Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Fifth Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Speaker Grashoff. Senator D. Boudreaux led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

There were 42 senators present:

Miranne, Maximilian
Johnson, Ryan
Baumgardner, William
Karam, Josh
Bourgeois, Bryce
Johnson, Adam
Geymann, Nicholas
Young, Hillary
Fertitta, David
Grashoff, Alex
Triche, Gabrielle
Zerkus, Norman
Grotte, Nathan
Karam, Robert
Hunt, Jay
Bourgeois, Brianna
Smith, Emily
Kraeuter, Laura
Watts, Bridget
Hauth, Catherine
Stipe, Mary
Guillory, Brandon
Weeks, Parker
Vallot, Raina
Hilton, Chase
Muehleman, Kevin
Beadle, De Andre
Stewart, Taylor
Knight, Hannah
Becnel, Abigail
Reeves, Colin
Loga, Tyler
Stevens, Sara
Taylor, Morgan
Schwartzenburg, Trey
Boudreaux, Jacob
Smith, Eleanor
Mullet, Andrew
Ales, Tyler
Bevan, George
Grashoff, Adam
DeBlieux, Alexande
Noto, Alexandra
Latham, Katherine
Wright, Courtney
Boudreaux, Drake
D'Arcangelo, Nikki
Loupe, Blaine
Do, Joshua
Gore, Wesley
Hurtado, Daniela
Boudreaux, Matthew
Frink, Helen
Sanderson, Ty
Mahtook, Andrew
Lancon, Robert
Tarleton, Grant
Public Input

Representative Richard

- T. Graham Howell introduced Representative Richard. Howell stated that higher education is a crumbling thing with funding decreasing. He state that the state wants students to pay more, so the state can pay less.
- Representative Richard stated that he represents Nicholls State University, but is an LSU Alumni and wants to help all universities. He said that Governor Jindal has not been good for the Louisiana’s higher education system. He say that city wants their own 4-year university, but some are not really needed. He represents a bill that states extra money will go into higher education. This bill has passed unanimously in the House of Representatives, but is not passing in a Louisiana Senate finance committee.

Questions:
Senator Latham asked how can LSU Senate can help and what is the next step for the bill?
Answer: T. Graham Howell answered that senators should contact Louisiana Representatives and Senators to convince them to pass this bill because universities need the money.

Senators Muehleman asked if TOPs would cover the raised fees shown on the screen?
Answer: Howell answered that it would not cover the raises. Representative Richard said that the state is always asking how to save money, but he believes raising students’ fees is not the right way.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked Representative Richard if his bill is successful, how would it change the amount of money shown on the screen?
Answer: Representative Richard that their bill could save half a billion dollars.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked if TOPs would cover any tuition fee raises?
Answer: T. Graham Howell answered that TOPs would only cover raises for one year.

Representative Richard finished by stating he is against the Board of Supervisors’ Scholarship and thinks it is wrong that the board can issue scholarships. He appreciates the opportunity to speak and asked senators the support the bill and contact their senators and representatives.

Point of Personal Privilege: Senators Beadle, Weeks, Hurtado, and Gore were present
Deputy Chief Justice Scalco – Up ‘Till Dawn

- Stated that St. Jude is looking for board members and specifically want college students involved in Student Government

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg - SEC Student Governments Exchange

- Gave a recap of the exchange
- Stated that he and Vice President Parks presented on behalf of LSU’s Student Government system.
- Reviewed some of the differences in Student Government structures between states
  - LSU is the only school with college councils
- Reviewed initiative ideas seen at the exchange, some of which already have senators supporting them.
- Next exchange is at Auburn in July, and Senate will be able to send more senators

Question: Senator Latham asked when the attendees for the next exchange would be picked.
Answer: Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg answered that it will be up to the new Speaker and new Speaker pro tempore, so probably during the work session at the end of the semester.

New Business

SGCR No. 13 by Senator Sanderson, a Concurrent Resolution to approve the UCFY College Council’s appointment the vacant UCFY Senate Seat. **SGCR No. 13** referred to Rules.

SGR No. 8 by Senators Baumgardner and Bevan, a Resolution to thank the drivers of the LSU Tiger Trails and Campus Transit bus systems for their hard work, dedication and great attitudes. **SGR No. 8** was referred to Unfinished Business.

SGR No. 9 by Senator Baumgardner, a Resolution to commit the Student Government of Louisiana State University’s (LSU) support in maintaining the Magnolia Bowl Trophy along with the University of Mississippi’s Association of Student Government. **SRG No. 9** was referred to Student Auxiliary Services.

SGR no. 11 by Senator Jacob Boudreaux, a Resolution to urge and request that on-line coursework be treated the same as in-class lecture with regards to the current Grade Exclusion
Policy by Senators J. Boudreaux and Muehleman. **SGR No. 11** was referred to Academic Affairs.

