Fall 2013 Regular Session
August 28, 2013
1st Legislative Week

Call to Order

The meeting of the Student Senate was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Speaker Grashoff. A moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator DeBlieux.

Roll Call

There were 40 senators present.

Public Input

Speaker Pro Tempore Schwartzenburg moved to suspend the rules and immediately consider LO No. 1 to appoint Hailey Johnson as Undersecretary of the Senate. Senator Knight seconded this.

Speaker Grashoff urged for favorable vote.

No debate.

LO No. 1 97% Enrolled

Senator B. Williams

– Choosing to step down from his position as Senator for the College of Mass Communications.
– Serving on Student Government has helped him grow as a leader and the memories made will not be forgotten.
– Senator Bevan motioned to accept the resignation of Senator Williams; seconded by Senator Karam.

Speaker Grashoff

– Entertaining a motion for the resignation of Senator Ardoin, Senator Edmonson, and Senator Holcomb.
– Senator Voss motioned to accept the resignation of Senator Ardoin, Senator Edmonson, and Senator Holcomb, seconded by Senator Knight.

Point of Personal Privilege used by Senator Voss to announce presence.

Point of Personal Privilege used by Senator Rees to announce presence.

Point of Personal Privilege used by Senator Hilton to announce presence.

Point of Personal Privilege used by Senator Do to announce presence.
Point of personal Privilege used by Senator Bellamy to announce presence.

New Business

- **SGB No.1** by Senator Miranne, a Bill to amend the Programing, Support, and Initiatives Fund Bylaws. **SGB No. 1** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 1** by Senator Karam, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Bryce Bourgeois as a Senator for the College of Business. **SGCR No. 1** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 2** by Senator Smith, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Bridget Watts as a Senator for the Graduate School. **SGCR No. 2** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 3** by Senator Voss, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Abigail Becnal as a Senator for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. **SGCR No. 3** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 4** by Senator Voss, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Eric Harper as a Senator for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. **SGCR No. 4** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 5**, by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Jacob Boudreaux as a Senator for the College of Science. **SGCR No. 5** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 6**, by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve T Graham S. Howell as the State Capitol Advisor to the Executive Branch. **SGCR No. 6** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 7** by Senator Do, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Megan Gibbs as the SG Website Designer. **SGCR No. 7** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 8** by Senator Do, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Camille Beste as a Judicial Aide. **SGCR No. 8** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 9** by Senator Guillory, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Dylan Fontenot as a Judicial Aide. **SGCR No. 9** referred to rules.
- **SGCR No. 10** by Senator Guillory, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Kurt Ristroph as Public Defender in the Judicial Branch. **SGCR No. 10** referred to rules.
- **SGRC No. 11** by Senator Deblieux, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Brianna Crabtree to the Recommended Fee Committee. **SGRC No. 11** referred to rules.
- **SGR No. 1** by Senator Zerkus, a Resolution to thank Raising Cane’s for their support and contributions to finals week study in Middleton Library. **SGR No. 1** referred to unfinished business.

Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs** – Senator Rees
  - Meetings on Mondays at 5:30 PM
  - Some areas of jurisdiction include academic education affairs and programs and testing and financial aid.

- **Budget and Appropriations** – Senator Herwig
Chairman of committee is Senator Campbell
Focus on educating committee of financial processes. Communication is the key.
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Question:
- Senator Smith: How do you join a committee?
- Speaker Grashoff answered: LO No. 2 will be assigning committees. Senators will choose between committees and will be assigned by Speaker Grashoff and Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg over the upcoming weekend.

- Campus Affairs and Sustainability – Senator Taylor
  - Impacts campus with student parking, transportation, roadways, beautifying campus, sidewalks.
- Rules – Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
  - Comprised of all committee chairs
  - Appointment legislation, any Student Government document changes.

- Student Auxiliaries and Sustainability – Senator Latham
  - Chairman – Senator Baumgardner
  - “Sassy”
  - Legislation includes athletics, student ticketing, dining, and any other auxiliary services.
  - Meetings on Tuesdays at 8:30 PM

- Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach – Senator DeBlieux
  - Meetings are at 5:00 PM on Tuesdays

Student Committees Established by the Bylaws
- Summer Planning – Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg
  - Made a plan for Student Government’s upcoming year
  - Working hard to improve Student Government image
  - Discussed over 80 initiatives for Student Government to participate in the upcoming year; list will be divided between committees

Temporary Committees Established by Senate Resolution
- Temporary Committee Student Government Document Revision Committee – Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree
  - Overall goal of the committee is to simplify things, including the election process.

