Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Third Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Speaker Westbrook. A moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Grashoff.

Roll Call

There were 40 senators present.

Speaker Pro Temp Campbell motioned to suspend the Rules and immediately consider SGCR No. 25, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Ben Latham as a senator for the University Center for Freshman Year, seconded by Senator Latham.

Speaker DeBlieux yielded his time to Ben Latham, who gave an introduction of himself.

Debate

Senator Latham gave her support of the resolution.

Favorable Passage was urged.

100% in Favor SGCR No. 25 Enrolled

Senator Schwartzenburg motioned to immediately consider SGCR No. 26, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Michael MacLaggan as a senator for the Graduate School, seconded by Senator C. Williams.

Senator DeBlieux yielded his time to Mr. MacLaggan, who introduced himself as a graduate student.

Favorable Passage was urged.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 26 Enrolled.

The new senators were sworn in by Associate Justice Keller.

Public Input

None.

Reading, Correction, and Adoption of Minutes

Senator Catalanoto motioned to adopt the minutes as distributed by email, seconded by Senator Boudreaux. There were no objections. Seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered.
**New Business**

**SGCR No. 27** by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Kolby Lirette as a Senator for the College of Human Sciences and Education, was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

**SGCR No. 28** by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Samantha Scott as a Senator for the College of Human Sciences and Education, was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

**SGCR No. 29** by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Erica Guttuso as a Senator for the College of Human Sciences and Education was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

**SGFB No.4** by Senator Schwartzenburg, a Finance Bill to allocate seven hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety four cents ($719.94) from the Senate Contingency Account of fund the purchase of six (6) Avanti Brand Microwaves for student use across campus, was hereby referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

**SGR No. 10** by Senator DeBlieux, a Resolution supporting the Collegiate Housing Infrastructure Act, was hereby referred to the Committee on Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach.

**SGR No. 11** by Senator Rees, a Resolution to urge and request the LSU Chancellor’s Office to raise the LSU admissions requirements, was hereby referred to the Committee on Academic Affairs.

**SGR No. 12** by Senator Res, a Resolution to include the Domestic Partner Health Benefits for LSU Employees, was hereby referred to the Committee on Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach.

**Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs**

No meeting, no report

**Budget and Appropriations**

Senator Beadle gave a brief summary of the responsibilities and duties of the committee to the new senators.

**Campus Affairs and Sustainability**

Senator Faulkner gave a brief summary of the responsibilities and duties of the committee to the new senators. CAS had a quick meeting this week, and heard Senator Hilton’s and Latusek’s Resolutions. The date for the Light Walk is still being set.

**Rules**

The committee heard **SGB No.6** by Speaker Westbrook, a Bill to amend the Student Government Rules of Order.
**Student Auxiliaries and Services**

Senator Schwartzenburg thanked Senator Smith for the jelly beans that she brought to the meeting and gave a brief summary of the duties and responsibilities of the committee to the new Senators. CAS is still moving forward with having phone chargers for rent at the library, more seating in the Tiger Lair, improved testing software in the testing center, and centralizing the current lost-and-found system.

**Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach**

Senator Latusek gave a brief summary of the responsibilities and duties of the committee to the new senators.

**Caucus Reports**

**Black Caucus**

No meeting, no report.

**Greek Life Caucus**

Speaker Pro Temp Campbell informed the floor that Director Leavoy is requesting a Resolution by SG; any Senator who would like to be involved are needed.

Senator Beadle motioned to move back into Committee Reports, seconded by Senator Knight. Senator Beadle along with Senator Bogan and DeBlieux attended Empower. SG allocated $4,000 for the Greek Board of Directors to fund speaker Maureen Harp. A report was received that the money was well spent, and that SG was recognized as a supporter.

**Executive Officer Reports**

Thomas Rodgers, Director of Academic Affairs

- Thanks to the senators for the work they do and for attending meetings
- A scheduling priority meeting will be held next week
- Went over the format of the plus-minus grading survey that will be sent out next semester
- Began discussions on policy changes for plus-minus system
- Transition Team Subcommittee met last week; discussed creating standard Course Offerings system
- The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. at the Health Science Center in New Orleans
- The Plagiarism Task Force concluded its investigation and finalized its report and will discuss it Tuesday night at the Academic Affairs Committee meeting.
Andrew David, Chief of Staff

Everyone should have received an email about the Transportation Survey, so please fill it out!

Taylor Cox, President

- End of the year banquet will be Friday, April 19th at LSU Arboretum; attendees will meet on campus; transportation will be taken care of for everyone. College Council Presidents as well as sponsors will be invited!
- LSU SG will not be able to maintain blue books and scantrons. Blue books and scantrons have gone up in price and SG is not able to sustain its supply versus the demand of the student body. The next Pres or VP will have to take charge of finding another source of funding; otherwise, SG will only be supplying them for midterm and finals week.
- President Cox will continue to participate in subcommittee groups, i.e. Student Experience

Carrie Herbert, Vice President

- The parking garage at Union Square is now open! The parking garage is open to the public at all times. Note that on LSU campus you must have a parking pass no matter where you park!
- Currently looking at makeup and excused absences policies at other institutions
- ARGO, tentatively March 21st, will need volunteers to check student IDs at the door. Volunteers must be serious about checking IDs!!

Aimee Simon, Commission of Elections

- Active campaigning will run through this week, with SG elections next week. Please help get the vote out!
- Ballots will be open: Monday, March 11th 7 a.m. to Tuesday, March 12th, 6:59 p.m.
- The debate will be Thursday, March 7th at 8 p.m. in the Holliday Forum at the Journalism Building.
- If you would like an SO Point, please stay after the debate to help cleanup with the setup.
- Tiger TV will be streaming the debate live.