**SGR No. 12** by Senators Latham, Mullet, and Muehleman, a Resolution to urge and request that the Office of Academic Affairs of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) develop an online database of all course syllabi for students. **SGR No. 12** was referred to Academic Affairs.

**SGR No. 13** by Senator Hilton, a resolution to urge Louisiana Congressmen to vote in favor of H.R. 3978. **SGR No. 13** was referred to Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach.

**SGR No. 14** by Senators Muehleman and Hunt, a resolution to thank the LSU Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Administration for keeping the safety of the LSU Student Body and Community at the highest priority during Snow Storm Leon. **SGR No. 14** was referred to Unfinished Business.

**SGR No. 15** by Senators Baumgardner, Boudreaux, D’Arcangelo, Gore, Knight, Lancon, Latham, Loupe, Mullet, Reeves, Smith, and Zerkus, a Resolution to congratulate the LSU Gymnastics Team on their win against the University of Alabama and Lloimincia Hall’s 10.00 floor routine score. **SGR No. 15** was referred to Unfinished Business.

**SGR No. 16** by Senators Lancon and Reeves, a resolution to urge and request LSU Facility Services to provide more electrical outlets in classrooms throughout campus. **SGR No. 16** was referred to Student Auxiliary Services.

**SGFB No. 1** by Senators EA Smith and Watts, a Finance Bill too appropriate a maximum of one thousand six hundred and seventy dollars and zero cents ($1,670.00) of the Student Senate Contingency to help with costs associated with organizing the Graduate Student Symposium held on February 21-23, 2014 at Louisiana University Marine Consortium (LUMCON) , sponsored by the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) Coast and Environmental Graduate Organization (CEGO). **SGFB No. 1** was referred to Budget and Appropriations.

**SGFB No. 2** by Senator Loga, a Finance Bill to allocate one thousand dollars ($1000) from the Student Government Contingency Account to fund the Greek Board of Directors (GBOD) Empower Leadership Program. **SGFB No. 2** was referred to Budget and Appropriations.
SGB No. 1 by Senator Loga, a Bill to amend the Student Government Budget. SGB No. 1 was referred to Budget and Appropriations and Rules.

Committee Reports

**Academic Affairs** – Senator Muehleman
- No meeting
- Encouraged senators to join
- Meeting on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

**Budget and Appropriations** – Senator Loga
- Working on a published copy of finance guidelines
- Practiced guidelines using mock legislation

**Campus Affairs and Sustainability** – Senator Taylor
- Discussed bill to fix pot holes and passed favorably in committee

**Rules** – Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
- Upcoming legislation

**Student Auxiliary Services** – Senator Baumgardner
- Reviewed official piece concerning dining and table options in the Student Union for lunch hours at committee meeting
- Looking to get movies played in the Union Theatre
- Working on new Tiger Cards that will be coming to LSU

**Student Life Diversity and Community Outreach** – Senator DeBlieux
- Working on organizational outreach to other organizations on campus. The committee will be contacting all organizations via email to explain what Senate can do for them.

**Temporary Student Government Documents Revision Committee** – Speaker Grashoff
- No meeting
- Last meeting heard Bylaws and will hear more
- Encourages anyone to go to meetings on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in Calcasieu Room.
Executive Officer Reports

Executive Director Rhodes on behalf of Director Gonzales, Director of Programing
- Discussed Grooving on the Grounds
- Stated that organizations are encouraged to set up info tables at the event

Question:
Senator Emily Smith asked how many musical headlines would there be?
Answer: Three

Executive Director Rhodes
- Last day to order name tags

Director Day- AISI
- Student Involvement Fair was a success
- Academic Major Fair is coming up
- Looking to do more student involvement activities at athletic events, like student organization nights

Executive Officer Reports

Vice President Parks
- SEC Exchange was a success
- Academic Fair - tentative dates announced and emailed to deans, one date will be chosen.
- All semester plans will be presented soon
- Working on and internship database for each senior college.

Judicial Officer Reports

Deputy Chief Justice Scalco
- Next meeting is Monday at 8:30 p.m.
- Taking any suggestions on changes for Rules of Court
Unfinished Business

SGCR No. 10 by Senator Miller, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Jack Zeringue as the Solicitor General of the University Court. He yielded his time to Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg who stated that Jack Zeringue has shown great potential in other positions.

Favorable passage urged

100% in Favor SGCR No. 10 Enrolled

SGCR No. 11 by Senator Hauth, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Vernon Dunn as a Senator for the Graduate School. Time yielded to Vernon Dunn

Question: Senator Watts asked if he thinks he can keep up with the other graduate senators?
Answer: Vernon answered that he believes he can

Favorable passage urged

100% in favor SGCR No. 11 Enrolled

SGCR No. 17 by Senator Fertitta, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Dimitry Morvant as Coast and Environment College Council’s appointment of the vacant Coast and Environment Senate Seat.
Senator Fertitta yielded time to Dimitry, who was a previous College Council member.

