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 Meuhleman led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

There were 48 senators present.

Public Input

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg - Smoke Free Policy
  • Survey has been created and is being sent out to a sample of students
  • Ideas for enforcement- LSUPD, warning, community service, LSU staff, etc.

Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree
  • If there are any complaints please email
  • No meeting tomorrow

Senator Latham with Dining Advisory Committee
  • Meeting November 4 at 5 PM
  • Let Senator Latham know if you want to attend or if you want anything specific on the agenda

Questions:
Senator J. Boudreaux asked what would Senator Latham be adding to the agenda?
Answer: Senator Latham answered that there will be fewer questions about the Union and more about the dining halls.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked how successful the farmer’s market has been?
Answer: Not sure, but will ask

Minutes

Senator Knight moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Senator Baumgardner

New Business
SGB No. 6 by Speaker Grashoff, a Bill to amend the Student Government Election Code. SGB N. 6 was referred to Rules.

SGR No. 14 by Senators Johnson and Kiggans, a Resolution to urge and request Louisiana State University to reevaluate the allocation of the student athletic fee to better fund disability services. SGR No. 14 was referred to Student Auxiliary Services Committee.

SGR No. 15 by Speaker Grashoff, a Resolution to urge and request the Graduate School to amend the Graduate School Organization Relief Fund bylaws to more adequately fund Graduate Students. SGR No. 15 was referred to Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach Committee.

SGR No. 16 by Senator Lancon, to urge and request LSU Dining to make improvements to their Outtakes and Take Five Locations based upon student input. SGR No. 16 was referred to Student Auxiliary Services Committee.

SGR No. 17 by Senators Latham and Baumgardner, to urge and request Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) to establish a dry cleaning service in the LSU Student Union. SGR No. 17 was referred to Student Auxiliary Services.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Rees
- Met on Monday
- SRG No.13 was heard and will be coming onto the floor tonight

Budget and Appropriations – Senator Herwig
- Met on Tuesday
- Heard SGFB No. 6 and No. 7
  - No. 6 passed favorably and No. 7 passed unfavorably
- There was an overlooked issue with both bills due to the fact that the organization received funding from ORF.

Questions:
Senator Rees asked if Senator Herwig would be so you are writing a bill to amend the bylaws of ORF.
*Answer:* Senator Herwig answered that he cannot be specific about the amendments he is making in the committee.

Campus Affairs and Sustainability – Senator Taylor
- Bike Auction will be on October 31st
  - In need of volunteers
Question:
Senator Ellie Smith asked could senators just show up to get points without signing up first?
Answer: Yes

Rules – Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
- Next 2 weeks – rules will meet on Tuesday instead of Mondays in preparation to hear election codes.

Student Auxiliary Services – Senator Baumgardner
- Legislation coming through next week
- Meeting with Margo Carroll to go over a survey on Monday, November 3rd at 9 am and anyone is welcome

Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach – Senator DeBlieux
- Previous meeting went well and initiatives are being finalized
- Congratulates everyone for getting SO points

Black Caucus – Speaker Grashoff
- Previous meeting had a decent turn out
- Looks forward to what will be coming from this caucus

Temporary Student Government Documents Revision Committee – Speaker Grashoff
- Encourages everyone to review the progression

Question:
Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked if any senator would like to propose a change, should it be done now?
Answer: Yes

Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Duhon was present

Executive Officer Reports

Chelsea Gonzales – Director of Programming
- Reports that this year was the first time the Battle of the Bands was combined with the Homecoming Pep Rally and proved to be a success

Vice President Parks
- Trick-or-Clean was a success with 30 bags of garbage picked up
- Extra shirts from the event are in the Exec Office
- Received quotes for the Middleton Library online reserve site
Middleton asked that we pay 20% and this seems feasible.

Questions:
Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked if Old War Skule Week would still be taking place?
Answer: Vice President Parks answer yes and it will be the week of the A&M football game. The week may include a push up competition, Persian Rifle demonstration, and Camo Day.

Senator Williams asked which college won with the most students present at the clean up?
Answer: College of Science

Senator Latham asked if Senate should have a push up team?
Answer: Yes

Vice President Parks reminds everyone to sign up for Dance Marathon.

