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STUDENT GOVERNMENT
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

FALL 2017 REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 25, 2017
NINTH LEGISLATIVE WEEK

CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PUBLIC INPUT

- CAMILLE FAIRCLOTH:
  - Next week is we’re committed week
  - 2 Days of table sits from 11 – 2
  - Halloween themed
  - Please be supportive on social media
  - Ring ceremony – Link to sign up
  - LSU Foundation for donor day – Don’t have to sign up, just go by and say thank you
  - Updating the SG website – Make sure name and senator is spelled correctly

- HEATHER SULLIVAN:
  - David Conroy has stepped down – Send Jimmy exec stuff
  - Medical amnesty policy – reviewing the conduct and possibly getting it done by may

- MR. HESTER:
  - Running for Judge in Baton Rouge
  - Talked about personal life and his professional experience
  - Getting on the team and helping out
  - Voting locations through the Govote app

- RENEW LSU:
  - Talking about / starting conversation about the way the buildings and facilities are named after certain people
  - They want to change and get the support from the LSU student senate

NEW BUSINESS

SGFB No. 3 by Senators AU. Grashoff, et al.
A Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of one thousand three hundred eighty dollars and zero cents ($1,380.00) from the Student Government contingency account to fund the contraflow post-game bus service

- COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS AND APPROPRIATIONS

SGFB No. 4 by Senator Hurley
A Finance Bill to allocate eighty-five dollars and zero cents ($85.00) from the Legislative Initiatives account to fund one (1) microwave for Middleton Library

- COMMITTEE OF BUDGETS AND APPROPRIATIONS

SGFB No. 5 by Senator Price
A Finance Bill to allocate one thousand two hundred dollars and zero cents ($1,200.00) from the Legislative Contingency account to fund a graduate student’s travel to the TRB Annual Meeting

- COMMITTEE OF BUDGETS AND APPROPRIATIONS
SGR No. 15 by Senator Bell
A Resolution to Support Diversity in the naming of University facilities and academic units as to reflect the student body and the state

- Committee of SLDCO and CAS

SGR No. 16 by Senator Bianca
A Resolution to Urge and Request the Office of Disability Services to allow other students with disabilities who are capable of being note takers serve in that capacity

- Committee on Academic Affairs

SGR No. 17 by Senators Bianca & An. Grashoff
A Resolution to Urge and Request the Resident’s Hall Association to provide coaxial cables for residents living in the Residence Halls

- Committee on CAS

SGR No. 18 by Senator LaCour
A Resolution to Urge and Request the Office of Auxiliary Services and the Tiger Card Office to implement changes regarding preferred names of LSU Identification Cards

- Committee on SAS

SGR No. 19 by Senator Accardo
To Urge and Request LSU Parking and Transportation Services to install a speed bump on Infirmary Road

- Committee on CAS

Committee Reports

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<td>Exciting piece of legislation for president’s honor roll and</td>
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<td>Updates on everyone</td>
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<td>Cross walks and side walks – will be writing some legislation</td>
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<td>Light walk will be next semester</td>
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<td>Will be doing stuff with a solar company</td>
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<td>If anyone has opinions about solar future – come talk to Jack</td>
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<th>Student Auxiliaries and Services</th>
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<td>SAS now meets at 6:30</td>
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<td>Working with exec on the billards room – students opinion will be wanted on this</td>
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<td>Need a lot of student opinion to make it a student space</td>
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<th>Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach</th>
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<td>Extend deadline to another week – everyone should be able to catch up on events</td>
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<td>Don’t forget to log your points</td>
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<td>Visit to McKinley High was successful</td>
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Any suggestions for schools?

Rules

Speaker Pro Tempore Hunt

- Didn’t do anything besides committee reports
- Is contra-flow is not considered an event so we can fund it

Executive Officer Reports
Judicial Officer Reports

Unfinished Business

SGFB No. 2 by Senator Bell
A Finance Bill to allocate $1,300 from the Student Government Initiatives Account toward student business cards and student business card holders provided by the Olinde Career Center

- Debate:
  o Sen. Chalpin:
    - We have to have full faith in the students that they will use it to its full extent
    - Debate as to why the business card holder costs more than the actual business card
    - Passed 12-0-1 in committee
  o Sen. Martin:
    - Good opportunity – having business cards is useful
    - Given this opportunity for students is a good investment
    - Not a whole/big risk if it doesn’t work out
  o Sen. Black:
    - Hesitant because the possibility of having leftover holders
    - This is a good initiative
    - Career center will make good use out of these