Favorable passage urged

100% in favor SGCR No.17 Enrolled

Induction of New Senators

Chief Justice Scalco read the Code and new senators were inducted.

Adoption of Minutes

Senator Latham moved to adopt the minutes, seconded by Senator Bevan.
Unfinished Business

SGR No. 4 by Senators Latham and Mullet, a Resolution to urge and request Louisiana State University (LSU) to explore options to provide additional seating in the LSU Student Union during lunch hours.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Latham. She said that the beginning of the semesters the Cotillion Ballroom is used for extra seating, so maybe it can be kept open all semester during lunch hours.

Questions:
Senator Tarleton asked if the senators have you thought of a way students can have seating for just one, since in his experience sometimes one person will sit at a four person table.
Answer: Senator Latham answered that the tables in the Cotillion Ballroom will be banquet size so students must all sit together with people they don’t know. There are also seating bars in the union, perfect for a student eating alone.

Senator Emily Smith asked if Senator Latham knew that there is a couch in her office no one comes to?
Answer: Senator Latham answered that she did not know that, but the whole student body cannot sit there.

Senator Loga asked if the senators have thought of whom they would be contacting would be contacting?
Answer: Faculty Services

Senator Loga also asked if the senators would be seeing this through personally and talking to the services?
Answer: Senator Latham answered that they would be personally taking this on and that she thinks it will be accomplished quickly.

Author’s closing comments – favorable passage urged

98% in favor SGR No.4 Enrolled
SGR No. 5 by Senator Lancon, a Resolution to urge the Louisiana State University Office of Parking and Transportation to improve the temporary parking lot behind West Hall.

Author’s opening comments by Senator Lancon, who said this original idea came up when students complained about the parking made for them behind West Hall. There is no indication where to park and students’ vehicles are getting stuck in potholes. Director Copley said that lot was supposed to be a parking garage, but until a definite decision is made, things should be improved for students.

Questions: Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked what are some options of repairs that were given?
Answer: Senator Lancon answered that Director Copley stated that some additional concrete and lines could be added to the parking lot.

Senator Hurtado asked where the money for the repairs would come from?
Senator Lancon answered that it is already figured in the budget.

Favorable passage urged

95% in favor SGR No. 5 Enrolled

SGR No. 8 by Senators Baumgardner and Bevan, a Resolution to thank the drivers of the LSU Tiger Trials and Campus Transit bus systems for their hard work, dedication and great attitudes.

Authors’ opening comments - both senators gave personal stories about the bus drivers. They believe these workers go out of their way to assist students and are very kind and dedicated. The senators believe their kindness goes unnoticed.

Debate by Senator Baumgardner
Amendment to complete paragraph 5
-Seen as friendly and adopted
Senator Bevan gave closing comments stating that college is a place to get an education and there is no better education than riding mass transit systems. The drivers are part of the Tiger family and deserve to be thanked. Favorable passage urged.

**100% in Favor SGR No. 5 Enrolled**

**SGR No. 14** by Senators Muehleman and Hunt, a Resolution to thank the LSU Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Administration for keeping the safety of the LSU Student Body and community at the highest priority during Snow Storm Leon.

Authors’ opening comments – Senator Muehleman stated that the university did a great job keeping students involved, notified and safe during the ice storms of the last two weeks.

**Debate** by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
Amendment to line 1
-Seen as friendly and adopted

Favorable passage urged

**100% in Favor SGR No. 14 Enrolled**

**SGR No. 15** by Senators Baumgardner, Boudreaux, D’Arcangelo, Gore, Knight, Lancon, Latham, Loupe, mullet, Reeves, Smith and Zerkus, a Resolution to congratulate the LSU Gymnastics Team on their win against the University of Alabama and Lloimincia Hall’s 10.00 floor routine score.

Authors’ opening comments - Senator Baumgardner stated that LSU’s Gymnastic Team is ranked in the Top 10, and they are blessed with Lloimincia Hall, the No. 1 floor gymnast in the country.

Senator Knight that Lloimincia wanted to attend the meeting but had prior engagements.

**Question:**
Senator Tarleton asked if Senator Baumgardner had the video of Lloimincia’s performance? **Answer:** Senator Baumgardner answered that he will put it in the Group Me, but states that she has catapulting gifts, throws shade, and is super talented. Her Instagram name is mincebaby011, check out all her moves and outfits.
Closing comments by Senator Latham - favorable passage urged

100% in Favor SGR No. 15 Enrolled

LO No. 6 by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint Kenneth Coleman to the Student Parking Appeals Board.

