Call to Order

The meeting of the Thirty Fourth Regular Legislative Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Speaker Grashoff. Senator Miranne led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg suspended the rules and entertained a motion to follow the order of the agenda and address SGR No. 11 during Committee Reports, seconded by Senator Bevan.

Roll Call
There were 44 senators present.

Point of Personal Privilege – Senators Duhon, Wright, and Williams present

Public Input

Senator Baumgardner - Barnes and Nobel of LSU
- Working with the head of the bookstore, text book director and others
- 60% of text books are available for rent through the bookstore
- It is not possible to put textbooks on fee bill
- Students can no longer buy Clinique products using paw points
- To clear up study space in the Barnes and Nobel registers will be moved to place more tables
- Looking into designating spots in the parking garage with 30 minute limit
- Looking to extend the café hours
- There will no longer be an Apple store in the Barnes and Nobel

Questions:
Senator Mahtook asked when this committee meets?
Answer: Meetings are not at a set time so Senator Baumgardner will email when meetings are announced.

Senator Latham asked what would be put in place of the Apple store?
Answer: Maybe a Samsung store, but not sure yet.

Senator Baumgardner announced that it is important to share the Reveille’s stories and that their website has great surveys.

Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Kiggans was present
Reading, Correction, and adoption of Minutes

Senator Knight entertained a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Senator Williams.

New Business

- None

Committee Reports

* Academic Affairs – Senator Pinac
  - No report

* Budget and Appropriations – Senator Herwig
  - One bill was heard at the meeting, and will be heard on the Senate floor

Question:
Senator Voss asked if the bill passed favorably in the committee?
Answer: Yes

* Campus Affairs and Sustainability – Senator Taylor
  - One bill went through
  - 17 people signed up to help with Game Day Challenge and did not show up, which looks very bad on Senate.

* Rules – Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
  - Two appointments heard at the committee meeting and both passed favorably

* Student Auxiliary Services – Senator Baumgardner
  - Asks committee members to bring computers to next meeting
  - Meeting will include a lesson on how to write legislation

* Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach
  - No report

SGR No. 11 by Senators Zerkus, Frink, and Grotte, a Resolution to urge and request the Parking and Transportation Administration and the Division of Student Life and Enrollment Services to fully investigate the possibility of a fee increase in order to expand the Transportation services and to present three (3) options with correlating fee increase possibilities to the Student Senate in January 2014.

Opening comments by Senator Zerkus
Time yielded to Director Copley who spoke of the need for the fee raise.

Questions:
Senator Latham asked if First Transit would look into using the advertisement on the busses for revenue?
Answer: Student Media and High Five currently deal with this, but it can be looked into.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked how will we get student input on this matter?
Answer: By using an online survey through email and will hopefully put the survey on the busses.

Senator Loga asked if the Office of Transportation has looked into other bus companies?
Answer: Yes

Debate from Senator Zerkus

Amendment to finish paragraph 6
-Seen as friendly and adopted

Favorable passage urged

96% in Favor SGR No. 11 Enrolled

Temporary Committees Established by Senate Resolution
Temporary Student Government Documents Revision Committee – Speaker Grashoff
- A skeleton of Election Code will be sent out and senators will be able to voice opinions. This will hopefully lead to a rough draft.

Question:
Senator Loga asked for the due date on the possible plans.
Answer: Before the end of this semester

Executive Officer Reports

Commissioner Wheeler
- Updated list of candidates will be put up soon
- Election will take place Oct 28th and 29th

Judicial Officer Reports
Justice Beste
- Any questions will be addressed at the meeting in Calcasieu on October 17
Unfinished Business

**SGCR No. 48** by Senator Young, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Simone Guillory as a member of the Accountability and Student Interest Committee.

Time yielded to Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg who spoke highly of Simone.

Favorable passage urged

100% in Favor SGCR No. 48 Enrolled

*Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Guillory was present*

**SGCR No. 47** by Senator Latham, a Concurrent Resolution to appoint Drake Boudreaux to the vacant UCFY Senate Seat.

Senator Latham is highly impressed by Drake and yields her time to him.