  • Passed with 95%

SGR No. 14 by Senators Fortenberry & Zhang
A Resolution to urge and request the Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee of the Faculty Senate to change the minimum credit hour requirement for President’s Honor Roll and the Dean’s List from 15 hours to 12 hours for the Fall and Spring semesters and from 15 hours to 9 hours for the Summer term

- Debate:
  o Sen. Borne:
    - Passed 10-0-0
    - Technical amendments
    - Everyone is for it
  o Sen. Joyner:
    - In favor of this bill
    - Think about the moms that want this done
  o Sen. Bell:
    - The correct thing to do – do this to help our students out
  o Sen. Lawrence:
    - A lot of students only have certain hours they can take during certain semesters
  o Sen. Philips:
    - Inclusive for those who don’t fit the norm of a full time student
    - It’s not representative of all of our students
    - In favor
  o Sen. Chalpin:
    - Part of the honor roll – the reason it was created to show outstanding, overachieving students
PART OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT IS THAT YOU WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO TAKE THOSE 15 HOURS
IT WILL BE UP TO FACULTY SENATE – PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE NEXT STEP
IF IT IS UP TO ME, IT WILL BE

Sen. Borne:
- BUSINESS MAJOR – 100% OF MY CLASSES ARE 3 HOURS
- NOT THE SAME FOR ENGINEERING AND ART AND DESIGN
- IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL – COLLEGE IS TOUGH, SOME PEOPLE AIN’T LIKE THAT
- NOT EVERYONE MAKES STRAIGHT AS EASILY

Sen. Oliver:
- IT’S IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO WORK AND TAKE LABS
- IF YOU’RE TAKING 12 HOURS, YOU SHOULD GET THE AWARD

Sen. Dupree:
- LSU FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS – DEEMS IT AS 12 HOURS
- THIS SHOULDN’T BE FOR OUR PERSONAL OPINIONS

Sen. Cheatwood:
- IT SEEMED LOGICAL AT FIRST
- IT’S NOT FAIR TO OBTAIN THIS WHEN PEOPLE ARE TAKING DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLASSES
- LOWERING THE STANDARD IS NOT THE SOLUTION
- DON’T THINK YOU SHOULD AWARD SOMEONE WHO IS DOING THE MINIMUM – YOU’RE CHOOSING WHAT YOU’RE DOING AT THIS POINT
- NOT FOR IT

Senator Riley
- DO Y’ALL KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER PEER INSTITUTIONS FOLLOWING A 12 HOUR POLICY?
  - Borne – we will be the 12th university to adopt this out of the 13th

Porche
- WOULD YOU BE OPPOSED TO MOVING IT FROM 12 TO 13 OR 14 HOURS?
  - Senator Cheatwood – it still is not 15 or the set hours; 12 is too inclusive for an award

Senator Mc Kinney
- WE ARE TALKING IN CIRCLES; HONOR ROLLS ARE FOR GRADES NOT HOURS; PERFORMANCE IN CLASS NOT HOW MANY CLASSES YOU TAKE; YOU ARE WORKING HARD TO GET ALL A’S OR A+; URGES FAVORABLE PASSAGE
- IT IS IMPORTANT FOR IT TO BE A FULL TIME
  - Senator Bret Landry – would you say its fair that you be on the same list as your engineering roommates
- I DO NOT WORK AS HARD AS THEM BUT I WILL BE ON THE HONOR ROLL AND THEY WONT
  - Senator Black – if a student makes the same grade requirements as other SEC schools to make the honor roll, shouldn’t we give them the same benefits?

Yes
- Senator Cheatwood – is this lowering the standard?

No, this is not lowering the standard
- Senator Cheatwood – do you think people in these special situations are a larger group?
- IF THEY SCHEDULED MORE THAN 12 HOURS, THEY WOULDN’T BE MAKING ALL A’S
- EVERYONE STUDENT AT LSU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THIS, AND IF WE DON’T DO THIS, WE AREN’T SERVING THE STUDENTS PROPERLY
  - Senator Dupree – do you think this bill in this current form will adequately allow the people to make the change make it appropriately
- I BELIEVE THIS BILL WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS WHEN IT LEAVES THIS FLOOR

Senator Ladnry
- I AM A GRADUATE STUDENT, SO I SHOULDN’T REALLY CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE
- I WAS ONCE AN UNDERGRAD, SO I DO CARE
Two fallacies: a schedule with fewer hours is automatically going to be easier (Grad student’s 9 full-time hours is equivalent to undergrad 15) it is all relative, and that since one person’s load is the same as another’s they are going to be the same difficulty.