Director Day and Liaison Rhodes
• Stated that Finance Bills that have been coming up about the trips may be using the contingency accounts wrongly and senators should remember the goal of Student Government.

Commissioner Wheeler
• General election ended
• Congratulated those senators reelected
• Results will be sent over SGV1

Questions:
Senator J. Boudreaux asked for the amount of people who voted for the bill on the election ballot?
Answer: 1179 people

Ashley Pichon
• If there was an issue with your name tag, next week a new order will be made

Director Coleman
• Kaplan testing day is Nov 2nd 9am-2pm.
  o Need 7 people for each time slot
• Old War Skule Week- in process of getting ribbons ordered to spread word about event

Director Copley – Transportation and Parking
• Reminder about bike auction

Questions:
Senator Baumgardner asked how many bikes are up for the auction?
Answer: 700 bikes

Unfinished Business

SGCR No. 49 by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Gabrielle Favret as Graphic Designer for Student Government.

Opening comments by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, who spoke highly of her skills and speediness.

Time yielded to Gabrielle Favret, who spoke of her qualifications and past experience.

Favorable passage urged

100% in Favor SGCR No. 49 Enrolled

SGFB No. 7 by Senator J. Boudreaux a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of five-thousand dollars and zero cents ($5,000.00) from the Senate Contingency Account to the LSU Chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) to attend the American Speech-Learning-Hearing Association (ASHA) 2013 Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

Senator J. Boudreaux moved to send the bill back to committee, seconded by Senator Bevan.

Senator J. Boudreaux moved to extend the rules and address the floor about SGFB No. 7. He continued to explain why the bill is being sent back to the committee due to technical issues that were missed.

Questions:
Senator Frink asked if the bill is time sensitive?
Answer: Not very

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked if the bill would be reheard completely with Budget and Appropriations including amendments.
Answer: Yes

SGFB No. 6 by Senator Taylor, a Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of one thousand three hundred dollars and zero cents ($1,300.00) from the Senate Contingency 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 to 17th as representatives of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Senator Loga moved to send SGFB No. 6 back to committee, seconded by Senator Baumgardner.

Senator Bevan stepped in as chair

**SGR No. 13** by Senators Voss and Grotte, a Resolution to support Faculty Senate Resolution 13-13 which mandates that the Fall Holiday will take place before October 31 each Fall semester.

Senator J. Boudreaux moved to suspend the rules and immediately go into debate, seconded by Senator Latham.

**Debate** by Senator Voss
Amendment to take out paragraph 3
-Seen as friendly and adopted

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzzenburg moved to return to opening comments, seconded by Senator Loga.

Opening comments by Voss, who explained the bill and commended Senator Grotte on his first legislation.

*Questions:*
Senator Loga asked if Senator Voss thinks it is appropriate for the Faculty Senate to mandate this bill?
*Answer:* This can be looked at when the bill is amended.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzzenburg asked why was the academic calendar moved the schools starting date this year?
*Answer:* Senator Voss did not have a reason for this.

Senator Loga asked who determines when holidays take place
*Answer:* The registration office.

**Debate** by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg - in favor and sees it as reasonable because breaks should be more spread out through the semester.

**Debate** by Senator Loga - against the bill

*Questions:*
Senator Voss asked if Senator Loga knew that the academic calendar is made well in advance of sporting schedules? And did he also know that fall break was determined last year?

*Answer: No*

Senator Rees asked if Senator Loga feels that most students are burnt out by the end of October and that the purpose of Fall Break is to have a break between the start of classes and Thanksgiving Holiday.

*Answer: Senator Loga answered that a holiday is a holiday, and although it may be more convenient for students, but telling people that it cannot be in November is inappropriate.*

Senator Frink asked Senator Loga if, despite the wording, do senators have the power to change when Fall Break occurs?

*Answer: Senators have the power to urge and request.*

Senator Herwig asked how long Fall Break has been around?

