Spring 2013 Regular Session  
March 28, 2013  
11th Legislative Week

Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Third Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Speaker Westbrook. A moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Cavell.

Roll Call

There were 39 senators present.

Public Input

None

Reading, Correction, and Adoption of Minutes

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

New Business

SGFB No. 10 by Senator Muehleman, a Finance Bill to appropriate a maximum amount of two thousand seven hundred dollars and zero cents ($2,710.00) from the Student Senate Initiative Fund to help with costs associated with Focusing on College and Unlimited Success (FOCUS) was hereby referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

SGFB No. 11 by Senators Herwig and Rees, a Finance Bill to allocate $459.48 from the Student Government Contingency Account to Middleton Library to purchase cell phone chargers that will be available for rent was hereby referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

SGB No. 9 by Senator Beadle, a Bill to amend the Student Government Bylaws was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

SGB No. 10 by Speaker Westbrook, a Bill to amend the Student Government Election Code was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

SGCR No. 31 by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Matt Guidry as a Senator for the College of Engineering was hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

SGR No. 19 by Senator Baumgardner, a Resolution to thank the College Councils of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) for their help with the showing of “ARGO” was hereby referred to the Unfinished Business.
SGR No. 20 by Senators K. Latham, Murphy, Knight, Hernandez, and Schwartzenburg, a Resolution to Thank Mr. David Heidke for the consideration of expanding the hours of operation to the Take 5 and Outtakes convenience stores was hereby referred to the Committee on Student Auxiliaries and .

Senator Grashoff moved to Suspend and insert SGR No. 21 into New Business, seconded by Senator Schwartzenburg. There were no objections. Seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered. SGR No. 21 was hereby referred to the Committee on Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach

Senator Muehleman moved to suspend the Rules and insert SGFB No. 10 into Unfinished Business, seconded by Senator Zeringue.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

Discussed the UCAC Task Force and the bills Senator Thompson and Boudreaux are currently working on.

Budget and Appropriations

Heard SGFB No.2, SGFB No. 6, SGFB No. 8, SGFB No. 9, and SGFB No. 10

Campus Affairs and Sustainability

- Discussed about crosswalks and which bike racks need to be replaced.
- Light Walk is April 15th, 8 pm; counts as 2 SO Points; will last approximately an hour

Rules

Heard SGCR No. 31

Student Auxiliaries and Services

- SAS will hear Senator Herwig and Rees’s cell phone rental charger program (SGFB No. 11).
- Discussing ideas for improving the Lost and Found system; if anyone has suggestions, please contact Senator MJ Hernandez.

Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach

An SO Point opportunity coming up is Graduate Student Appreciation Week, April 11th, 4:30 – 7 pm; people will be needed before the event to set up tables and during the first hour to make sure guests fill out their name and email to receive a door prize.
Caucus Reports

Black Caucus

No meeting, no report.

Greek Life Caucus

No meeting, no report.

Executive Officer Reports

Commission of Elections, Aimee Simon

- The final results from the election will be announced Thursday at 4:30.
- She will not receive complaints; she asked to send complaints to Chief Justice Morgan Faulk

Chief of Staff, Andrew David

- Discussed the budget with President Cox and Vice President Hebert
- They met up with a representative from the Chancellor’s office
- The university will be facing a $29 million deficit
- A group called Tiger Advocates will be formed to lobby at the Capital and have table sits in Free Speech Alley, if you’re interested please email him adav111@tigers.lsu.edu. He is looking for those involved in campus, and knowledgeable of the budget.

