Fall 2013 Regular Session  
October 24, 2013  
9th Legislative Week  

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 J. Karam led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  

Roll Call  

There were 43 senators present.  

Public Input  

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg - Smoke-Free Policy Committee  
- Plans to survey students to see if the majority want a tobacco free or smoke-free policy, options of enforcement, types of products students use, and see if they are interested in a smoking succession program.  

Point of Personal Privilege – Senators Beadle and Tarlton present  

Senator Voss – Student Tech Fee Committee  
- 4 different proposals seen at most recent meeting  
- Decisions committee made includes:  
  - $20000 for campus wide software agreement with Microsoft  
  - Footprint service, not seen as a necessity and was voted down  
  - Campus Life Lab View- voted to table proposal  
  - $140,000 wireless internet expansion for Coats and the Union - voted positive  

Question:  
Senator Latham asked: Did you know locket needs help with the wireless internet?  
Answer: Senator Voss answered yes  

Senator Voss also announced Tigerama  
- Tuesday, October 29th  
- Student tickets only $5  
- Support the band on their trip to Ireland  

Senator Voss also announced “Melloween”  
- Party put on at Mellow Mushroom  
- November 16th  
- Halloween party
• Purchase $10 t-shirt and wristband

*Point of Personal Privilege – Senators Duhon, Grashoff, and Watts present*

David Scotton
• Spoke on abortion and “Louisiana Right for Life”
• Used his story to show the impact of abortion and adoption
• Showed documentary promotional video about meeting his birth parents for the first time
• Asked for members to help support the film.
• Comments, suggestions or contacts? Contact David Scotton

Senator Beadle – Black Caucus
• Invites every one to the focus group discussion in Coats Hall Room 109 on Tuesday, October 29th at 7 PM

Liaison Rhodes – Bat Girls
• LSU Bat Girls are accepting applications
• Apply online

**Reading, Correction, and Adoption of Minutes**

Senator Latham entertained a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Senator Bevan.

**New Business**

**SGB No. 5** by Senator Herwig, a Bill to amend the Student Government Bylaws to enhance student organizations ability to request Senate funding. **SGB No. 5** was referred to Rules.

**SGFB No. 6** by Senator Taylor, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of one thousand three hundred and zero cents ($1,300.00) from the Student Government Surplus Account to fund the Percussion Society at Louisiana State University to attend the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in Indianapolis, Indiana from November 13th – 17th as representatives of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU). **SGFB No. 6** was referred to Budget and Appropriations.

**SGCR No. 49** by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Gabrielle Favret as a Student Government Graphic Designer. **SGCR No. 49** was referred to Rules.
SGR No. 12 by Senator Lancon, a Resolution to commend the Manship School of Mass Communications on one hundred years of academic strength, innovation, and excellent service to the university and the State of Louisiana. SGR No. 12 was referred to Unfinished Business.

SGR No. 13 by Senators Voss and Grotte, a Resolution to urge and request that the Fall Holiday Occur and be completed by October 31st each year. SGR No. 13 was referred to Academic Affairs Committee.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Rees
- Went over PS 22 at last meeting
- Resolution sent to Academic Affairs that Fall Holiday not be moved around
- QEP input was greatly appreciated

Budget and Appropriations – Senator Herwig
- A bill to purchase GPS and mock computer systems for the LSUPD went through positive in the committee.
- Contacted by police, and the bill amount will be lowered

Campus Affairs and Sustainability – Senator Taylor
- Last SO point opportunity will be this Saturday, October 26th
- Time yielded to Director Copley, who announced the need for volunteers at the October 31st Bike Auction and what will be taking place at the event.

Questions:
Senator Leeks asked what time will the SO opportunity on Saturday will start?  
Answer: Senator Taylor answer that it will be 11am -3pm.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked what the money from Bike Auction funds?
Answer: Director Copley answered that it goes into improving the bike facilities.

- Senator Taylor announced that the Light Walk will be November 11th at 7 pm.
- Looking into Disability Services Initiatives and partnering to make things better for disabled students

Rules
- No meeting, no report

Student Auxiliary Services – Senator Baumgardner
- Initiatives being addressed are long term
- Working with Margo Carroll to make a student wide survey with questions about the services of the Union
- Resolutions will be passed to outline the services wanted
- Working on getting movies shown in the Student Union Theatre.

**Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach** – Senator DeBlieux
- SO Points – many more opportunities to come to finish off the semester
- Announced senator without points
- Forms that give senators opportunity to write down the events they worked for SO points are located at the front of the chamber
- Going to organizations that you are not involved in and talking about Student Government can get senators an SO point.

**Questions:**
Senator Voss asked is this weekend’s College Council event is an SO point opportunity?
*Answer: No*

Senator Latham asked if Senator DeBlieux could explain this process to the new senators?
*Answer: They do not need point by Sunday, but must have two by the end of the semester.