Speaker Grashoff yielded time to Kenneth Coleman.

Debate by Senator Latham, who thinks he will be great for this position.

Debate by Senator Lancon, who also had positive opinions on Kenneth.

Favorable passage urged

98% in Favor LO No. 6 Enrolled

LO No. 7 by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint the members of the Standing Committees of the Thirty-Fifth LSU Student Senate.

Author’s opening comments – Speaker Grashoff reminded senators how to change committees,

Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Reeves asked to move from Campus Affairs and Sustainability to Student Auxiliary Services.

Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Miller asked to move to Campus Affairs and Sustainability.

Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Emily Smith asked to move from Campus Affairs and Sustainability to Academic Affairs.

Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Dunn asked to be placed on Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach Committee.
**Point of Personal Privilege** – Senator Walker asked to move from Campus Affairs and Sustainability to Academic Affairs.

**Point of Personal Privilege** – Senator Morvant asked to move to Academic Affairs.

Favorable passage urged

97% in Favor LO No. 7 Enrolled

**Legislative Officer Reports**

*Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg*

- Stated that Senate is already up to 17 legislation pieces passed and its only the third legislative week
- Templates for legislation can be found on the Student Government website

*Speaker Grashoff*

- Legislative member of the week is Senator DeBlieux
- Reminds senators to contact Parliamentarian Fraenckel for Legislative Member of the Week nominations
- Reminds senators that if they have a series of questions to make sure to announce it to prevent getting cut off
- Do not use hear-say in debate
- Make up retreat will be after the meeting

**Advisor Report**

Michael Smith

- Saturday classes have been assigned

**Question:**

Senator Latham asked if he knew anything about what the school will do since Dance Marathon is on one of those make up days?

**Answer:** Stated that he will find out that answer

**Petitions, Memorials and Other Communications**
Senator Walker announced that she is resigning her seat due to being unable to devote enough time to Senate.

- Senator Latham moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Senator Knight with objections present. Motion passed with voice vote.

Senator Mahtook moved to limit PMC to one minute, but motion failed with voice vote.

Senator Smith announced that the Women’s Council is looking for a Student Government representative. They meet every 4 weeks. The next meeting is February 21 at 10:30 a.m. Also Caliente Caucus is now backed up by an unofficial legislation piece.

Senator Guillory announced that Stripes Staff applications are due Sunday, February 9 at 11:59 p.m.

Senator Young welcomes new members. She also wished a happy early birthday to Speaker Grashoff. Stated she is excited for the Slam-wall Twitter.

Senator Latham announced that the Manship Program has a Public Relations group that is doing a campaign and entering a contest. They represent a company called pop money (also an app), where people can pay for stuff even if you forgot your money. Money goes to the contest. Use #crewpr. Contest prize is a tour of Alex Box Stadium.

Senator Grashoff is looking for sunglasses that he left in Speaker Grashoff’s office. Senator Loga and Deputy Chief Justice Scalco stated that previous speakers, Representative Richard and T. Graham Howell, brought up an important issue facing students and the university. If anyone is interested in a meeting to form an opinion of the student body about budget cuts, notify Senator Loga.

Undersecretary Johnson announced that Mat Kearney will be playing at the Union Theatre on February 7 at 7:30 p.m. Some of the Proceeds will go to Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

Senator Reeves and Gore announced that Geaux Big Volunteer registration is open and encouraged senators to sign up. This is an SO point opportunity.
Senator Mahtook announced that Mat Kearny is a “good cause” concert. Snoop Dog will also be at the Varsity on February 14\textsuperscript{th}. Fleece Orders are also due February 9\textsuperscript{th}.

**Question:**
Senator Grashoff asked if Senator Mahtook could resend the order link and the prices?
**Answer:** Yes they are $28 each.

Senator Tarleton echoed Senator Mahtook on the Snoop Dog concert details, but also state that R. Kelly will also be performing in Baton Rouge on February 14\textsuperscript{th}. He congratulated the Caliente Caucus, but said his Caliente Caucus was there first.

**Questions:**
Senator Knight asked where R. Kelly would be performing?
**Answer:** River Center

Senator Loga asked if his is your caucus is also named the Caliente Caucus?
**Answer:** Senator Tarleton answered yes, but it is the original and better of the two.

Senator Emily Smith asked if the pervious caucus has ever been announced ever before?
**Answer:** Yes it has been, according to Senator Tarleton.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg moved to previous question.

Senator Frink announced that February 6\textsuperscript{th} at Rotolo’s is a fundraiser for Dance Marathon.

**Adjournment**

Senator Bevan moved to adjourn, seconded by Senator Zerkus. Objections were present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with 86\% in favor.

*Point of Personal Privilege* – Senator Loga votes “nay” to adjourn.