Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Third Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Speaker Westbrook. A moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Thompson.

Roll Call

There were 40 senators present.

Public Input

Laurie Braden, UREC Director and Robert Bostick, UREC Facility Supervisor

Director Braden showed the floor a presentation of the renovation plans for the UREC, which included incorporating a lazy river, adding parking, an uphill and downhill track, and adding a lot more gym equipment as a few examples. Phase I of the renovation is projected to be complete by the first football game of the next school year. All renovations should be complete by 2016.

Director of programming, Nicholas Smith

Groovin’ on the Grounds shirts will be available for $14 on the LSU Students on Target Facebook page. Students will be able to pick them up at the event, and later they will be held in the Student Government Office.

Speaker Pro Temp Campbell moved to suspend the Rules and immediately consider SGCR No. 29, seconded by Senator Thompson. There were no objections. Seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered.

SGCR No. 29 by Senator DeBlieux, by Erica Guttuso as a Senator for the College of Human Sciences and Education. Erica Guttuso introduced herself to the floor.

Favorable Passage was urged.

100% in Favor SGCR No.29 Enrolled

Speaker Pro Temp Campbell motioned to suspend the Rules and move back into Induction of New Senators seconded Senator Boudreaux. There were no objections. Seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered.

Induction of New Senators

Justice Silverman inducted Erica Guttuso as a Senator.
Reading, Correction, and Adoption of Minutes

Senator Catalanotto motioned to adopt the minutes as dispersed by email, seconded by Senator Beadle. There were no objections. Seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered.

New Business

SGCR No. 30 by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Jackson Voss as Senator for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

SGFB No. 5 by Senator Beadle, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of one thousand five hundred dollars and zero cents ($1,500.00) from the Student Government Contingency Account to fund the LSU Food Science Club to represent LSU in The Institute of Food Technologist Student Association (IFTSA) College Bowl Competition & Southeastern Conference was hereby referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

SGFB No. 6 by Senator Llorca, a Finance Bill to Allocate a Maximum of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) from the Student Government Contingency Account to help the LSU Student Incubator with the ‘Venture Challenge’ was hereby referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

SGFB No. 7 by Senator Taylor, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of one thousand and sixty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents ($1,068.64) from the Student Government Contingency Account to fund the Third Annual LAQC (Louisiana Queer Conference) on March 23, 2013 was hereby referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

SGR No. 13 by Senators Duhon, Taylor, Bevan, Copley, Faulkner, Hilton, Llorca, Tillay, B. Williams, C. Williams, a Resolution to urge and request the Office of Orientation to implement a sustainability program in all new student orientation sessions was hereby referred to the Committee on Campus Affairs and Sustainability.

Senator Taylor motioned to suspend the Rules and move SGR No. 13 into Unfinished Business, seconded by Senator C. Williams. There were no objections. Seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs discussed:

- Methods to fix issues with scantrons
- SGR No. 11

Senator Beadle motioned to suspend the Rules and move SGFB No. 5 into Unfinished Business, seconded by Senator Taylor. There were no objections. Seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered.
Budget and Appropriations

- Heard two pieces of legislation: SGFB No. 5 and SGFB No. 4

Campus Affairs and Sustainability

- Talked about the light walk, April 15th

Rules discussed:

- Few initiatives upon Senate as a whole and how to implement them

Student Auxiliaries and Services

- Still working on updating software in the testing center, which would cost around $40,000
- SAS is looking into ways SG can partially fund the update

Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach

- Heard legislation
- Wed was the 9th legislative week, Senators must accumulate a total of 3 SO Points by the end of the semester
- SO Points coming up: Groovin on the Grounds, Light Walk (April 15th), Geaux Big
- Senators do not have to be signed up with SG for Geaux Big, but you must have your group leader email Senator Cavell that you were present

Caucus Reports

Black Caucus

No meeting, no report.

Greek Life Caucus

No meeting, no report.

Executive Officer Reports

Vice President Carrie Hebert

- ARGO if finalized, will be Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Union Theater
- Volunteers are needed to check student ids at the door. If you cannot turn anyone away, do not sign up. This counts as an SO Point! Volunteers will be able to watch the movie, also.
Commissioner of Election, Aimee Simon

- Unite LSU was disqualified over discrepancy in their finances
- A public record will be made that will be posted online
- Voter turnout did not improve

Senator DeBlieux motioned to suspend the Rules and immediately considerer SGR No. 10, seconded by Senator Baumgartner.

A representative of Delta Gamma will be making a trip to Washington D.C. to talk to sponsors of the Act, such as congressman. The Act address high collegiate housing costs and offer charitable donations made to Greek organizations will be tax deductible; the act will alleviate the cost of housing even if the house isn’t owned by the university. Funds will be used to renovate and expand houses and install safety equipment. The act will also help prevent the potential flow of students that would normally live in the Greek houses into on campus housing. The senate has a history of passing this resolution every year.

Assistant Director of Communications, David Holley

- For the past several weeks there has been discussion on how to move forward with SG’s brand
- Discussed about the faults in our logo such as, the logo having nothing to do with SG and that the current logo does not incorporate within a standardized SG identity, there is no official color palette, no official fonts or brand guidelines, and it is not integrated into business collateral
- The logo will be going through University Relations

Judicial Officer Reports

Justice Silverman

University Court held its last meeting last week. The Judicial Branch holds meetings every Thursday.

Unfinished Business

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.

- More accessibility to microwaves on campus will encourage students to bring their own lunch and save money.
- There are currently 6 areas on campus with/will have (new) microwaves: Tiger Lair, Oak Lounge, Middleton Library CCs, Starbucks in the Design Building, BEC CCs, Chicken Grill, Dairy Store, Barnes and Nobles Bookstore
Senator Cavell asked why the money was chosen to be allocated from the Contingency Account instead of the Initiatives Account. Senator Schwartzenburg responded that just in case SG wanted to buy microwaves again.