Question: Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg asked to explain the Senate’s roll when revising government documents?
Answer: Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree explained that committee members read through documents to see what amendments need to be made. The revisions are then sent to Rules, and Rules will send to Senate to make final and amendments and vote.
Executive Officer Reports

**President Woodard**
- Reported that this summer was one of the most successful
- Special thanks was given to Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg and Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree
- Much time during the summer was spent mending relationships
- Executive Officers are traveling to Washington, D.C.
  - Meeting with the Louisiana Legislative
  - Share ideas with other student governments
- Board of Supervisors
  - Pay raises for faculty by 4%
  - Everyone encouraged to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 6th at 1:30 PM

**Vice President Parks**
- First cabinet meeting of college presidents will be September 5th at 4:30 PM. Senators are not required to go.
- Semester plans due to Senate by 3rd academic week
  - Semester plans are formatted differently
    - Must have five events per semester
  - Bylaws must be revised by 3rd week of classes
  - Asking all presidents to create college council agenda including senate update

**Chief of Staff Gibson**
- Ticket appeals- Student Government helped 500 students reapply for students tickets due to an IT issue sending emails that included the ticket windows to spam
- LSU Athletics has decided to stop Tiger Stadium clean ups
- Broadcast email for vacancies will be sent out
- LSU UREC – working to create a bill to work with the UREC
  - Plans are to go from being the last ranked UREC in Louisiana to top ranked in SEC Conference

**Question:** Senator Herwig asked why did clean up stop at the stadium?  
**Answer:** We’re not sure yet. It is being looked into.

**Director of Academics Thompson**
- Working on developing an honor code for LSU
- Personally spent summer on IT committee selecting new IT director, selecting from three possible applications

**Judicial Reports**

**Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree**
- Vacancies available
- Meetings will be Thursdays
Senator Taylor moved to suspend the rules and immediately consider **SGCR No. 2 through 5**, seconded by Senator Zeringue.

**SGCR No. 2** by Senator Smith, a Concurrent resolution to approve Bridget Watts as a Senator for the Graduate School.

Senator Smith yielded time to Bridget Watts.

Bridget Watts listed her accomplishments and expressed her gratitude of being selected as a Senator.

Favorable Passage was urged.

**100% in Favor SGCR No. 2 Enrolled**

**SGCR No. 3** by Senator Voss, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Abigail Becnal as a Senator for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Senator Voss yielded time to Abigail Becnal.

Abigail Becnal is a sophomore and very excited to begin her journey as a Senator.

Favorable passage urged.

**90% in Favor SGCR No. 3 Enrolled**

**SGCR No. 4** by Senator Voss, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Eric Harper as a Senator for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Senator Voss spoke highly of Eric Harper, and welcomes him back.

Senator Voss yielded time to Eric Harper, who looks forward to becoming involved with Senate again.

Favorable passage urged.

**89% in Favor SGCR No. 4 Enrolled**

**SGCR No. 5** by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Jacob Boudreaux as a Senator for the College of Science.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg commended Jacob Boudreaux on his bravery to step up and his work hard.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg yielded time to Jacob Boudreaux.
Jacob Boudreaux is excited to return to Senate.

Favorable Passage urged.

73% in Favor SGCR No. 5 Enrolled

Personal Privilege by Speaker Grashoff to explain the procedure of what was just moved.

Senator Bevan moved to suspend rules and proceed into induction of new senators, seconded by Senator Knight.

Newly approved Senators inducted and sworn in by Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree.

Preamble and code read by Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree.

Senator Latham moved to suspend the rules and move back into unfinished business, seconded by Senator Muehleman.

Unfinished Business

Senator Taylor moved to suspend the rules and immediately consider SGCR No. 6, 7, 9, and 11, seconded by Senator Buvens.

SGCR No. 6 by Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg, a Concurrent Resolution to approve T Graham S. Howell as the State Capitol Advisor to the Executive Branch.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg explains that this is a new position aimed to assist with legislature. Yields his time to T Graham S. Howell.

T Graham S. Howell believes he will be able to benefit the students of LSU a great deal from this position with his knowledge and experience in the State Legislature.

Favorable Passage urged.

79% in Favor SCGR No. 6 Enrolled

SCGR No. 7 by Senator Do, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Megan Gibbs as the Student Government Website Designer.

Senator Do yielded his time to Taylor Parks.

Senator Parks spoke on behalf of Megan Gibbs. Gibbs has an extensive knowledge of web design and was responsible for creating the LSU Ambassador website.

Favorable Passage urged.
97% in Favor SGCR No. 7 Enrolled

SGCR No. 9 by Senator Guillory, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Dylan Fontenot as a Judicial Aide.

Senator Guillory yielded time to Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree.

Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree spoke on behalf of Dylan Fontenot. Two Judicial Aide spots are open and Dylan Fontenot has the experience needed for the job.

Favorable Passage urged.

95% in Favor SGCR No. 9 Enrolled

SGCR No. 10 by Senator Guillory, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Kurt Ristroph as Public Defender in the Judicial Branch.

Senator Guillory yielded time to Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree.

Deputy Chief Justice Crabtree spoke on behalf of Kurt Ristroph. Ristroph is described as intelligent with an extensive knowledge of the documents.

Favorable Passage urged

97% in Favor SGCR No. 10 Enrolled

SGCR No. 11 by Senator DeBlieux, a Concurrent Resolution to approve Brianna Crabtree to the Recommended Fee Committee.

Senator DeBlieux yielded his time to Brianna Crabtree.

Brianna Crabtree has previously served on this committee.

Favorable Passage urged.