Drake Boudreaux looks forward to improving the school by serving on Senate.

Favorable passage urged

98% in Favor SGCR No. 47 Enrolled

Induction of New Senators
- Sworn in by Justice Beste

Return to Unfinished Business

**SGFB No. 4** by Senators Emily Smith and Warner, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of four thousand seven hundred dollars and zero cents ($4,700.00) from the Student Government Senate Contingency Account to fund MSA Business Analytics Society to attend the South Central SAS User Group Conference in San Antonio, Texas, USA as representatives of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU).

Opening comments by Senator Warner asking for money to cover the organization that received funding from SAS, but that is not enough to help all of them.

Time yielded to Rachel, a member of the MSA Business Analytics Society hoping to attend the conference. Four members are allowed to go to the conference on scholarship and three are presenting with full coverage but a total of nineteen students are preparing to go so more funds are needed.
Questions:
Senator Taylor asked what fundraising had the organization previously done? 
*Answer*: Applied for scholarships from SAS and applied for a grant, which presented them with $500.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked for clarification of paragraph 6 Amendment to reduce the amount being given to $1,100 by Senator Loga
- Seen as hostile

Senator Loga gave opening comments asking to lower the amount and only pay for registration.

Comment by a member stating that these students do not have time for jobs due to the time commitment of the organization and will not be able to attend the conference if they are not fully funded.

Questions:
Senator Grashoff asked a question

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked what would be the balance of contingency account if $4,700 would be distributed to the organization? 
*Answer*: Senator Herwig answered $15000.

Senator J. Boudreaux asked what the cost for registration is.  
*Answer*: $275

Senator Buvens asked for clarification of why non-presenters are attending? 
*Answer*: The conference will included networking and learning opportunities

Senator Beadle asked for the date of the conference.  
*Answer*: October 31st to November 2nd

Senator Voss asked how many of the 12 students that did not receive money yet would not be able to go if they are forced to pay registration? 
*Answer*: A majority would not be able to attend.

Senator Beadle asked when the organization was notified about the conference and when they were planning on signing up? 
*Answer*: Registration opened in early fall and students found out about recently

Senator Taylor asked if the breakdown of fund usage could be taken off the bill? 
*Answer*: Speaker Grashoff answered yes.

Senator Landry asked if the organization applied to Grad ORF.  
*Answer*: Yes but that small amount will only apply to presenters
Senator Latham asked how the nineteen participants were chosen to go?

*Answer: Self selected - only 19 out of 25 wanted to attend the conference.*

Senator DeBlieux asked if the organization would be opposed to switching this bill to the surplus account and if time wise this is possible?

*Answer: Senator Herwig answered that the finance form does not say required account but requested account so this is possible.*

Senator Voss asked if we could move money from the surplus account to the contingency account?

*Answer: No.*

**Debate** from Senator Rees, who is not in support of amendment because it cuts the amount down too much. Stated that last week a bill was passed to give two students $2000, so why not support these nineteen students.

**Questions:**

Senator Loga asked if Senator Ress knew that last weeks appointments paid a lot out of pocket for their trip also.

Senator Herwig asked if this amendment is passed, exactly how many students will be able to attend the conference

*Answer: The organizations’ members announced that maybe eight students would be able to attend, including those already supported.*

**Debate** from Senator Miranne stated that this is a great opportunity but Senate cannot afford to fully fund as stated in the bill.

**Debate** from Senator Williams stated that this is not fully funding the organization’s trip. He also states that the contingency account is first come first serve and should be put to use.

**Questions:**

Senator Miranne asked if the funding is not given would students still be going to represent LSU?

*Answer: Yes, the presenters and those with scholarships would still go.*

Speaker pro tempore Schwartztenburg asked if Senate realized that we have more than one account and about $70,000 left for this semester to use?