Debate

Senator Beadle was in support. He encouraged the floor that if they have initiatives they should work towards their goals and make a difference.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**SGFB No. 4 in Favor 100% Enrolled**

**SGFB No. 5** by Senator Beadle, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of one thousand five hundred dollars and zero cents ($1,500.00) from the Student Government Contingency Account to fund the LSU Food Science Club to represent LSU in The Institute of Food Technologist Student Association (IFTSA) College Bowl Competition & Southeastern Conference.

The money will cover:

1. Enterprise Car Rental (Passenger Van) - $270.00
2. Van Rental Gas - $232.94
3. Hotel Lodging (Graduate Students) - $225.72
4. Meals (Graduate & Undergraduate) - $756
5. Total Expenditure Budget - $1,484.66

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<td>Muehleman</td>
<td>How many students are going on this trip?</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Baumgartner</td>
<td>Where the competition at? Where is did you previously get the money for the past trips?</td>
<td>Athens, Georgia; The ORF Committee</td>
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<td>Cavell</td>
<td>Have you gone through ORF? Why did they only fund the undergrad students?</td>
<td>Yes, we were rewarded funding for lodging. The ORF Committee is for undergrads only. Grad students have their own ORF.</td>
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<td>Latusek</td>
<td>How many undergrads do you have? Is there anybody who isn’t allowed to go on the trip?</td>
<td>Four. Anybody who’s willing to put in the time can attend.</td>
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Debate

Senator Muehleman proposed an amendment to change the money allotted for meals from $756.00 to $378.00, because he felt that the money allotted was too high for 7 people in the span of two days. Senator Schwartzzenburg was also in support of amending the money allocated. Senators Smith and Baumgartner were against the amendment. They would rather have the money be available for the students instead of the students falling short.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Taylor made an amendment to the previous amendment. She proposed to change the money allotted from $378.00 to $560.00.

Senator Beadle added Senators Muehleman and Taylor as coauthors. Speaker Pro Temp was in support of the bill as a whole.

Favorable Passage was urged.

95% in Favor SGFB No. 5

SGR No. 11 by Senator Rees, a Resolution to urge and request the LSU Chancellor’s Office to raise the LSU admissions requirement.

Senator Rees pointed out that LSU was in the bottom half of the SEC when it came to retention rates, with a retention rate of 84.1%, as well as ACT and SAT scores for the middle 50 percent of students. When standards were raised for admission in the past, the retention rate increased dramatically.

Senator Baumgartner asked what Senator Rees would like the admission requirements to be raised to. Senator Rees replied that he would let the Office of Admission handle that decision.

Senator Copley asked when the last time admission requirements were raised was. Two years ago.

Senator C. Williams asked if Senator Rees had compared LSU admission requirements to other SEC schools. Yes. (Proceeded to show the floor a list he compiled.)

Debate

Senator Baumgartner was in favor for the bill because he would like to see LSU have a good reputation of being a quality university. Senator Fitzpatrick was also in favor. Senator Hernandez made some amendments to the bill concerning spelling.

Favorable Passage was urged.

97% in Favor SGR No. 11 Enrolled
**SGR No. 13** by Senators Duhon, Taylor, Bevan, Copley, Faulkner, Hilton, Llorca, Tillay, B. Williams, C. Williams, a Resolution to urge and request the Office of Orientation to implement a sustainability program in all new student orientation sessions.

Right now there is a mandatory PowerPoint on sustainability that does not have a definite time slot within the orientation schedule, and due to time constraints is sometimes omitted.

Senators Baumgartner and K. Latham were in support of the bill.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**100% in Favor SGR No. 13 Enrolled**

**EO No. 2** by President Cox, an Executive Order to appoint Ryan Silverman to the Student Parking Appeals Board.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**97% in Favor EO No. 2 Enrolled**

**LO No. 15** by Speaker Westbrook a Legislative Order to appoint the Standing Committees on the Thirty-Third LSU Student Senate.

Senator Guttuso joined the Committee on Academic Affairs.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**97% in Favor LO No. 15 Enrolled**

**Advisor Reports**

Michael Smith, Student Government Advisor

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the debate and legislation.

**Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications**

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<th>Senator Baumgartner</th>
<th>Met with Gary Graham and discussed crosswalk safety. A lot of the crosswalks are not up to par, for example, the main crosswalk on Highland going to the bookstore. Thanks to Easy Streets 2, all of the core streets on campus will be redone, including the ones with gated access.</th>
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<td>Chief Justice Faulk</td>
<td>The Judicial Branch will hear a complaint on the Unite LSU ticket on Thursday.</td>
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<td>Senator Taylor</td>
<td>Thanks to everyone who volunteer at Ted Talks or at the Special Olympics.</td>
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<td>Senator Copley</td>
<td>Met with Director Graham and is working on a Resolution and would like some help!</td>
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<td>Senator Buvens</td>
<td>Met with LSU PD along with Senators Vargas, Catalanotto and Zeringue. Are currently working on setting up funding to have the LSU PD be stationed at the library during late hours during finals week.</td>
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<td>Senator B. Williams</td>
<td>Thanked Senators Duhon and Taylor for all their support on SGR No. 13 and working with CAS to help with his first resolution.</td>
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<td>Senator Beadle</td>
<td>Wants to address the issue of how students are able to achieve PSI Funding and SG funding.</td>
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**Adjournment**

Senator Cavell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Senator C. Williams.

*97% in Favor Adjourned*