 Enrolled

SGR No. 32 by Senator Petit, a Resolution to urge and request LSU Auxiliary Services to redesign the LSU Tiger Card to include a valid signature of the LSU student.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Petit. He stated that this would allow students another form of ID in the case of voting, for example.

Debate by Senator K. Latham who stated that she is in favor of this.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGR No. 32 Enrolled

LO No. 21 by Speaker Loga, a Legislative Order to appoint the standing committees of the Thirty-Sixth LSU Student Senate.

Author’s opening comments by Speaker Loga. They are out of order and someone needs to leave Budget and Appropriations or join Student Auxiliaries and Services.

Point of Personal Privilege: Senator Habetz joined Student Auxiliaries and Services. Senator Faircloth moved to Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach.

Favorable passage urged.
Legislative Officer Reports

Sergeant at Arms D. Boudreaux
  Groupme got out of hand during Senate last week
Parliamentarian Fraenckel
  LMOTW are Senators Petit and Mullet
  During debate, the chair must talk about why it was allowed to come to the floor.
  Stand up when questioning or making a motion
Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux
  Students used the senate office for their studying
  Computers will be getting passwords

Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications

- Senator Grashoff said tomorrow is Senator Grotte’s birthday at Fred’s, and please come to the flag football game before the Alabama game.
- Senator Murphy said there would be no mid-semester party.
- Senator Frink showed a letter to the Reveille regarding It’s On Us

Adjournment

Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux moved to adjourn. Senator J. Latham seconded this motion. With 86% in Favor, this meeting was adjourned at 10:30.