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STUDENT GOVERNMENT
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

FALL 2017 REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 1ST, 2017
TENTH LEGISLATIVE WEEK

CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PUBLIC INPUT

NEW BUSINESS

SGB No. 6 by Senators Black, et al.

A BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS

• Question by Landry, Jo. – nature of amendments.
• Responded to change the funding requirements for the Ogden Honors College Council
• Referred to Rules

SGR No. 19 by Senators McKinney & Williams

A RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST THE OFFICE OF FACILITY SERVICES TO ADD FEMININE PRODUCT DISPOSAL BINS IN THE APPROPRIATE BATHROOM STALLS ON CAMPUS, SPECIFICALLY OLDER BUILDINGS

• No questions.
• Referred to CAS

SGR No. 20 by Senators Bell, et al.

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RENAMING OF RAPHAEL SEMMES RD. IN HONOR OF ERNEST NATHAN “DUTCH” MORIAL

• Question by Price – regarding who Dutch Morial is?
• Responded first African American to graduate from the Law School; but may be moot point, will be in touch with Facility Services if street names will be named after people
• Question by Ihedoro – regarding the specific name of the street?
• Responded that it would be shortened, but still uncertain if to be named after people
• Question by Stirling – regarding clarification of names
• Responded unsure if facility services will be naming streets after people
• Referred to CAS and SLDCO

SGR No. 21 by Senator Phillips

A RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DOTD) TO REPAIR THE BRIDGE ON SOUTH CAMPUS DR. LEADING TO WEST LAKE SHORE DR.

• No questions
• Referred to CAS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

• No legislation, discussed initiatives

SENATOR BORDEN STIRLING
ASH Committee passed the changes to allow 12 hours to make Dean’s and President’s lists. Also, amended summer requirement to only 6 hours.

If you have questions for Erica to ask faculty and staff, please text her.

Budget and Appropriations

Senator Riley

• Heard 3 finance bills, all passed favorably to the floor
• Legislation regarding contraflow busses, passed 8-1-4
• Funding microwaves 12-0-1
• Travel for graduate student 10-0-1
• Funding report will be uploaded to BA file in Onedrive, if interested

Campus Affairs and Sustainability

Senator Ellis Green

• Had joint CASLDCO meeting, one amendment made, which separated legislation from the current piece in Unfinished Business and that piece now in New Business
• Passed 20-0-0
• Talked about initiatives, have 4 bills coming through next week, look out for being a proxy if needed

Pt. of personal Privilege: Guo, ???, Phillips

Student Auxiliaries and Services

Senator Al Grashoff, El-Rachidi

• Heard SGR, passed unanimously, you’ll hear about it in Unfinished Business
• Administration has decided to implement to-go boxes for the Magnolia Room
• For initiative regarding Tapingo was denied — ones not on it are not able to
• C store hours, looking at changing those — adjusting so that hours may be taken off of the early morning and added onto the afternoon
• Looking at getting a new sandwich presser at on the Geaux
• Looking into Careers to Geaux because they removed Resume Builder

Student Life, Diversity and Community Outreach

Senator Perkins

• Joint committee meeting (CASLDCO) talked about by Green
• Working on doing a table sit in front of the Senate Office by the Career Center
• We will be having more high school visits, because it was so successful. Be on the lookout for those next semester
• The third SO point is due THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

Rules

Speaker Pro Tempore Hunt

• Had committee updates, and talked initiatives
• Excited to have legislation this week

Executive Officer Reports

• No reports

Judicial Officer Reports

• No reports

Unfinished Business

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
• **Opening Comments:** Two years ago, bill passed to insert two microwaves, but one has broken, so this will be to replace the broken one. Microwave broke because someone used foil in it, so to prevent destruction of another, we will have a sign.

• **No Questions**

• **Debate:**
  - CHALPIN: (Unbiased Committee Report) Some questions regarding model and vendor, also regarding cost, which were answered by having the specific vendor. (Biased) Doesn’t see a reason this shouldn’t pass, thinks it is beneficial, hopes debated doesn’t get too heated — *ba dum tss*
    - Question by JOYNER: Regarding brand of microwave
    - Senator ICHEDORO for point of clarification: Oster brand

• **Closing Comments:** Amazon reviews say they look good on counter, are top notch, and do a wonderful job. Urge favorable passage.