We have people taking 12 or 15 hours, but the minimum standard is the grades not hours.

The standard in terms of hours for all other awards and recognitions is full-time, which is 12 hours to LSU

Quality not quantity

Urges favorable passage

- POC Borne – upload ASH committee proposal on one drive
- Senator Martin (ISA)
  - As a student with job, SG, other club, and taking 15 hours
  - Opposed to the legislation
  - Realized that she will need to drop a class and lose 15 hours (decreasing workload)
  - This will lower the standard; lower workload; it takes away from the honor
  - Summer should need its own legislation
  - Should have conditional applications
    - Senator Martin – are you aware there are full-time workers
  - Yes
    - Allmon – what was the vote in committee?
      - 10-0-1
    - Oliver – do you think it’s fair for us to say that one person’s course load is more or less than others based on individual classes?
  - I don’t think I could
    - Oliver – do you think your situation represents majority of students?
  - No, but I would rather honor roll
    - Philips – do you think since this is strictly based on grades that hours shouldn’t matter and credit should be given to grades
  - Someone could take 6 hours and that wouldn’t be fair
  - Having one semester makes a difference (not always 15)
    - McCamely – who’s it harming to change this?
  - By reducing the hours, more could apply it, and that lessens the honor
    - McCamely – I’m in class longer but I cannot make the list but you’re in class less time but more credit hours and make
  - I stated early that labs should be considered different.
    - Accardo – midterms and finals
  - I don’t learn the most from lectures
    - Accardo – for those who struggle with classes and need to drop but don’t because they can’t afford it, shouldn’t they be rewarded
  - I think that
    - Green – do you know how easy it is for admins to determine a GPA; do you know how easy it is for an admin to value a lab
  - I understand the point your making, and I stated earlier about labs; they scheduled their classes
    - Senator Black – lowering hours required to achieve lower the prestige? Is that a bad thing for more people to get it?
  - No, it would be a good thing to LSY
    - Stirling – do you believe that lowering hours lowers the standard?
  - Yes
    - Borne – are you aware that this initiative may have come from outside student government?
    - POC – Matt Lee brought this to us to get student support for the ASH proposal
• POI Black – 2 years ago this was brought up in Senate and passed through Senate. Honor roll was made when 15 hours was minimum full time hour, that is where 15 hour standard came from
• POC Mickler – this is for support of this initiative, the initiative will be heard despite this bill passing or failing

  o Senator Martin (Max)
    ▪ This is good debate; no clarifying mostly for or against
    ▪ If you have debate that has already been made, consider not coming up to debate

  o Senator Riley
    ▪ For similar reasons brought up before; not for it
    ▪ We are student government to speak for students; admins make decisions all the time for students that they don’t want
    ▪ Legislation won’t pass
      ▪ Martin (Ma) – your concern is that this won’t pass with 100%?
      ▪ There are potential amendments to make this better
      ▪ Why didn’t we hear the amendments tonight?
      ▪ The ideas didn’t come up until debate occurred
    ▪ Borne – is this a time sensitive piece of legislation
    ▪ It’s going to ASH with or without our support
      ▪ Borne – would you say that it wouldn’t help this going back to committee if the vote will happen before we hear it again?
      ▪ It would look worse with partial support than not having it in time ofr ASH
    ▪ Brett Landry – you had some suggestions on changes?
    ▪ Having a tier system, an appeals process, having separate honor for more than 15 or separate than 12
    ▪ POC Mickler – any changes for this legislation would change the nature of the legislation, making new legislation
    ▪ ASH can amend any changes
      ▪ Senator Baum –
      ▪ I don’t know enough details; there could be separate awards for each college; many people chose their majors and if Honor Roll is big deal
        ▪ McKinney – isn’t it LSU’s goal to develop diverse careers and jobs?
      ▪ Yes
        ▪ Wouldn’t you say making people change majors for a list diminish that?
      ▪ Yes, but no one has to change majors
        ▪ Oliver – do you not think it’s going to be offensive to students for LSU and SG to distinguish between hard and easy majors?
      ▪ Yes it would be offensive
        ▪ Black – do you think difficulty of classes is relative to students?
      ▪ Yes, that’s why I think there should be an appeals process
        ▪ Landry (Jo) – aren’t you afraid that appeals would be anon-starter df for Admin due to workload
      ▪ I haven’t talked to Admin so I don’t know
        ▪ Price – do you think putting this under colleges since it is a Dean award that it would be a good idea?
      ▪ Yes, I would interested in looking into that
        ▪ Cheatwood – would you opposed to making a 12-15 award and then a 15+ award as with 3.5-3.9 GPA award and 4.0 award?
      ▪ Yes, ideally that would be great
        ▪ Martin (Isa) – is it not the job of SG focusing on student accomplishments as opposed to faculty workload?
      ▪ Yes
    ▪ Moves to send this back to Committee
    ▪ 2nd by Lawrence
Landry Defies