Judicial Officer Reports

Justice Keller

- There are still seats available for the Student Parking Appeal Board
- J-Branch will be meeting today at 6 p.m. to prepare for any complaints that might arise during election week and also talk about any changes that can be made next year to the panel.
**Unfinished Business**

Senator Latusek motioned to immediately consider **SGR No. 7**, seconded by Senator Miranne.

**SGR No.7** by Senator Latusek, a Resolution to urge and request Louisiana State University’s Facility Services to maintain the Oaks Lot Lighting.

The Oaks Lot is used frequently by bikers, pedestrians, and even families for tailgating. There is only one street lamp that is operating.

Senator Herwig asked if the situation should have been taken care of during the Light Walk. At the time of the Light Walk the lights were working, however Senator Latusek has notified Facility Services of the problem and has got little to no response or follow-up.

Favorable passage was urged.

**100% in Favor SGR No.7 Enrolled**

**SGR No. 6** by Senator Hilton, a Resolution to clean up East Parker Blvd from Ag Center Drive to Stadium Drive/South Lakeshore Drive.

East Parker Blvd has much debris from construction that is questionable to the safety of bystanders.

Senator Beadle asked if the project could be done by LSU or even SG. Senator Hilton replied, yes, if there is enough people to do the job.

**Debate**

Senator Bevan gave his own testimony; he was biking on East Parker Blvd when his rear tire was nicked by a piece of glass, and as a result he had to walk back to North Gate in the cold 😔

Favorable Passage was urged.

**100% in Favor SGR No.6 Enrolled**

**SGB No. 6** by Speaker Westbrook, a Bill to amend the Student Government Rules of Order.

The amendment was a simple change to the Rules of Order, including adding the rest of the Legislative Staff under Letter J under Speaker Duties, and by adding in that the current Speaker will chair the election of another Speaker who is a Spring Senator.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**100% in Favor SGB No. 6 Enrolled**
SGB No. 8 by Senator Baumgardner, a Bill to amend the Student Government Bylaws.

The Bill’s purpose is to amend the Bylaws for College Councils to make them more efficient and effective to students within their academic areas. Speaker Westbrook and Senator Herwig also made some amendments, striking out lines 144-6 and adding in “with that meeting being chaired by the Student Government Vice President” into line 47, which were deemed friendly.

Favorable Passage was urged.

97% in Favor SGB No. 8 Enrolled

LO. 14 by Speaker Westbrook, a Legislative Order to appoint the Standing Committees of the Thirty-Third LSU Student Senate.

Senator B. Latham chose to be a part of the Committee on Academic Affairs, while Senator MacLaggan chose the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Senator Buvens switched from SLDCO to Budget and Appropriations.

Favorable Passaged was urged.

100% in Favor LO. 14 Enrolled

Advisor Reports

Michael Smith

Groovin’ on the Grounds will be April 13th.

Legislative Officer Reports

Speaker Pro Temp Campbell announced the mid semester mentor/mentees:

- Senator Schwartzenburg - Senator Fitzpatrick
- Senator Mathews - Senator Thompson
- Senator Landry - Senator Copley
- Senator Gibeson - Senator Smith
- Senator Grashoff – Senator Kuntz
- Senator Beadle – Senator Corry
- Senator Latusek – Senator B. Latham
- Senator Llorca – Senator MacLaggan
- Senator McMillan – Senator Harper
- Senator Baumgardner – Senator K. Latham

Speaker Westbrook addressed few things:
Senators are assigned a clicker. That clicker is the only clicker that they may use. Senators may not use any other senator’s clicker, and may not vote for another senator.

Senators will be forced to resign if they have accumulated 3 absences, 3 committee absences, or 3 or 4 consecutive College Council meetings.

Senators Cavell and Latusek are responsible for SO Points, not the Speaker/Pro Temp.

If entertaining a motion, you must stand up and address the Speaker, and then be recognized.

512-966-6690, feel free to text the Speaker during the meetings if you have any questions.

Make the best of you position, be active and accountable and fulfill your roles as best as possible.

Please do not hesitate to speak with the Speaker Westbrook or Pro Temp Campbell; their offices are open if you wish to speak to them about anything. It’s their priority to make you feel welcome.

**Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications**

Senator DeBlieux – The new night bus route has been a success, with a total of 1067 riders Thursday-Saturday.

Senator Baumgardner – Will meet with Gary Graham to discuss cross walk safety.

Senator K. Latham – There will be an event at the Delta Gamma House during spring break that she will post more info about on her Facebook page.

Senator Schwartzenburg – Senator Cavell is sick and asked Senator Schwartzenburg to remind students that it is the 8th Legislative week, and the 9th legislative week is next week. Senators inducted in before the 4th Legislative week will not have to earn 2 SO Points by next week, but all senators will have to earn a total of 3 by the end of the term.

Senator Vargas – Her performance will be Thursday, March 14th, and Monday March 18th, for $5 Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

Senator Llorca – Is working on a Resolution for the Health Center and Mental Health Center.

Chief of Staff – The press release about the scantrons is up on the SG website, and is the official stance of SG.

Senator Boudreaux – Senator Boudreaux along with Senator Rees might be a part of College Jeopardy.

**Adjournment**

Senator Catalanoto motioned to adjourn, seconded by Senator Zeringue. There was an objection.

78% in Favor Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.