Director of Academic Affairs, Thomas Rodgers

- Plus minus is meeting on Thursday
- Encouraged the floor to carefully consider every finance bill tonight, and in the coming weeks

Vice President, Carrie Hebert

- Had her PS 22 follow up meeting, and Senators ideas were added into the policy. She was a little upset that she did not receive any syllabi.
- Go Grad school for spending your money!
- College Councils have spent a lot of their money this year; they will not have a lot of surplus money next year, so she asked the floor to be generous and help them out.
**Judicial Officer Reports**

Justice Heathman

- Had a lot of court hearings
- They will not have a meeting on Thursday
- J Branch will keep in contact during spring break; send any questions to Chief Justice Faulk at sgjudicial@lsu.edu

Chief Justice Faulk

Vice President Hebert and Chief Justice Faulk will be assisting Speaker Westbrook on amending the Election Code.

**Unfinished Business**

**SGFB No. 2** by Senator Beadle, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of seven thousand and five hundred dollars and zero cents ($7,500) from the Student Government Senate Initiatives Account to Geaux Big Baton Rouge to purchase the tools needed for the service project sites and to contribute crawfish the RHA Crawfish Boil.

Senator Beadle yielded to the Director of Geaux Big Baton Rouge who described the plans and goals of Geaux Big.

**Questions**

*Senator Baumgartner*

Q: Where is the other 3,000 going to?

A: Tools

*Senator Faulkner*

Q: What will happen to the tools once the service day is finished?

A: They will be in storage, which will be held by Mid City Redevelopment Alliance.

*Senator Cavell*

Q: Did you go before PSIF to receive funding? What was the outcome?

A: Yes, in November; at the time funding was denied.
Debate

Senator Baumgartner was in support of the bill and made some amendments.

Senator Faulkner

Senator Faulkner thought that there should be some stipulations to bill. She did not think that SG should purchase the tools or to fund the purchase of crawfish while there are other initiatives that need funding. She thinks that SG should loan the tools and ultimately keep them.

Senator Schwartzenburg

Senator Schwartzenburg made an amendment to strike out paragraph 6, which would remove $4,500 in funding for crawfish.

Senators Smith, C. Williams, Faulkner, Cavell, and Boudreaux were in support of the amendment. Senator Zeringue advised the floor to think carefully on the bill as SG is not thought of highly at this moment. Senator Grashoff noted that the Initiatives Account is an account for one time, new initiatives. Senator Bevan and Boudreaux yielded to Director Rodgers and Chief of Staff David, who were also in support of the amendment.

Senator Beadle

Senator Beadle reiterated his feelings on the principle of Senate being a “first come first serve basis”.

Favorable Passage was urged on the amendment. With 51% in Favor the amended was adopted.

Debate (Over entire legislation)

Senators Faulkner and Schwartzenburg made some amendments to wording.

Favorable passage was urged.

100% in Favor SGFB No. 2 Enrolled

SGFB No. 6 by Senators Llorca and Beadle, a Finance Bill to allocate a Maximum of two thousand ($2,000.00) from the Student Government Contingency Account to help the LSU student incubator with the ‘venture challenge’.

The challenge is a program that sponsors entrepreneurs and promotes improving their skills. The program hosts workshops and speakers, entrepreneurs who speak about their business. At the end of the workshop they compete for money to support their future business.

Senator Baumgartner made some amendments to the grammar of the bill.

Senator Zeringue was in support of the bill, as she knows someone who had participated in the challenge.
Favorable Passage was urged.

97% in Favor SGFB No. 6 Enrolled.

Senator Muehleman motioned to suspend the Rules and immediately consider SGFB No. 10, seconded by Senator Grashoff. There were no objections. Seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered.

SGFB No. 10 by Senator Muehleman, a Finance Bill to appropriate a maximum amount of two thousand seven hundred dollars and zero cents ($2,710.00) from the Student Senate Initiative Fund to help with costs associated with Focusing on College and Unlimited Success (FOCUS).

FOCUS is a program that takes students from failing public schools and put them in a university setting for two weeks. They come back to their schools wanting to go to college and coming to LSU. They participate in a challenge course and a go to a seminar. They have focus periods where they spend their time working on projects and then show off their work at the end.

Debate

Senator Baumgartner and Senator Smith were in support and Senator Baumgartner made an amendment.