• **Move into Vote-Up Vote.**

• **With 100% in favor SGFB No. 4 Passes**

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**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**

• **Opening Comments:** This conference will be held in DC, thinks it would be great opportunity to yield to Sogand

• **PhD student in Junior year. Submitted 3 papers to TRB, and got accepted and invited to attend. Unfortunately, advisor left LSU this summer, so unable to supplement the trip for TRB. Will be the only female graduate student attending from LSU, will have opportunity to network and communicate with other students from other institutions, and to bring back knowledge to here.**

• **Question by Bell:** Did you know starting next semester you’ll be able to get business cards for these conferences?

• **Question by Striling: Why not PSIF or ORF?**
  - Point of Clarification by RILEY: Doesn’t qualify, because travel, and grad student; grad orf only funds up to $200 for out of state travel.

• **Question by Perkins:** Can you tell us about your research?
  - Related to proposing models of cars, years and crashes, relating to alerts to drivers from vehicles about safety.

• **Debate by CHALPIN:** Committee report – 12-0-1, looks good on LSU’s part to have representative at this; committee was pretty unanimous.

• **Debate by LANDRY, Jo.:** LSU is good research university, a lot of this is done by Doctoral students. This research sent out through academic journals. Attending a conference like this will get name out there to help ensure the work will show up in academic journals. Also, many journals are printed by groups that put on these conferences, so thinks it is of the utmost importance that she attend this conference. Strongly urges favorable passage.

• **Debate by ALLMON:** If anyone was worried about the funding, being from the DC area, this has been gauged very cheaply for being in DC, appreciate that the low costs were found. Urge favorable passage.

• **Debate by Dupleisis:** In favor of this, but wishing we were sending more than one student. It is a lot of money for an individual, but still in favor.

• **Debate by BAHM:** Knows this conference will do wonderful things, very important for her to be able to attend. Definitely in favor.

• **Closing Comments:** Previous speakers hit the nail on the head about the importance of this conference, thinks it would be very beneficial to pass this to allow her to attend. Urge favorable passage.

• **Move into Vote-Up Vote.**

• **With 98% in favor, SGFB No. 5 Passes**
OPENING COMMENTS: WE’VE IDENTIFIED PROBLEM THAT WE SEE STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY TO BEAT TRAFFIC, SO FUNDING THE BUSSES WILL HELP STUDENTS GET HOME AVOIDING TRAFFIC AND ALSO STAY THE ENTIRE GAME. WE’D LIKE TO FUND THE BUS FOR THE ARKANSAS GAME. EXEC BRANCH REACHED OUT, AS THEY HAVE FUNDED PREVIOUS GAMES. THE BUSSES WILL NOT CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR STUDENTS TO RIDE.

QUESTION BY GREEN: WILL THERE BE MORE IN FUTURE, AND IF SO, HOW WILL FUND THESE?
  o Answered by Cheatwood: hoping they’ll continue to be funded in future, but unsure of the means. This will be last game of busse, since A&M game occurs during a holiday. Hoping to see the program continue in the future

QUESTION BY ERNIE: HOW MANY BUSSES IS THIS FUNDING?
  o Yield to Rene: 3 buusses

QUESTION BY DUPLESSIS: DO YOU THINK EARLY TIME OF THE GAME WILL IMPACT INCREASED NEED OF THEM FOR STUDENTS?
  o Yield to Rene: absolutely

QUESTIONS BY MARTIN, M: THE COURT RULED WE CAN CHARGE ADMISSION FEE, BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO?
  o Petit: correct, we wont be charging additional fees

MARTIN: IS IT FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE TO CONTINUE TO FUND A PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE FOUND TO BE NOT PROFITABLE?
  o Petit: over long run, no, but for this game, we’d still like to see these happen, because students would like to have this program

QUESTION BY STIRLING: FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE?
  o Petit: hoping to see it picked up in future; Cheatwood: knows LSU perceptive to the idea of funding this in the future

STIRLING: ARE THEY REALLY OPEN TO FUNDING IT? WHEN?
  o Petit: we really need to improve advertising for the busse, because students who have used them provided positive feedback, so students are liking and using these.

QUESTION BY JOYNER: DO YOU THINK EARLY START TIME AND END TIME FOR ARKANSAS THAT THIS MIGHT BE NAIL IN COFFIN?
  o Petit: maybe so, we think more students will use them for the Arkansas game

QUESTION BY MCKINNEY: DO YOU HAVE STATISTICS FOR THE BUSSES USE AND GAME?
  o Landry, B: over 100 students registered, less than registered showed up, but some unregistered also rode.
  o Petit: would like all SG involved in helping improve advertising

QUESTION BY MARTIN: IF WE DON’T HAVE STATS, HOW DO WE KNOW STUDENTS REALLY DO WANT TO USE THIS?
  o Petit: when students use it, like it.
  o Landry, B: each time we have it, charging admission, less and less in debt, so we are improving. But without admission, not sure.