**Temporary Committees Established by Senate Resolution**

**Temporary Student Government Documents Revision Committee** – Speaker Grashoff
- 11 articles voted on at recent meeting
- If any senators disagree with something in the rough draft, contact Speaker Grashoff with a proposal

**Executive Officer Reports**

Christian Coleman with SSD
- College Council event on Sunday, October 27th, 1pm-3pm
- Wear a costume

Commissioner Wheeler with Elections
- Elections are Monday and Tuesday
- Results will be announced Wednesday at 4:30 pm
- Run offs will be November 4th and 5th

**Questions:**
Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked where the election results will be posted?
*Answer:*
Live Oak Lounge in the Union
Vice President Parks
- Trick-or-Treating will take place October 27th
- Sign ups for events close October 24th at midnight
- Next week, a new graphic designer will come through Rules

Chief of Staff Gipson
- The free Kaplan Test Day which will include free practice testing to any LSU student will be November 2nd

Questions:
Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked what test are offered?
Answer: LSAT, GMAT, DAT, GRE, and MCAT

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked if there a graphic for this event?
Answer: It should be coming out soon

Senator Herwig asked if Kaplan could ever run the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam?
Answer: Will be looking into it

Director Copley with Transportation
- Monday, October 21st – Registration for holiday shuttle opened
- Director of Parking asked to spread word that the metered parking in the parking garage is an area that students can park

President Woodard
- Council presidents have met with the Law School and student governments around the state
- Working with enrollment management
- Louisiana Tuition Task Force – any concerns or regards see President Woodard
- Friday is a Board of Supervisors meeting – will be discussing game ticket prices, but student prices will not be raised
- Commends Senator Taylor on working with Louisiana libraries, where there will be an option to book a study space in Middleton online

Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Muehleman is present

Unfinished Business

SGFB No. 5 by Senators Buvens and Do, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of two thousand dollars and zero cents ($2,000.00) from the Student Government Initiatives Account to the Louisiana State University Police Department (LSUPD) to fund a decoy Laptop and GPS tracker to decrease theft on campus.
Author’s opening comments from Senator Buvens who also announced that the police department said they no longer need the mock laptops, or the funds for the laptops.

Time yielded to Chief of Staff Gipson who stated that the “Bike Bait” idea was put up a few years ago which puts a GPS on bait bikes to find who is stealing bikes on campus.

Questions:
Speaker pro tempore Schwartztenburg asked if the representatives are saying that Bike Bait GPS will deter laptop theft?
Answer: Senator Buvens answered that reducing one type of theft could reduce the other.

Senator Herwig asked what is the amount now?
Answer: Senator Buvens answered that it is being reduced to $800.

Voss asked- how many arrest are made outside of the Bike Break
Do answer- reported that it is stated on Bill

Amendments by Senator Do and Buvens
- Decrease the amount to $800
- Preamble will now say to fund the Bike Bait - line 13
- Amendment to line 32
- Change ending in Paragraph 19 to reflect only Bike Bait program

Amendments were seen as friendly and adopted

Questions:
Speaker pro tempore Schwartztenburg asked if all points of the bill reflecting the laptop were taking out?
Answer: Senator Buvens answered no because it is still referenced in the end.

Debate from Senator Bevan who said bait tactics have been proven as not effective in the past.

Questions:
Senator Buvens asked, “Did you know that on LSU Campus this was affective?”

Senator Voss asked if by effective do the author’s mean amount of arrest or lessening of theft?
Answer: Chief of Staff Gipson answered lessening of theft.

Debate from Senator Herwig – positive and in favor of the bill.
**Debate** from Senator J. Boudreaux, who is in favor of bill and encourages everyone to vote in favor of the bill.

*Point of Personal Privilege* by Senator Bevan who stated he was using his debate as a spark for more debate.

Author’s closing comments – Senator Do yielded his time to Chief of Staff Gipson.

Chief of Staff Gipson stated that all points of debate made were great and that this is a necessary bill because security camera arrests are very hard.

Favorable passage urged by Senator Buvens

98% in Favor SGFB No. 5 Enrolled

**SGR No. 10** by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg and Senator Triche, a Resolution to approve amendments to LSU Policy Statement 22, Student Absence from class.

Author’s opening comments by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg who explained Policy Statement 22 and the background. Explained amendments made to previous PS 22.

Senator J. Boudreaux entertained a motion to extend the speaker’s time, seconded by Senator Zeringue.

*Question:*
Senator Zerinuge asked the speaker if he knew that if a student has a traumatic event and provides documentation to dean, it can be reviewed and discussed.

**Debate** by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg:
Amendment to Paragraph 5

- Deemed hostile for debate purposes

*Questions:*
Senator J. Boudreaux asked what is the definition of “excuse?”
*Answer:* Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg answered that this is left very general in the statement and is up to the professor for many reasons.

Senator Frink asked the speaker if he worries that if an excuse is not clarified in the documentation, teachers will abuse their power?
*Answer:* Speaker pro tempore answered that this is possible and if senators have any other ways to prevent abuse of power, to contact him.

