Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Sixth Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Speaker Loga. Senator Landry led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

There were 34 senators present.

Public Input

Sarah Temple
- Discussed sustainability initiatives
- Wants to set up meetings to discuss other initiatives
- Her email is stemp15@lsu.edu

Point of Personal Privilege: Senators Dean, Dunn, and Comeaux are present.

Jasmine Jones
- Work with students who come from low socioeconomic backgrounds
- Wants to bring this education initiative through LSU
- Reaching out to other organizations

Question: Senator Abad asked what the Senate and LSU can do while they are not in Louisiana. Answer: She said we can help funnel where the teachers should be.

Point of Personal Privilege: Senator Koke is present.

Reading Correction and Adoption of Minutes

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

New Business

SGCR No. 13 by Senator Mahtook and Speaker Loga, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Bria Davis as Director of Finance. SGCR No. 13 was referred to Rules.

SGCR No. 14 by Senator Mahtook, a Concurrent Resolution to establish a committee to review frequently appealed academic policies. SGCR No. 14 was referred to Academic Affairs.
SGR No. 19 by Senators Murphy, Frink, Larousse, and Hauth, a Resolution to support Louisiana State University’s pledge to take part in the national “It’s On Us’ initiative to create an environment on college campuses safe from sexual violence by encouraging student and faculty involvement. SGR No. 19 was referred to Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach

**Induction of New Senators**

Senator Zerkus moved to induct new senators. Senator Murphy seconded this motion. Chief Justice Crabtree inducts Senator Comeaux.

**Committee Reports**

*Academic Affairs* – Senator Triche
- Working on syllabus database on myLSU
- Wants to put Honor Code on website

*Budget and Appropriations* – Senator Grashoff
- Heard a finance bill regarding funding a graduate student conference

*Campus Affairs and Sustainability* – Senator Frink
- Heard from Senator de Gravelle about other initiatives

*Student Auxiliaries and Services* – Senator Frink
- Excited for Student Health Center legislation
- Slightly different route on picnic tables

*Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach* – Senator Muehleman
- Need two student outreach points by next week

**Question:** Senator Grashoff asked if he knew about any events. **Answer:** He can’t think of any right now.

**Question:** Senator Frink asked if he knew about the Take Back the Night event. **Answer:** He stated that he knew and it will count as an SO point opportunity.

*Rules* – Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux
- Met to place referendums on the fall ballot

**Executive Officer Reports**

Robert Lancon, Attorney General
- Showed dates and times for “It’s On Us” campaign
- Take Back the Night is an SO point opportunity
**Question:** Senator de Gravelle asked if he would consider the tabling as an SO point opportunity. **Answer:** He would consider it an SO point opportunity.

Allyce Trapp, Commissioner of Elections
- Update on non-incumbent senator meetings
- Be sure and register your tickets
- Review prohibited methods of campaigning

Michael Panther, Director of Student Outreach
- Formed a committee for diversity programs
- Wants students to be involved in student government

**Question:** Senator Frink asked if he had applications. **Answer:** They already appointed the committee.

Alexande DeBlieux, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Nametags due tonight
- Email Mary Morgan Stipe if you want a nametag

George Bevan, Chief of Staff
- Needs volunteers for Kaplan event SO opportunity

Taylor Lambert, Vice President
- Want to donate bagged candy through College Council to youth leaders of Baton Rouge
- Told everyone to try to attend John Lewis event

Clay Tufts, Student Body President
- Introduced Bria Davis
  - Taking the Director of Finance position
- LSU Lakes Project
  - Could take 18-20 months
- United States Senate Debate
  - October 29th, 7-9 pm
  - SO point opportunity
  - Senate will not be meeting that night

**Judicial Officer Reports**

Brianna Crabtree, Chief Justice
- Can vote on certain rules of order for their interpretation of it
- Rule to be discussed is Rule 2.7 regarding the speaker pro tempore’s term

**Unfinished Business**
**SGCR No. 13** by Senator Mahtook and Speaker Loga, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Bria Davis as Director of Finance.

Author’s opening comments by Speaker Loga. He stated that she is to replace Joseph DeLaune, and this resolution will officially appoint her.

Favorable passage urged.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 13 Enrolled

**SGFB No. 7** by Senator Dunn, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of four thousand one hundred and twenty five dollars and zero cents ($4125.00) from the Student Government Legislative General Contingency account to finance fifteen graduate students to attend the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference in Orlando, Florida from November 20th-22nd as representatives of Louisiana State University.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Dunn. He yields his time to three graduate students attending the conference. They are trying to get a lot of information from this convention in order to better their program. They explained their fundraising process to supplement funds for this conference.

Debate by Senator De Gravelle who stated that she supports this bill after hearing it in committee.

Debate by Senator Petit who stated that he throws his support behind this bill.

Debate by Senator Mullet who has some technical amendments and throws his support behind this bill.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGFB No. 7 Enrolled

**SGR No. 11** by Senator K. Latham, a Resolution to urge and request the LSU Student Health Center to reform its policy regarding doctor’s excuses.