MARTIN: HOW MANY STUDENTS WOULD WE NEED TO USE THIS PROGRAM TO BREAK EVEN?
  o (divide total by 5, ~200+ students)

QUESTION BY BLACK: HOW MANY STUDENTS CAN EACH BUS HOLD?
  o Petit: each bus holds about 55-60 people

QUESTION BY PHILLIPS:
  QUESTION BY STIRLING: DO YOU THINK THAT FUNDING A BUS FOR ARKANSAS GAME MAY GIVE US SKewed DATA, BECAUSE THE GAME IS AT AN OBSCURE TIME, IT MAY NOT ACCURATELY REPRESENT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT MAY TYPICALLY USE THIS?
  o Cheatwood: I think that yes, weird time, but I believe this is our last shot – hoping that next year the buusses will be funded by LSU.
• **Question by Ellis:** Do you know who proposed the initiative initially?
  - Petit: exec proposed it last year
• **Question by Riley:** Do you have student survey feedback?
  - Petit: yes, enjoyed busses, think it would be great.
• **Question by Price:** Are busses to get students home or to bars? Because route looks skewed.
  - Petit: to help get students home safely
• **Question by Bahn:** Have you been in contact with athletics about this?
  - Petit: trying to get athletics on board, like idea
• **Question by Porche:** Have you thought about advertising to students comfortable riding the busses, on the bus handle things?
  - Petit: I think that’s a great idea
• **Question by Bell**
• **PPP:** senator warryn present
• **Question:** How this game would we advertise better?
  - Cheatwood: if we all got behind it, I think we could make it very successful, we really need to step it up
• **Question by Dupre:** Is this new re-invigorated kind of push? Or same kind of idea that we’ve been using for other games? Where we like to push it out, but has only been semi-successful.
  - Petit: method of outreach generally the same, but hoping to reach more students
  - Cheatwood: with senate funding and backing, then hoping that we will all be able to reach out to more students, thinks it’ll be a game changer in advertising.
• **Question by Warren:** As mass comm major, don’t you think you’d be able to come up with good way to advertise to students?
  - Cheatwood: yeah, broadcast emails will reach all students, something like that would be very efficient and easy. More so on university side of it, as opposed to what we can do.

**Senator Ellis moves to extend questioning by 10 min**
• **Question by Phillips (series):** in regards to people who haven’t ridden bus, have you surveyed students? Could you?
  - Petit: I think that’d be great to gauge interest
• **Phillips:** Saw a route by the Sterling, but didn’t see a stop there. Is that because close proximity?
  - Petit: think we could consider adding a stop for sure, probably was overlooked.
• **Question:** Aware of other SEC schools that do this program?
  - Answer: uncertain
• **Question by McKinney:** What is process for riding?
  - Petit: register, informed of time and location, arrive and check in, then board and go.

