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 de Gravelle led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

There were 43 senators present

Public Input

Point of Personal Privilege: Senators Terrebonne, Vallot, Murphy, and Longo are here.

Laurie Braden, LSU UREC
- Introduced new types of membership ideas regarding use of the UREC
- October 27th is the beginning of the construction period
- Possible completion date sometime in Fall 2016
- Explained construction phases

Question: Senator K. Latham asked if she knew that we appreciated her coming and talking to us. Answer: She said she was glad to and appreciated the opportunity.

Reading Correction and Adoption of the Minutes

Senator Sanderson moved to adopt the minutes from the last meeting. Senator M. Boudreaux seconded this motion.

New Business

SGCR No. 17 by Senator Richard, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Luke Habetz to the vacant College of Agriculture Senate seat. SGCR No. 17 was referred to Rules.

SGCR No. 18 by Senator Dupre, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Louis Gremillion to the vacant UCFY Senate seat. SGCR No. 18 was referred to Rules.

SGCR No. 19 by Senator J. Latham, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Brian Lazo to the vacant UCFY Senate seat. SGCR No. 19 was referred to Rules.

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. SGR No. 21 was referred to Academic Affairs.
SGR No. 24 by Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux, and Senators Mahtook and Smith, a Resolution to establish a temporary committee to review frequently appealed academic policies. **SGR No. 24** was referred to Academic Affairs.

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. **SGR No. 25** was referred to a joint committee of Academic Affairs and Student Auxiliaries and Services.

SGR No. 26 by Senator Dean, a Resolution to urge and request that the Tiger Card Kiosk in Middleton Library be moved to a location that is accessible in the new 24-hour study space. **SGR No. 26** was referred to Student Auxiliaries and Services.

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. **SGR No. 27** was referred to Student Auxiliaries and Services.

SGR No. 28 by Senator de Gravelle, a Resolution to urge and request Facility Services to reevaluate the seating options in the LSU Student Union. **SGR No. 28** was referred to Student Auxiliaries and Services.

SGR No. 29 by Senators Petit and Zerkus, a Resolution to urge and request that students vote “No” on Constitutional Amendment No. 1 in this year’s statewide election. **SGR No. 29** was referred to Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach.

SGR No. 30 by Senators Zerkus and Petit, a Resolution to urge and request that students vote “No” on Constitutional Amendment No. 2 in this year’s statewide election. **SGR No. 30** was referred to Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach.

SGR No. 31 by Senators Dunn, Abad, Hauth, Landry, Rempert-Kraueter, Zerkus, and Speaker Loga, a Resolution to establish a committee to oversee the allocation of the Graduate Organization Relief Fund. **SGR No. 31** was referred to Budget and Appropriations.

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. **SGR No. 32** was referred to Student Auxiliaries and Services.

**Committee Reports**

*Academic Affairs – Senator Triche*

- Still waiting on syllabus database
- Excited for lots of legislation

*Budget and Appropriations – Senator Sanderson*
• Heard a bill regarding computers in the legislative office

_Campus Affairs and Sustainability_ – Senator Frink
  • Heard no legislation, only updates on initiatives

_Student Auxiliaries and Services_ – Senator K. Latham
  • Wrapping up legislation
  • Meeting tomorrow with Facility Services regarding picnic tables
  • Looking to be able to rent calculators in Middleton
  • Looking to redesign myLSU

_Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach_ – Senator Muehleman
  • Went over SO points and who doesn’t have any
  • Only two SO points per event

_Rules_ – Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux
  • Unofficially heard three SGCRs
  • Everyone should have access to the I-Drive

**Executive Officer Reports**

Michael Panther, Director of Student Outreach
  • Introduced Student Diversity Committee

_Question:_ Senator K. Latham asked how she would find out about their events. _Answer:_ They would send an email to you.

Allyce Trapp, Commissioner of Elections
  • Everything went very well
  • Voter turn out increased 127%

Adam Grashoff, PSIF
  • Five applicants for funding events

Katelyn Stewart, Students on Target
  • Must work a shift at the Everybody’s Tent Tailgate
  • Explained what would be done at this event

Robert Lancon, Attorney General
  • Great turnout at Take Back the Night
  • Challenging Ole Miss to see whose students can take the most It’s On Us pledges
  • University Council on Gender Equity is meeting

Clay Tufts, Student Body President
  • Met with Graduate School Dean about Grad ORF
Unfinished Business

SGCR No. 17 by Senator Richard, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Luke Habetz to the vacant College of Agriculture Senate seat.

Author’s opening comment by Senator Richard. She yielded her time to Luke Habetz, who introduced himself.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 17 Enrolled

SGCR No. 18 by Senator Dupre, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Louis Gremillion to the vacant UCFY Senate seat.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Dupre. He yielded his time to Louis Gremillion. He stated his leadership positions.

Debate by Senator Frink who stated he is going to do incredible things.

Favorable passage urged.

98% in Favor SGCR No. 18 Enrolled

SGCR No. 19 by Senator J. Latham, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Brian Lazo to the vacant UCFY Senate seat.

Author’s opening comments by Senator J. Latham. He yielded his time to Brian Lazo. He stated he is really excited to be here.

Debate by Senator K. Latham who stated he would be able to come into senate next session guns blazing.

Debate by Senator Murphy who stated that he is a very enthusiastic leader.

Debate by Senator Landry who stated that he is excited to have another member of his high school on senate.

Favorable passage urged.

Senator J. Latham abstains.