*Answer: Senator Voss answered it started in 2001.*

**Point of Information from Senator J. Boudreaux – Fall Break started within the past decade due to a rise in suicide rates among students.**

**Debate by Senator Latham**
- Amendment to lines 13-14

Deemed as hostile by Senator Voss because she stated the wrong lines

**Senator Latham withdrew amendment**

**Debate by Senator Latham**
- Amendment to 10-11
- Seen as friendly and adopted

**Debate by Senator J. Boudreaux**
Disappointed in the placement of Fall Break, but stated that when living in Louisiana storms can affect our fall breaks and we should not limit when they can take place. Due to storms, students may need the fall break to be this late.

**Questions:**
Senator Voss asked is Senator Loga's biggest issue is that the bill would urge Fall Break occurring before November?

*Answer: Yes because something could happen, like a storm, that would result in the break needed to get pushed back.*

Senator Johnson asked what Senator J. Boudreaux's biggest problem is?
Answer: Senator J. Boudreaux answered that the solidifying the date of Fall Break.

Senator Loga asked if the new preamble could be displayed. Displayed on screen.

Debate by Senator Rees
- Amendment- change the preamble to clarify the date of Fall Break
  - Seen as friendly and adopted

Debate by Senator DeBlieux, who yielded his time to Liaison Rhodes

Liaison Rhodes clarified that the reason Fall Break occurred like it did was only because the academic calendar was pushed back. This made mid term fall where the break would be, affecting all students.

Debate by Senator Loga
- Amendment to change word in lines 38-39
  - Seen as friendly and adopted

Senator Taylor moved to return to previous question, seconded by Senator Baumgardner.

Author’s closing comments by Senator Voss

Favorable passage urged

96% in Favor SGR No. 13 Enrolled

Legislative Officer Reports

SEC Exchange Election – Speaker Grashoff
- Need to vote on one senator to represent the Student Government Senate.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg moved to open the floor for nominations, seconded by Senator Baumgardner.

Senator Baumgardner nominated Senator DeBlieux

Senator Loga nominated Senator Grashoff, who denied the

Senator Voss nominated Senator Taylor

Senator Rees nominated Senator J. Boudreaux

Senator Stewart nominated Senator Zerkus
Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg nominated Senator Bevan.

Senator Williams moved to close nominations, seconded by Senator Bevan.

Senator Bevan states that he is in a good position to represent Senate because he is young but knowledgeable, abilities needed to fulfill the initiatives discussed at the exchange.

Senator J. Boudreaux believes he is qualified for the positions because he is very vocal. He looks forward to showing the other Student Governments what LSU Senate is accomplishing.

Senator DeBlieux stated that he wanted to attend this exchange last year. He is passionate and fired up, something he thinks is important to show at this event.

Senator Taylor believes that being a senior she can really bring forth her knowledge of LSU Senate to the conference.

Senator Zerkus states that this exchange seems like such a great opportunity and wants to learn from this opportunity.

Question:
Senator Loga asked a question to all candidates: Can you state classification and graduating year?
All senators stated their classification

Senator Voss asked all candidates what do they plan to bring to the conference? 
Answers:
- Senator Bevan said he would bring the revision of the governing documents that just went through.
- Senator J. Boudreaux answered that he would bring the election code and the revisions to it. Also, he would bring the medical amnesty bill and compare it to Alabama, where the idea was taken from.
- Senator DeBlieux answered that he would bring initiatives of the Temporary Governing Documents, and also his passion in driving Senate.
- Senator Taylor answered that she would bring LSU’s recycling projects and security and safety. She said she would also explain the new reconstruction of campus.
- Senator Zerkus answered that wants to bring ideas to increase the amount of students registering to vote and focus on helping students get involved off campus.
Question:
Senator Latham asked what sets each senator apart from the other candidates.

Answers:
- Senator Zerkus answered that he is one of the only nominees who has sat on two Student Government branches.
- Senator Taylor answered that she has the experience due to serving in Senate for four years.
- Senator DeBlieux answered that he has the experience of serving as committee chair.
- Senator J. Boudreaux answered that he thinks very logically and in black and white. He would add a different kind of opinion to different initiatives and a different manner of thinking.
- Senator Bevan answered that he had to go through elections the hard way, is young and hopefully sticking around for a while.

Question:
Senator Voss asked what the candidates have planned for the spring, and will you have the time to go through initiatives from the conference? Who would you vote for if not yourself?