**Debate by Chalpin:** Vote 8-1-4. A lot discussed, those in favor said SG is seen as one, and if exec unable to fund, Senate should pick it up. Those against felt program was poorly managed.
• **Debate by Bell:** I am in favor. I think it was poorly managed, but is definitely improving. Faircloth approached me with idea last year, wrote first finance bill for them, I think it is catching on. Think this is an important step, funding these again. Program moving in positive direction.
• **Debate by Price:** I am against this, because last night in committee, told Rene could answer questions, but he wasn’t able to answer the questions. I think this is a bar bus, we should just call it that. Routes go right by tigerland and don’t stop at some of the apartment complexes. Take no questions.
• **Debate by Martin:** I think a senator has been very well spoken in advising about using caution in funding pilot programs. This program is now 2 years old, doesn’t really seem like a pilot any more. was in favor for it previously, think that it was a wonderful idea, but think after this time, students have expressed they don’t want this.
• **Debate by Duplessis:** Also voting against this. think Arkansas game is a set up to fail. Think only way it wouldn’t, is if we beat Bama this coming weekend (our odds of winning are 7%) and I’m an optimist. Think this will not do well, will not show numbers to prove to university that this is worth it.
• **Question by Dupre: are you true LSU fan?**
  - Dup: yes, haha.
• **Dupre: if this is brought back up, next Wednesday after the Bama game, would that allow enough time to fund the Arkansas game?**
  - Pettit: yes
• **Question by Stirling: if we don’t fund this, then what does future of this program look like?**
  - Yield to author. Cheatwood: Rene and Exec want this to continue. Future for it is unclear, because of funding, because it is pilot program that has been failing. I think that’s the fault of managing and advertising, think can improve
• **Debate by SPT Hunt: lots of conversation about some confusing stuff. I texted Zack. Last year he vetoed legislation to fund busses for a day game, because didn’t think there would be good turn out.**
  - **Question by Porche: so what happened?**
  - Hunt: busses were going to be funded, game got moved to day game, so Zack vetoed
• **Debate by Joyner: think if we do pilot test, and Senate will do funding, think it would be wise for Senate to wait until next year, at a typical game (6 at night). People will not be looking to go home at 2:30 in the afternoon, so next year I think would be a better time for this.**
• **Debate by McKinney: proposing an amendment – to change Arkansas game to Texas A&M game. Main reason: Arkansas game would be bad for this program because of game time, and also the Texas A&M game would give us more time.**
  - **Amendment deemed hostile: (Cheatwood) When Exec reached out to us, they specifically requested it be for Arkansas. If this legislation doesn’t pass, I think legislation should be written regarding the A&M game. But because I as well as Exec would like to consider this specific game, then could write new legislation.**
  - **Question by Allmon (for McKinney): do you think A&M also wouldn’t be a good game because approx. half of the students are off campus on holiday?**
    - McKinney: Well, we typically have a pretty good turn out.
  - **Question by El-Rachidi: does Pettit think this is hostile?**
    - Pettit: it is their legislation, they are against it and said it best.
• **Debate on amendment by Martin: game time determined 2 weeks before game. We typically do not have more than one day game in a year, but hey, maybe this year it could be. If only reason we’re doing this is for a night game, and we don’t know if the new game would be a night game or not, then think this change is unnecessary. Against amendment.**
• **Debate on amendment by Duplessis: in favor of amendment, because A&M is considered rivalry game, had lots of attendance last time we played A&M. Would like to see turn out of night game.**
• **Closing comments (McKinney) I think it is great program and we should fund it, but I believe that A&M would allow better opportunity for the program to succeed**
• **Closing comments (Cheatwood) I’m okay if it’s A&M, but same boat, Thanksgiving, different variation (one game is a day game, one game is holiday), I’d like for the current legislation to be voted on. Regarding other game can be considered at different point. (Landry, B) Don’t think A&M would be good for the numbers either.**
• **Enter Voice Vote on amendment**
• **Division called**
• **Enter standing vote**
• **With standing vote showing against amendment, the amendment fails**
• **Debate by Landry, Jo.: Live off campus, in area that is not covered by the present route. So understand what it’d be like to walk/drive through everything after Saturday game. Understand how important the program may be. But, bill seems to be double poison pill: seems Exec is off-loading this on us (whether they are or not, seems that way); secondly, this is an 11 AM game; as early as a kick-off gets for a nationally televised game – it starts before lunchtime. If goal is to get maximum number of students home safely, I don’t think
THIS LEGISLATION DOES THIS. IF WE PASS THIS LEGISLATION, WE'RE PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH THIS PROGRAM. I AM VOTING AGAINST THIS, I HOPE YOU DO, TOO.

- CLOSING COMMENTS: (CHEATWOOD) THE PURPOSE OF CONTRAFLOW BUSSES GIVES STUDENTS SAFE WAY TO GET HOME, REGARDLESS OF TIME. THINK PROGRAM IS GREAT, BUT DO THINK IT CAN BE IMPROVED. THAT IS PROBLEM TO TACKLE OUTSIDE OF THIS LEGISLATION. THIS WASN'T 'THROWN' ON US, EXEC IS NOT MAKING US DO THIS, WE'D LIKE TO – THINK ITS OUR DUTY TO, NOW, SINCE EXEC IS NO LONGER ABLE TO. I DO SEE THAT THIS GAME MAY NOT BE BEST GAME BC ANALYTICS, BUT IF 12 PPL GO TO GAME, I'D STILL LIKE TO PROVIDE A SAFE WAY FOR THOSE 12 PEOPLE TO MAKE IT HOME. EVEN IF ATTENDANCE AND RIDERSHIP IS LOW, WE STILL HAVE ATTENDANCE AND RIDERSHIP. (LANDRY, B) DITTO, A LOT OF WHAT HE SAID APPLIES. COMING FROM CAS I THINK THIS APPLIES, AS HELPING STUDENTS, OF ANY NUMBER, BE SAFER. YES, NOT MAKING MONEY ON THIS, BUT MONEY SHOWING THAT MORE AND MORE STUDENTS IN FAVOR OF THIS PROGRAM. HOPING THAT SG WON'T NEED TO FUND THIS, LSU MAY ROLL OVER HOURS BUSSES NEED, PUT THIS ON REGULAR SCHEDULE. (PETIT) THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO CONSIDER THIS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS REGARDING PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION, I HAVE WEEKLY MEETINGS AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR INPUT, HEAR YOUR IDEAS. THANKS AGAIN.