98% in Favor SGCR No. 19 Enrolled

Induction of New Senators
Chief Justice Crabtree inducted Senators Habetz, Lazo, and Gremillion.

**SGR No. 28** by Senator de Gravelle, a Resolution to urge and request Facility Services to reevaluate the seating options in the LSU Student Union.

Author’s opening comments by Senator de Gravelle. She stated this is to reevaluate some seating in the Student Union. She’s met with people regarding this issue.

**Question:** Senator Longo asked if she considered adding more seating outside the union. **Answer:** That is taken care of by another initiative.

Debate by Senator K. Latham who stated that the administrator in charge is very adamant about these changes.

Debate by Senator Mullet who had some technical amendments.

Seen as technical and therefore adopted.

Favorable passage urged.

**100% in Favor SGR No. 28 Enrolled**

**SGR No. 29** by Senators Petit and Zerkus, a Resolution to urge and request that students vote “No” on Constitutional Amendment No. 1 in this year’s statewide election.

Author’s opening comments by Senators Petit and Zerkus. They yielded their time to President Tufts. He stated that both of these bills are detrimental in terms of higher education funding.

**Question:** Senator Gore asked how he plans on communicating this resolution. **Answer:** He plans on using social media and press releases. He will also send it to Chancellor Alexander and other presidents.

Debate by Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux who stated that we shouldn’t be voting for this.

Debate by Senator Mullet who had some technical amendments.

Seen as technical and therefore adopted.

Debate by Senator Zerkus, who yielded to President Tufts. He stated we need to protect higher education funding.

Debate by Senator Frink who stated that she would like to point out that it states “urge and request” rather than forcing students to say no.

Debate by Senator Gore who stated that this was not Student Government’s place to tell students how they should be voting.
Debate by Senator Murphy who stated that she is against this bill because she thinks it is not our place to take a stand on politics of the state.

Debate by Senator K. Latham who stated that we should be thinking of our constituents and friends.

Debate by Senator Grashoff who stated that he’s not in favor of this bill.

Debate by Senator Comeaux who stated that she is against this bill because she witnessed the debate on the bill at hand within the State Senate, and noticed that rural hospitals need this crucial funding.

Debate by Senator Frink who stated that we should be representing the voice of the students.

Debate by Senator Landry who stated that he does not agree with the idea that we should never urge students to vote a certain way.

Favorable passage urged.

33% in Favor the Bill Failed

**SGFB No. 8** by Speaker Loga, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of nine thousand four hundred fifty-six dollars and twelve cents ($9,456.12) from the Student Government surplus account to fund twelve replacement computers in the Student Government offices.

Author’s opening comments by Speaker Loga. He stated that this is a finance bill to replace the computers in the executive and legislative offices.

Debate by Speaker Loga who amended the price wherever it was mentioned.

Debate by Senator K. Latham who stated that this would make us more productive.

Debate by Senator Muehleman who stated that it is incredibly necessary to get these computers.

**Question:** Speaker Loga asked if he believed that we need these computers. **Answer:** He said he was for it, but he wanted to avoid making Student Government look bad.

Debate by Senator Dean who stated that she is torn between voting for or against this bill. She only uses the computer to get the template off.

Debate by Senator Mullet who had some technical amendments. Seen as technical and therefore adopted
Debate by Senator Sanderson who stated that he thought this was going to be a good idea and he has no problem with the bill.

Debate by Senator Mahtook who stated that the best way to serve the students is to have a fully functioning Student Senate.

Debate by Senator K. Latham who stated that this is completely necessary and they are useful. She proposed reducing the number of computers bought from 12 to 6.

This amendment was seen as hostile and put to a vote.

Debate by Senator Mullet who proposed amending the amendment to 10 computers rather than twelve.

Seen as friendly and adopted

Favorable passage urged on the amendment.

With 54% in Favor the Amendment passes

Favorable passage urged.

83% in Favor SGB No. 8 Enrolled

SGR No. 23 by Senator Mahtook, a Resolution to support LSU’s request for annexation of 2,400 acres of University-held land into Baton Rouge city limits.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Mahtook. He stated this is not a political move brought to us by the president’s office. This bill brings LSU’s own land into Baton Rouge in case the city of St. George is established.

Favorable passage urged.

100% in Favor SGR No. 23 Enrolled

SGR No. 20 by Senators Triche and Mullet, a Resolution to urge and request that faculty include the LSU Pledge of Honor in their courses.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Triche and Mullet. She stated they wanted to foster a sense of academic integrity.

Favorable passage urged.

Senator Sanderson abstains.

98% in Favor SGR No. 20 Enrolled
SGR No. 22 by Senator Nay, a Resolution to urge and request LSU Auxiliary Services to place hand sanitizers in the Student Union food court.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Nay and J. Latham. He stated that he was upset at not being able to find hand sanitizers in the union.

Favorable passage urged.

Senator Hunt abstains.

98% in Favor SGR No. 22 Enrolled

LO No. 20 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 stated that each senator must rise to a point of personal privilege and choose a committee.


Favorable passage urged.

95% in Favor LO No. 20 Enrolled

Legislative Officer Reports

Parliamentarian Fraenckal
- Zach Holley is LMOTW
Speaker Pro Tempore Boudreaux
- Great debate tonight
Speaker Loga
- Enjoyed the meeting and debate tonight
- Encouraged everyone to go to the U. S. Senate debate next week

Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications

- Senator Zerkus said they met with the Grad School dean who said they are in favor of changes.
- Senator de Gravelle showed a Jib Jab
- Senator Dean reminded everyone to ask her about the dining committee meeting.