**Debate** from Senators Taylor and Voss – an amendment to scratch paragraph 6

- Seen as friendly and adopted
Also debate to raise the $1,100.00 proposed by Senator Loga to $3000.00.
  • Deemed hostile

Senator Voss stated that this is a reasonable compromise. It would be unfair to under fund the students.

Questions:
Senator Herwig asked if it is possible to still fund if the amount were to be changed and be taken out of surplus?
Answer: No, the organization would no longer be able to get money

Senator Herwig asked if the organization would be able to make the conference if they give time for a different account option?
Answer: Yes

Amendment on Senator Loga’s amendment is seen as friendly and adopted. Amendment now states that $3,000 would be given to organization.

Debate by Senator DeBlieux
Amendment to return to original amount first debated ($4,700.00) and switch to the surplus account.
  • Seen as hostile

Questions:
Senator Boudreaux asked if this amendment is even possible?
Answer: Yes

Senator Beadle gave a Point of Clarification that if money is pulled from the surplus account many other challenges would arise.

Senator DeBlieux withdrew amendment.

Senator Boudreaux entertained a motion to move to previous question, seconded by Senator Bevan.

Closing comments by the organization member who spoke about the difficulty they have faced to get through this internship, and they appreciate the time taken to debate.

Authors closing comments on amendment by Senator Loga
  • Favorable passage urged

Voice Vote – seemed unclear

Division called by Senator Bevan
Amendment failed by standing vote.

**Debate** on original bill by Senator Voss who said it is important to fund this group, and it would look good on Senate’s part.

Senator Latham entertained a motion to extend debate time, seconded by Senator Knight.

**Debate** by Senator Latham who is in favor of this bill because the organization tried to fundraise but was not given enough time.

**Debate** by Senator Williams – positive.

Favorable passage urged on entire bill

**78% in Favor SGFB No. 4 Enrolled**

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzzenburg entertained a motion to suspend the rules and return to Public Input.

Dr. Duran on QEP
- Quality Enhancement Plan
- New QEB coordinator Sarah Perstel
- QEB is rebranded to go along with LSU tagline called LSU Discover
- Includes four focus areas
  - Asked Student Government to help promote LSU Discover to younger students, and also help these students become aware of college possibilities.
  - A variety of research opportunities internationally. This will include networking with community to establish LSU connections.
  - Have Student Government help establish and ply for grants
  - Spring Research Day will be on March 10, 2014 where companies, Student Government, colleges, and departments will be recognized

Questions:
Senator Voss asked how senators could become more involved?
*Answer:* Dr. Duran answered to just contact him.

Senator Voss asked whom the research trips would be available to?
*Answer:* As many students as possible. Goal is to have LSU Discover be open to all students.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzzenburg asked for Dr. Duran’s contact information.
*Answer:* rduran@lsu.edu
Senator Boudreaux entertained a motion to suspend the rule and move into New Business, seconded by Senator Knight.

**New Business**

Senator Boudreaux moved to insert **SGB No. 5**, seconded by Senator Guillory. **SGB No. 5** referred to Budget and Appropriations.

**Unfinished Business**

**LO No. 12** by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint the standing committees of the Thirty-Fourth LSU Student Senate.

Opening comments - reviewed committees

Senator D. Boudreaux announced his interest to join Student Auxiliary Services.

Favorable passage urged

100% in Favor LO. No. 12 Enrolled

**Legislative Officer Reports**

Speaker Grashoff reminded everyone to be quiet during other speakers’ time. It looked very bad on Senate for guest to see the senators speaking while business was being conducted.

**Advisor Reports**

- No report

**Petitions, Memorials, and other Communications**

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg announced that a lot of Point of Clarification and Information were not appropriately used in debate.

Senator Muhleman announced that the mid year event is Friday, October 25th but a hosting place is needed.

Voted on a social place to eat and Plucker’s won.

**Adjournment**

Senator Boudreaux entertained a motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator Knight. Objections present. With 89% in favor meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.