- ENTER VOTE-UP VOTE
- WITH 18% IN FAVOR, SGFB No. 3 FAILS

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

- OPENING COMMENTS: (BELL) AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT STEP FOR OUR UNIVERSITY TO MAKE. HAVING SG SUPPORT OF THIS WOULD REALLY SEND A POSITIVE MESSAGE. THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT MADE IN COMMITTEE, SO NOW IT SIMPLY READS TO SUPPORT CHANGES TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY. BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SPECIFIC NAME CHANGE OF RAPHAEL SEMMES TO DUTCH MORIAL. AT LSU, OUR STUDENT BODY IS DIVERSE, OPEN, WELCOMING. WANT ALL TIGERS TO FEEL SAFE, AND REPRESENTED. AS SEEN NATIONALLY, WHEN PPL SEE TO HAVE BAD HISTORY, WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO CORRECT IT – MANY FACILITIES NAMED AFTER PEOPLE WITH TROUBLED PAST, SO CHANGING THESE NAMES TO REFLECT SUCCESSFUL INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH LSU WHO BELIEVE IN EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND NOTHING REGARDING DEGRADATION OR DISCRIMINATION. I THINK RENEW LSU HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OPENING UP THE CONVERSATION, CHECK OUT WEBSITE, REALLY HOPE TO SEE THIS SUPPORTED.

(MARTIN) THANKS AGAIN, RENEW LSU FOR OPENING CONVERSATION, HAPPY TO BE WORKING WITH YOU, THINK PUSH FOR DIVERSITY IS IMPORTANT

(RYAN) DEFINITELY IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT DIVERSIFICATION OF CAMPUS AND NAMES

- QUESTION BY PHILLIPS: HOW WOULD WE HANDLE PUSH BACK THAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS MAY HAVE TO LOSING NAMES OF SOME INDIVIDUALS?
  - BELL: I THINK THE NAMING COMMITTEE WOULD HANDLE IT. A CIVIL DEBATE WOULD ALLOW DISCUSSION TO OCCUR, BUT NAMING COMMITTEE,

- QUESTION BY MARTIN, IS: IF THIS BILL FAILS, FOR SOME REASON, WILL OTHER LEGISLATION STILL GO THROUGH?
  - MARTIN, M: YES, OTHER LEGISLATION SEPARATE, NOT DEPENDENT ON THIS.

- QUESTION: THIS BILL JUST IN SUPPORT, NOT ACTUALLY CHANGING ANYTHING, CORRECT?
  - MARTIN, M: CORRECT

- DEBATE BY PERKINS (FOR CASLDCO) THIS LEGISLATION PASSED 20-0-0. ONLY ‘CON’ DEBATE WAS JUST REGARDING THE BILL PRIOR TO THE AMENDMENTS. THE REMOVED SECTIONS ARE RELATING TO THE LEGISLATION COMING THROUGH NEXT WEEK. ONCE THOSE WERE REMOVED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- DEBATE BY DUPLESSIS: IN SUPPORT OF THIS, STRONGLY. ALSO THINK THAT RENEW SHOULD LOOK NOT ONLY LOOK AT CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS, BUT ALSO ANYONE WITH NEGATIVE PAST, AS A BUILDING IS NAMED AFTER SOMEONE WHO LYNCHED SICILIANS
  - QUESTION: WHICH BUILDING?
    - PARKER
  - QUESTION: SO YOU ARE IN FAVOR?
    - THAT IS CORRECT
  - QUESTION: WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO REFLECT THAT?
    - I THINK LEGISLATION DOES FINE JOB OF EXPRESSING POSITIVE VIEW
• **Debate by Landry, B:** I am in favor of removing names of those who were specifically harsh, I appreciate the expanding of diversity in names. But I worry about where this may lead, how it may turn into a witch hunt, as almost every single person may have skeletons in their closet. An individual Dutch Morial was even expressed poorly in terms of his character
  o **Question by Phillips:** do you support diversification, and understand that actions are different than opinion of character, correct?
    ▪ Yes, I do think that some should be removed, and yes, I suppose not exactly comparable