Author’s opening comments by Senator K. Latham. Motion to suspend the speaker’s time indefinitely by Sanderson, seconded by Gore. Senator K. Latham showed a video, which expressed issues with the Student Health Center's policy on doctor’s excuses. This issue has been brought up before, with the director clearly opposed.

Debate by Senator Landry who stated that he thought this was astonishing that they weren’t giving out doctor’s excuses after students paid fees for their services.
Debate by Senator D. Boudreaux who stated that he found out he had mono, but he wouldn’t be excused from class. He said the Student Health Center should be sympathetic to legitimate illnesses.

Debate by Senator Murphy who stated that it is a gross understatement of student character to look at not handing out excuses for missing exams, classes, etc.

Debate by Senator Hauth who stated that this is a huge problem especially for missing attendance-graded classes.

Debate by Senator Gore who stated that he was frustrated in paying for this service and not being able to receive an excuse form.

Debate by Senator Comeaux who stated that she is so excited about this legislation and ready for it to pass.

Debate by Senator Dean who stated we are very fortunate for the Student Health Center, but they are lacking where they shouldn’t be regarding excuses and discharge information. She also made an amendment by adding another paragraph to the bill.

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

Debate by Senator M. Boudreaux who stated he was astonished at why this policy hasn’t been amended for so many years.

Debate by Senator Richard who stated that she received a doctor’s note but only for a medical emergency.

Debate by Speaker Loga who stated that he is wondering why the Health Center is making this so difficult. He also stated that we pay for this service and therefore we are entitled to an excuse.

Debate by Senator K. Latham who added Senators D. Boudreaux and Dean to the bill.

Favorable passage urged.

**100% in Favor SGR No. 11 Enrolled**

SGR No. 15 by Senator Longo, a Resolution to urge and request clocks being added to all classrooms on campus.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Longo. She stated that she wrote this response to students looking around during lectures for a clock.

Debate by Senator Wainwright who stated she totally agrees with this bill.
Debate by Senator Grashoff who stated this is a great bill and he only sees problems regarding larger rooms.

Debate by Senator Madden who stated that he is 100% behind this bill.

Debate by Senator Hunt who stated that he loved this bill.

Debate by Senator Couch who stated that new clocks would be great.

Debate by Senator M. Boudreaux who stated that clocks are necessary for rooms.

Debate by Senator K. Latham who stated that she can’t tell time.

Debate by Senator Griffin who told a story about how we could all fail our final exams if there were no clocks.

Debate by Senator de Gravelle who stated that clocks should be extended to the testing centers.

Favorable passage urged.

**100% in Favor SGR No. 15 Enrolled**

SGR No. 18 by Senators Muehleman and Gore, a Resolution to encourage Louisiana State University to set a goal to be listed on Huffington Post’s 2015 “Top Fifty LGBT-Friendly Universities and Colleges.”

Author’s opening comments by Senators Muehleman and Gore. They have done research to see how well LSU fits the Campus Pride Index. They will try to get on this top fifty list for LGBT friendliness.

Debate by Senator Muehleman who made an amendment to send the bill to add the Vice Chancellor of Diversity.

Debate by Senator Hauth who stated this was an excellent idea especially regarding recruitment.

Debate by Senator Mullet who had a technical amendment.

Debate by Senator Bourgeois who spoke on gender-neutral housing.

Debate by Senator Abad who stated that he was afraid of not being accepted, but things like this bill encourage a better campus.

Debate by Senator Dean who stated this is stride in the right direction.
Favorable passage urged.

95% in Favor SGR No. 18 Enrolled

SGCR No. 9 by Senator Frink and Speaker Loga, a Concurrent Resolution to place a referendum before the Louisiana State University student body in the Fall 2014 election to amend the LSU Student Government Constitution.

Author’s opening comments by Speaker Loga and Senator Frink. They stated this would just secure the amendments to the constitution from earlier in session.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 9 Enrolled

SGCR No. 10 by Speaker Loga, a Concurrent Resolution to place a referendum before the Louisiana State University student body in the Fall 2014 election to amend the LSU Student Government Constitution.

Author’s opening comments by Speaker Loga. He stated that the reapportionment procedure has to be voted on by the student body.

Debate by Senator Mullet who had a technical amendment.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 10 Enrolled

LO No. 18 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 who stated senators can change committees if they wish.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor LO No. 18 Enrolled

Legislative Officer Reports

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  Alex De Gravelle is LMOTW
Speaker Loga
  Attendance has improved
  Mid-semester check-ups
  Don’t speak over someone
Excellent debate tonight

**Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications**
- Senator Grashoff says promote referendums and vote how you feel.
- Senator Hauth says Special Olympics need volunteers for an event.
- Senator K. Latham thanked everyone for the debate and they should tell their constituents about the SHC resolution.
- Senator Murphy reminds us that we are making an impact.
- Senator Frink says she’s happy for her committee members speaking
- Senator Landry clarified when plagiarism is likely to occur

**Adjournment**

With 82% in favor, this meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.