Favorable Passage was urged.

87% in Favor SGFB No. 10 Enrolled.

SGFB No. 8 by Senators Vargas, Buvens, and Zeringue, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) from the Student Government Contingency Account To The Louisiana State University Police Department to Fund An Overtime Detail to Prove Additional Security to Middleton Library And Surrounding Areas During The Extended Hours Of Finals Week.

Questions

Senator Baumgartner

Q: Will it be one officer? Where exactly will he be stationed?

A: Yes; he will be in the general area.

Senator Faulkner

Q: What is the difference between this officer and a regular officer on duty?

A: Regular officers are on patrol in cars and cannot be in a single location all the time. Calls are taken by priority; having an officer escort you somewhere might not be possible if there is an immediate emergency.

Senator Rees
Q: What will be the freedom of this officer to move about?

A: The purpose is to have someone in the near vicinity to be able to respond quickly instead of only being able to answer a call.

**Debate**

Senator Baumgartner, Schwartzenburg, and Faulkner were in favor of the bill. Amendments were made on grammar by Senator Baumgartner. Speaker Westbrook also made amendments to wording.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**97% in Favor SGFB No. 8 Enrolled**

**SGCR No. 31** by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Matt Guidry as a Senator for the College of Engineering.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**97% in Favor SGCR No. 31 Enrolled**

Speaker Cavell motioned to suspend the Rules and move into *Induction of New Senators*, seconded by Senator Beadle. There were no objections; seeing none, Speaker Westbrook so ordered.

**SGFB No. 9** by Senators Geymann and Cavell, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of Thirteen Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars ($13,200) from the Louisiana State University Student Senate Surplus Account to fund chairs and tables for seating in the E.J. Ourso College of Business Rotunda.

**Debate**

Senator Baumgartner and K. Latham were in support. The former made an amendment to grammar.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**97% in Favor SGFB No. 9 Enrolled**

**SGR No. 15** by a Senator Baumgartner, a Resolution to urge the Director of Parking and Traffic, Gary Graham, to Implement a crosswalk on West Lakeshore Drive between the University Lake trails and the Phi Mu fraternity House.

**Debate**

Senator K. Latham was in support of the bill.

Favorable passage was urged.

**97% in Favor SGFB No. 15 Enrolled**
SGR No. 18 by Senators Copley and Faulkner, a Resolution to urge and request the office of Parking, Traffic, and Transportation to hang location markers in the Hart, Northwest, Front Nine, South CEBA, South Stadium, and West Stadium Parking Lots.

Favorable Passage was urged.

100% in Favor SGR No. 18 Enrolled

SGR No. 19 by Senator Baumgardner, a Resolution to thank the College Councils of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) for their help with the showing of “ARGO” was hereby referred to the Unfinished Business.

Favorable Passage was urged.

100% in Favor SGR No. 19 Enrolled

LO No. 17

Senator Guidry joined the Committee on Student Auxiliaries and Services.

97% in Favor LO No. 17 Enrolled.

Advisor Reports

Thomas Rodgers

- Register for Geaux Lead!

Legislative Officer Reports

Temp

- “Great job tonight”
- “Wrap up your initiatives”

Speaker

- When non senators are speaking, don’t ask them to yield to a series because they will not be aware of the meaning behind it; it is a curtsy, not a requirement.
- Amendments to the election code will be heard soon
- Please wrap up your legislation by April 10th, next meeting!
- All senators sworn in before the 9th legislative week need to earn 2 SO Points by the end of the term

Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications
Senator Smith
Showed a picture of Magnum Pi in short shorts and her doggie 😊

Herwig
- Disappointed in some senators for their actions tonight regarding SGFB No. 2

Andrew David
- Great job on debate

Senator Zeringue
- Anyone up for the blonde caucus?

Adjournment
Senator motioned to adjourn, seconded by Senator C. Williams. There was an objection.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:18.