Author’s closing comments on amendment by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg

*Voice vote for amendment passed and amendment adopted*
Debate by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg:
Amendment to Paragraph 8
  • Deemed hostile

Debate by Senator J. Boudreaux
In favor of the amendment, but thinks it should be stated that an absence used to tour a school it should pertain to the student’s career/school path.

Question:
Senator Voss asked Senator J. Boudreaux if he knew that some tours take more than a day?
Answer: Senator J. Boudreaux stated that it could clarify absence by event, not day.

Debate by Senator Voss – positive

Closing comments by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, who said that these amendments are only feedback on how Senate feels about PS 22. Not every amendment will follow through.

Favorable passage urged

Voice vote passed and amendment adopted

Debate by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
Amendment to Paragraph 16
  • Seen as friendly and adopted

Amendment to paragraph 11 and 12 s

Debate by Senator J. Boudreaux, who is in favor of the amendment.

Closing comments by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg

Favorable passage urged

Voice vote passed and amendment adopted

Debate by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
Amendment on Paragraph 15 stating that professors cannot change the assignment if it is missed.
  • Deemed hostile

Debate by Senator J. Boudreaux – against amendment
Debate be Senator Latham – positive

Questions:
Senator Boudreaux asked if Senator Latham agrees that if you miss a test and the professor says he will double the score on the next test as make up, you will have more time to study for that test?
Answer: Senator Latham does not agree

Senator Hilton asked if Senator Latham thinks it is better for the professor should offer and alternative assignment instead of changing the grading of a particular test?
Answer: Senator Latham answered that she would rather a new assignment

Senator J. Boudreaux entertained a motion to extend the time, seconded by Senator Muehleman.

Question from Senator J. Boudreaux.

Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Taylor stating that each test is a marker for student’s progress and students should be given every opportunity for this marker (example make ups).

Debate by Senator Watts – positive

Debate by Senator Grashoff, who said if a student misses a test, they should be tested to see if they are actually learning, not just to receive a grade.

Favorable passage on amendment urged

Voice Vote passed, with abstentions present. Amendment adopted.

Debate by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
Amendment to Paragraph 14
- If a student is representing a student organization, they are excused from class.
- Seen as friendly and adopted

Debate by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
Amendment to Paragraph 15
- Add that students must use Trip Travel form
- Seen as friendly and adopted.

Author’s closing comments on SGR No. 49 by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg

Favorable passage urged
98% in Favor SGR No. 49 Enrolled

SGR No. 12 by Senator Lancon, a Resolution to commend the Manship School of Mass Communications on one hundred years of academic strength, innovation, and excellent service to the university and State of Louisiana.

Author’s opening comments gave background of the Manship School

Amendment on line 7
  • Seen as friendly and adopted

Debate by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, who commends Senator Lancon on his first piece of legislation.

Amendment to add Senator Loga to author’s list
  • Seen as friendly and adopted

Debate by Senator Zeringue – positive

Favorable passage urged

93% in Favor SGR No. 12 Enrolled

LO N. 13 by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint the standing committees of the Thirty-fourth LSU Student Senate.

Legislation was withdrawn.

Legislative Officer Reports

Undersecretary Johnson
  • Reminds everyone to put up binders neatly

David Holley
  • Announced that changes to constitutions are now on the website

Parliamentarian Frenckle
  • Announces that everyone should work on censoring the curse words on the stand

Question:
Senator Bevan asked what are the standards of a “bad word?”
Answer: Anything you would not say to a boy/girlfriend’s parents
Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
- Commends senators for all the debate
- Mini fridge is now open for anyone in Senate Office

Speaker Grashoff
- Commends Senator J. Boudreaux on his debate
- Only 3 weeks left to finish legislation
- No Senate meeting during the week of Fall Break
- Student Outreach Points- if you do not have an SO Point by Sunday morning you will be removed from Senate
- Absences have been very lenient, but if senators are missing a meeting for another meeting it cannot be excused.

Petitions, Memorials, and Other Communications

Senator DeBlieux reminds everyone that the SO points forms are in the front of the chamber

Chief Justice Scalco announces that the Golden Band from Tiger land will try to reenact traditional songs, but if lewd behavior takes place, it will never happen again.

Question:
Senator Rees asked if athletic administration is on board with this?
Answer: Will not say yes or no

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg encourages everyone to go to the Senate party Friday, October 25

Senator Stewart needs an email from people about where a transit stops would be beneficial on campus, or stops that are in need of lights, benches, etc.

Senator Muehleman led the vote on place to eat and socialize after meeting.
- Mellow Mushroom wins

Senator Muehleman announced that the Senate party theme is Halloween with a $5 cover. The 10th Senate meeting will also be Halloween themed.

Question: Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked when and where is the party?
Answer: All info on Facebook

Question: Senator Latham asked if there would be a costume contest?
Answer: Yes and judged by Kat Latham.
Question: Senator J. Karam asked if the speaker knew that Caliente proceeds for the night are going to St. Jude’s?

Adjournment

Senator Lancon entertained a motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator Zerkus. Objections present. With 79% in favor meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.