Fall 2014 Legislative Session
September 10, 2014
Third Legislative Week

Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Sixth Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Speaker Loga. Senator Holley led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

There were 34 senators are present.

Public Input

Senator Heinen states she is resigning. Senator K. Latham moves to accept her resignation, seconded by Senator Loupe.

Reading Correction and Adoption of Minutes

Senator K. Latham moved to adopt the minutes of the last meeting. Senator Zerkus seconded this motion.

New Business

Point of Personal Privilege: Senators Dean, Couch, and Longo are present.

SGR No. 2 by Senator Gore, a Resolution to urge and request LSU Office of Parking and Transportation to install speed bumps in the West Campus Apartments parking lot. SGR No. 2 was referred to Campus Affairs and Sustainability.

SGB No. 3 by Senator Grashoff, a Bill to amend the Student Government budget. SGB No. 3 was referred to Rules.

SGB No. 4 by Senator Frink, a Bill to amend Article I of the Constitution of the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College Student Government to include an equal and opportunity clause. SGB No. 4 was referred to Rules.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Triche
   • Update on honor code

Budget and Appropriations – Senator Grashoff
   • Discussed amounts in each budget
• Turn in financial forms before committee meetings

_Campus Affairs and Sustainability_ – Senator Frink
• Stated they are working more on initiatives
  o Specifically mentioned recycling

_Student Auxiliaries and Services_ – Senator K. Latham
• Addressed problems with game on Saturday
  o Encourage students to filter in over time
  o Have to have most updated tiger cards
• Working on printers in the union
• Trying to make union more peppy and spirited
• Discussing twenty-four hour study space
  o President Alexander is very receptive.
  o Sleeping pods are a possibility.
• Want more seating around union and quad
  o Trying to employ art and architecture students

**Question:** Senator Mahtook asked if way finder machines were operational at this point.  
**Answer:** She’s been told they were working.

_Point of Personal Privilege:_ Senators Faircloth and Davis are present.

_Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach_ – Senator Muehleman
• Talked about SO points
  o Will be lenient on first point by next week due to lack of qualifying events
  o Will use Student Government website to announce events

**Question:** Senator Grashoff asked if student organization visits count as SO points?  
**Answer:** Senator Muehleman answered that they do.

**Question:** Senator Faircloth asked if college counsel counts towards SO points?  
**Answer:** Senator Muelheman answered that they do.

_Rules_ – Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux
• Stated that there was one senate vacancy as well as two appointments
• Stated that the new senator is Tim Landry
• Encouraged debate,
• Stated that Senators Latas and Hendrix are resigning
  o Senator K. Latham moved to accept their resignation, seconded by Zerkus.

_Executive Officer Reports_

Allyce Trapp, Commissioner of Elections
• Went over election timeline,
• Stated that elections are going through moodle
• All information gone over tonight can be found on the student government website and if anyone has any questions, they can email her at sgelections@lsu.edu

**Question:** Senator Frink asked if they are meeting with the communications team regarding announcements and social media.  
**Answer:** They are currently working on it.

Attorney General Robert Lancon  
• Spoke on the emails about nametags  
• On behalf of Press Secretary Williams, he explained that meetings will be live tweeted

**Question:** Senator Dunn asked for a debit machine. **Answer:** Attorney General Lancon does not have one.  
**Question:** Senator Gore asked if the Attorney General has change. **Answer:** He stated that he might.  
**Question:** Senator Grashoff asked if the Attorney General knew the deadline for ordering nametags. **Answer:** He does not know the deadline.

Dimitry Morvant, President of the School of the Coast and the Environment College  
**Council President**  
• Presented the semester plan  
  o Freshman orientation  
  o Coastal restoration and clean up event  
  o Tailgate for Coast and Environment College  
  o Shirt sales and design

**Point of Personal Privilege:** Senator Wainwright is present.

Clay Tufts, President of Student Government  
• Spoke on student lines at the stadium gate  
  o Received mixed reviews, mostly on the good side,  
• Resolved an issue with band barricades  
• Spoke on closure of the second floor lab in Middleton Library  
  o Allows more money to wireless expansion

**Question:** Senator Frink stated that she believes the main reason students are angry about the closure is because they don’t know where the money will go, then asked how will they let students know. **Answer:** He and the Vice Provost are working on broadcast emails to explain why the lab was closed, where the money will go, and that there are labs all over campus anyway.  
**Question:** Senator K. Latham asked whether organizations come to you with ideas or do you create them and fund them through PSIF. **Answer:** They talked about minor reforms during summer planning, but they haven’t looked at the specifics.
Unfinished Business

SGCR No. 2 by Senator Hauth, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Tim Landry as a Graduate School senator.

Opening comments by Senator Hauth, who yielded her time to Tim Landry. He stated that he did his undergraduate work at LSU-A, and got his Master’s at ULL. He also stated that he is a non-traditional student, and he is so far impressed with the abilities of the student government.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 2 Enrolled

SGCR No. 3 by Senator Frink, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Katie Silva as the Director of Freshman Leadership Council for Spring 2015

Opening comments by Senator Frink, who yielded her time to Caitlin Jordan, current director for FLC. Director Jordan stated that this is what the Council and its directors want and that Katie is the best option for them.