Martin moves to debate on motion to send this back to committee

2nd by Landry

Martin (Max)

If you want to write these bills, do it or fail it. Write the amendments
I have not been convinced that there would be new information for committee
Make the vote; 50% +1 and we’ll see where we stand
  - El-Rachidi – do you agree that if someone wanted to make an amendment they could’ve
    - Yes
  - Olivier – do you think if someone cared about this could’ve gone to
    - Yes
  - Lawrence – if this bill is not 100% would it be harder to pass in Faculty Senate
  - I don’t know how Faculty Senate works, and that not how we operate as a body
    - Martin (Isa) – would you say that after all this discussion shows that this isn’t ready?
    - I think that this has had enough time and should be voted on
This is why we need to hear this in committee; people have had a fair opportunity to work on this
  - Riley – isn’t debate used to sway others opinions?
    - Yes, that is why we have amendment process

Chalpin

Voting against motion to bring back to committee. We need to vote on it
My opinion, it’s important for Student Sen but it’s up to Faculty Senate
  - No questions

Kauvosi

Don’t want it back in committee; everyone has made their points

Riley

Personal experience: academic policy in favor with 80%, went to Faculty, practically laughed at it
  - Accardo – what was the bill
Legislation about
  - Wouldn’t you say that was a student initiative and not a Admin?
  - True, but that shouldn’t effect our decisions
  - Olivier – this idea came from Vice Pro, do you think if this doesn’t get 100% it will laughed?
  - It would help a lot
  - Scott – nature of bills different?
    - Yes
  - If this passed with 100%, it would accurately
    - Did you know this bill is not going through Faculty Senate?
  - If this is not going to ASH, why would we need it?

Jo Landry

What point would it be referring it back to committee?
Different changes would: over complicate things, it would overload Faculty and make it a non-starter, or make the end result pointless
We had a choice, we did the work, voting against

Allmon calls question
2nd by Landry
Move into voice vote on referring SGR No.14 to AA
Motion fails
Landry calls question
2nd by Accardo
Motion passes
• Move into closing comments
• Closing comments:
  ▪ People work outside of class hours
  ▪ People are concerned of extracurricular involvement
  ▪ This should be passed because there people who have to work, internships during school, labs, research labs (3 hour credit but need more time)
  ▪ Urge favorable passage
• Vote up vote
• 72% in favor, it passes

LO No. 15 by Speaker Mickler
A legislative order to appoint the standing committees of the forty-sixth LSU Student Senate
• POC Cas and SLDCO will meet at 7 on Monday
• EL-Rachidid MVoe to pass consent
• 2nd by price
• Passes

Legislative Officer Reports

SGT Arm
- Make sure everyone is respectable
- Good job on laptops in public input

DevelP
- Nothing to report
- Can help with legislation
- Mentor or mentee need to communicate

PROG
DoC
- Nothing

Secretary
- On lighter note, another rec for senator of the week
  - Senator Isabel Martin!

SPT
- Not much, but padfolios have come in

Speaker
- Good job today; good debate, well vetted, stemmed from someone who was against legislation
- Extremely important in committee; we cannot go through this X8
- Vet legislation in committee
- Leaving room while discussing or debating; technically not allowed to leave in groups: better to go in gallery to whisper
- Stay in decorum; be respectable; stay with reason and facts not attack others or vendettas
- New senators: things get heated but we stay friends; Sine Dine
- Excuses: only excused if PS-22; thank you for telling me when you are late and only excused for PS-22
- Any initiatives that are almost done now is the time to submit and get working on them

Advisor Reports
Petitions, Memorials, and other Communications
Adjournment