97% in Favor SGCR No. 11 Enrolled

SGR No. 1 by Senator Zerkus, a Resolution to thank Raising Cane’s for their support and contributions to finals week study refreshments for LSU students in Middleton Library.

Senator Zerkus stated that Raising Cane’s provided students with food, beverages, and free coupons during Finals Week last Spring. This led to an extremely successful Finals Week Event in the library. We are grateful to Raising Cane’s donation, and their constant support to the students of LSU.
Favorable Passage urged.

97% in Favor SGR No. 1 Enrolled

**LO No. 2** by Speaker Grashoff, a Legislative Order to appoint the leadership of the standing committees.

Speaker Grashoff asked all Senate members to choose a committees and times that work for their schedule.

Speaker pro tempore Schwartzenburg described the duties of Academic Affairs Committee, which will meet Monday at 5:30 PM.

Speaker Grashoff described Budget and Appropriations Committee, which will meet Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

Senator Taylor described Campus Affairs and Sustainability Committee, which will meet Monday at 7:30 PM. Committee will be focusing on campus beautification, parking pass issues, new bus routes, and recycling initiatives.

Senator Latham described Student Auxiliary Services Committee, which will meet Tuesday at 8:30 PM. The committee is responsible for the vegan dining options and Chick-fil-A’s later hours.

Senator Deblieux described Student Life, Diversity, and Community Outreach Committee, which will meet on Tuesday at 5:30 PM. The committee works one on one with students about the problems of the university. Also working on an international student newsletter.

Speaker Grashoff stated that committee assignments would be emailed.

Favorable Passage urged.

97% in Favor LO No. 2 Enrolled

**Legislative Officer Report**

*Sargent at Arms* – Ryan Adler
- Sophomore Finance Major
- Role includes keeping disturbances at a minimum

*Undersecretary* – Hailey Johnson
- Role includes helping Secretary

*Secretary* – Regina Schneider
• Role includes working with undersecretary, preparing legislation packets, and running clickers
• Apologized for the issues with clickers during the meeting

Communications Director – David Holly
• Plans to build relationships with in Student Government to know expected path of the year
• Strategic plan of how this will be accomplished will be addressed at the retreat
• Plans to work on fixing the bad reputation of Student Government
• Looking into producing an intranet for Student Government
• Media outreach – addressed the strained relationship with The Reveille and plans on working together to mend the relationship
  ▪ The past summer showed an example of how the media outreach could be positive as The Reveille commended Student Government for their work on Student Football Ticket Appeals.

Speaker pro tempore – Trey Schwartzenburg
• Legislation templates will be sent out August 29th
  ▪ Explanation of how to work legislation will be given at retreat
• Use the veteran senators to your advantage, ask for help

Speaker – Alex Grashoff
• Commends everyone for being quiet and patient
  o Bigger legislation will need cooperation to work
• Asked senators to pay attention and respect those speaking
• Office across hall is open to everyone, including computers
• Retreat September 8th 11 AM – 4PM
  o Theme is effectiveness and efficiently
  o Creating a sense of bonding and relationships will be done after meetings and not at the retreat
  o Mandatory for all Senators
• Plan to go to Plucker’s after Senate meets. This is a tradition to go eat somewhere after every meeting.
• Announced Unofficial Committees include Programing, Development, and Etiquette.
  o Will not pass legislation
  o During PMC final chairs will be finalized
• Retreat will be structured differently

Advisor Report

Michael Smith
• 50% of time given to help and advise Student Government
• Office located in 340 of the Student Union
• Reports—Will share information learned from other departments on campus, including ways further student leadership

**Petitions, Memorials, and other Communications**

Senator Buvens, a DJ for KLSU, plans to air Student Government updates. Invites anyone to speak on behalf of Student Government.

Senator Latham asked senators to assist students who appear lost. Announces soccer game on August 30 at 6:30 PM, which will include free root beer floats.

Senator Muehleman, Chair of Programming Committee, is open for new ideas for the new committee. Plucker’s is up for debate. Announced that Senator Smith would like to see a chubbies event.

Senator Hilton, Chair of Etiquette Committee, announces that it is important for all members to be on the same page and to be clear of their jobs. We are all representatives of the Student Body and need to be mindful of our personal image and how it relates to the image of SG as a whole. Will touch on this subject at retreat.

Vice President Parks announced that there are only 82 people signed up for bus trip with 230 spots available. To keep the transportation and not lose money, more people are needed. Asked senators to help promote Bus Trip. Ticket selling stops September 4th.

**Question:** Speaker pro tempore asked what is Bus Trip?

**Answer:** Vice President Parks answered that it is a Student Government sponsored bus trip to an away football game. This trip is $90, which includes trip to the Mississippi State game, game ticket, t-shirt and meals.

Speaker Grashoff discussed the rules of absences. Three absences a year is allowed. If a situation comes up, email Senator Grashoff to discuss options. SO points will be kept track of and you must have 3 points (30 minutes each) per year. Gave a huge thanks to everyone who helped with retreat.

**Adjournment**

Senator Voss motioned to adjourn, seconded by Senator Bevan. There was an objection.

83% in Favor Adjourned at 8:00 PM