Answers:
- Senator Bevan answered that he is taking 16 hours of classes and continuing as a vice chair gives him more time than a chair would have. If he could not vote for himself he would vote for Senator Taylor.
- Senator J. Boudreaux answered that all of his classes will finish early in the day next semester, giving him more time. If he could not vote for himself he would vote for Senator Taylor.
- Senator DeBlieux answered that he is taking five classes next semester and only one other commitment out of Senate. If he could not vote for himself, he would vote for Senator Taylor.
- Senator Taylor answered that her committee accomplished 75% of this year’s initiatives already and will not have class on Fridays. If she could not vote for herself she would vote for Senator DeBlieux because of his hard work.
Senator Zerkus answered that he is taking fifteen hours this semester and will have Thursdays off. If he could not vote for himself, he would vote for Senator Taylor due to her hard work and experience.

Senator Voss moved to close floor, seconded by Senator Baumgardner.

*Point of Personal Privilege – Senator Mahtook was present*

**Debate** by Senator Voss who said that the SEC Exchange is not the end of the world if you don’t go, and other senators will have more opportunities in coming years. He promotes Senator Taylor.

**Debate** by Senator Baumgardner – Promotes Senator Taylor due to her experience and compromise abilities.

**Debate** by Senator Muehelman – Promotes Senator Taylor because she is the most experienced of the candidates.

**Debate** by Senator Loga – Feels that sending a senior would be a loss of experience and should send someone younger who may be in Senate longer.

*Question:*
Senator Voss asked if Senator Loga had a specific endorsement?
*Answer:* Senator Loga promotes Senator Zerkus due to his hard work in two different branches and his initiatives are impressive.

**Debate** by Senator Rees – Promotes Senator Taylor because she has the knowledge of getting initiatives accomplished. Argues that even though the other candidates are younger there is nothing saying they will be on Senate the next year.

*Question:*
Senator Loga asked if Senator Rees does not think the legislature is capable of accomplishing the things Senator Taylor could do.
*Answer:* Senator Rees answered that Senate is capable.

**Debate** by Senator Miranne – Promotes Senator Taylor due to her experience.

**Debate** by Senator Latham – Believes that the candidate should be someone younger because the Speaker and Speaker pro tempore will be attending the exchange as the older and more experienced members. She continues with promoting Senator Bevan who has truly shown his potential.

**Debate** by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzzenburg – Promotes Senator Bevan, who is an amazing rising leader and is also young.
Debate by Senator Herwig – Stated that the ideas discussed at the exchange are bigger than most imagine and initiatives brought from it cannot be done in one semester. Supports Senator Bevan.

Debate by Senator Voss – after previous debates he now believes that the candidate should be someone younger. He promotes Senator J. Boudreaux and Zerkus.

Debate by Senator Johnson – Stated that he believes each senator nominated would do a wonderful job and says that senators should vote for who they see as most qualified.

Senator Voss moved to close to debate, seconded by Senator Lancon.

First vote results ended in a run off between Senator Bevan and Senator Taylor.

**Senator Bevan wins final vote with 57%**

Parliamentarian Frenkcle
- Please stand when you talk.
- Decided to implement the legislative member of the week. Email nominations.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
- When writing legislation S13RS should say F13RS
- Make sure to default printer in office to black and white
- Do not wait until week of to meet about finance bills
- No senate meeting next week

Speaker Grashoff
- Apologizes to Senate for any misunderstandings

**Petitions, Memorials, and other Communications**

Senator J. Boudreaux announces that senators owe Senator Taylor a thanks for the SO point opportunity.

Senator Frink reminds everyone to sign up for Dance Marathon.

Senator Latham announces that she brought everyone treat. If senators dressed up for the meeting in Halloween attire, email name and they will receive a goody bag.

Senator Bevan congratulates everyone on the most recent race and thanks leadership for allowing him to have the chair for a portion of the meeting.
Senator Loga reminds everyone about what Liaison Rhodes said about the contingency account and backs her up.

Speaker Grashoff reminds everyone to be respectful of people speaking.

**Adjournment**

Senators J. Boudreaux and Williams move to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Senator Stewart. Objections were present. With 80% in favor the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.