 Debate by Senator Gore who stated that she was orientation team leader, she’s a great leader and person, she’s a familiar face, and she worked at STRIPES.

Favorable passage urged.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 3 Enrolled

Induction of New Senators

Senator Zerkus moves to suspend unfinished business and move to induction of new senators, which is seconded by Senator K. Latham.

Chief Justice Crabtree inducts Tim Landry as a Graduate School senator.

Unfinished Business

SGCR No. 4 by Senator Hauth, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Eric Garcia as a Graduate School College Counsel Member at Large.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Hauth, who yielded her time to Senator Murphy, who stated that Garcia will be great as a Member at Large.

Favorable passage urged

100% in Favor, SGCR No. 4 Enrolled
SGCR No. 5 by Senator Dunn, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Lauren Dixon as a Graduate School College Counsel Member at Large.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Dunn, who stated that she would do a good job. Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 5 Enrolled

SGFB No. 3 by Senators Dunn and Frink, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of five hundred seventy-five dollars and zero cents ($575.00) from the Student Government contingency account to fund Art and Design graduate student Jamie Kutner to attend a typography conference in Barcelona, Spain from September 12th-22nd as a representative of Louisiana State University (LSU).

Author’s opening comments by Senators Dunn and Frink, who yielded their time to Kutner. She stated what her research is about, what will happen at the conference, and that she needs this money in order to go.

Debate by Senator Murphy who stated that the Art and Design college is often overlooked, and it is very difficult to get funding. She also said that this conference would be good publicity for LSU.

Debate by Senator Grashoff who stated that this is an awesome opportunity for her, and while they did cut down some of the proposed amount, senators should still vote yes.

Closing comments by Senator Dunn who yielded his time to Kutner. She stated that there are additional opportunities for art events, she did a prototype workshop with junior level students, and when she returns, she plans on giving a lecture.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGFB No. 3 Enrolled

SGFB No. 4 by Senator Hauth, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of eight hundred fifty dollars and zero cents ($850.00) from the Student government contingency account to fund Raymond Doe’s, a Masters student at Louisiana State University (LSU), travel to present at the International Conference on Urban Education in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Hauth, who yielded her time to Doe. He stated that he needs funding for traveling to present two papers, and he was glad he received support.

Question: Senator Grashoff asked if his advisor will fund the rest of the cost.
Answer: Doe stated that his advisor would.
**Question:** Senator Gore asked if the Senate chooses not to fund you, would you be able to go through your department.

**Answer:** Doe stated that he asked for funding through both, but he can’t go unless he is funded by both.

**Debate** by Senator Murphy who pointed out that the bill was discussed for a long time, many possible routes were discussed, and that it is a good opportunity for student government.

**Debate** by Senator Grashoff who stated that this is a great opportunity for LSU, and the reason they funded registration and airfare is because registration is necessary to go, and the airfare was a good deal.

Favorable passage urged.

95% in Favor SGFB No. 4 Enrolled

**SGFB No. 5** by Senator Mahtook, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of three thousand dollars and zero cents from the Student Government initiatives account to partially fund the E. J. Ourso College of Business “Jumping into Business” Week.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Mahtook who explains the week and that it is in its second year. He also yielded his time to a representative of the College of Business, who explained what will happen during the week.

**Question:** Senator K. Latham asked whether cans are donated to Canapalooza or somewhere else.

**Answer:** The collected cans will be donated to the campus.

**Question:** Senator Gore asked how much money was raised.

**Answer:** They have three sponsors, each paying $3,000.00.

Favorable passage urged.

90% in Favor SGFB No. 5 Enrolled

**LO No. 13** 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. He asked everyone to check the document for errors.

**Point of personal privilege:** Senator Landry requested to join Budget and Appropriations.

Favorable passage urged.
Legislative Officer Reports

- Speaker Loga told senators to grab and put back their clickers, and to never take someone else’s clicker.
- Parliamentarian Fraenkcal
  - Two winners for Member of the Week: Senator Grashoff and Senator Hauth
  - No PPQQFF

Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications

- Senator Hauth said to make sure you used your mentor, and said thank you for helping the “Spread the Word” campaign
- Senator Frink reminded everyone to join the groupme.
- Senator Mahtook said was turned down by event management, and to go to a Phi Mu event.
- Senator Grashoff stated that the contingency account only allowed 60% in first semester, and that President Tufts has created a rebranding committee.
- Senator Mullet apologized for lack of WD40.
- Senator Dean said Pi Phi is hosting Pis, Burgers, and Fries, so please attend that.
- Senator Davis asked for more career sources because the engineering fair was lacking in some careers.

Adjournment

Senator Sanderson moved to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Senator D. Boudreaux. With 84% in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.