• **Debate by Dupre:** I think it would be great for all of these to be reviewed, but do think that the history of the person should be related to the areas of campus impacted. Think someone with LSU military history should replace Semmes, instead of Morial, bc of parade ground
  o **Question by McKinney:** well Semmes also goes by African American Cultural Center, Law School, and Free Speech Alley
    ▪ Ah, yes. But no military history
  o **Question by Clarification by Price:** he was a signalling officer
  o **Question by Chewtwood:** is this a blank check of support, of sorts? Saying that Renew is going to be backed by Senate no matter what they want to redo the names?
    ▪ Yield to Bell: names ultimately decided by University and Committee
  o **Question by Chewtwood:** yes, but is the next piece of legislation essentially redundant? As it then opens the door for us to have the debate on legislation regarding renaming every few weeks?
    ▪ Yield to Bell: not redundant, this is supporting diversification, not specific name changes
  o **Question by Chalpin:** so, is this a blank check [of support from Senate]?
    ▪ Yield to Bell: don’t think so, since this really does just show that Senate is open to the diversifying of the naming of LSU facilities

• **Debate by McKinney:** review of statistics regarding lack of diversity of individuals that have things named after them.
  o **Question by Trepagnier:** aren’t some named after people who gave money, though?
  o Yes, but I think they have process in place, still.

• **Debate by Warren:** I work with campus diversity, saw campus climate survey. Survey revealed a lot of white, heterosexual males feel comfortable on campus, but that people of more varied identities do not feel as comfortable, and are not comfortable with staying. Think this is very important, as it will provide more resources and more diversity in naming and will provide opportunity to make more students feel represented and comfortable.

• **Debate by Major:** (sorry if out of order, but I’m glad to be back 😊 missed yall). Some people may have bad pasts, may have not done only good things, but we aren’t looking for those bad things and replace them. This legislation is supporting diversity. It is recognizing that naming system we previously had, has failed us, and we’re looking to replace it with something that will help fix it, as to not let it fail us again. As we are representatives of our student body, we should represent all those students, and celebrate the diversity. I don’t think its fair to call it blank check, as there is an autonomous group to name the things, we have our say, and I think our say should be supporting positive change.
  o **Question by Landry, B:** what about the guy who lynched people, how would we adjust criteria, stuff like that
  o **Major:** don’t think we should keep names after someone who has done such horrible things, but just would like to look at renaming to help support the diversity on campus.
  o **Question by Gauthier:** how many buildings is this for, is this for all?
    ▪ Major, yield to authors: our goal is to support the mission of Renew LSU, not for a specific number or set name of buildings.
  o **Question by Chewtwood:** so not naming, may this be too vague?
    ▪ Major, yield to Martin: we’d like to support the mission of diversity, and are not clarifying specific renamings at this time.
• **Question, regarding naming:** Major responds, yes, even minority leaders who had bad pasts would also not be considered for building names. The names wouldn’t just be for diversity, but still reflect good individuals.

• **Debate by Oliver:** addressing this being called a blank check: this claims that we’d like to support diversity, to reflect our student body and our state, which wouldn’t permit the renaming of something after just anyone, they’d still fit the character to promote the diversity.

• **Debate by Landry, Jo.:** heard blank check this and that, but this isn’t. This simply supports diversification, but not naming committee. Sure we could have discussions on names for who should/shouldn’t gain support for renaming. Yes, Semmes should be renamed, as charged with piracy, treason, had ship called Alabama, we might as well be selling houndstooth caps. But that discussion is for another day, this diversity discussed in the legislation is all that should be considered right now. Fully in support, urge favorable passage.

• **Question by Dupre:** would you be willing to yield to authors for a question?
  - Landry yields
  - Dupre: is it known if we would even be a source of consideration for naming, have we been asked to share opinion for naming, or suggesting names?
  - Martin, M and Bell: Renew LSU has done work and research regarding other suggested names, this now is our support to diversify, but specifics discussed later

• **Debate by Porche, for the legislation**

• **Closing comments:** (Bell) Renaming some of the buildings on campus, specifics to come later on, but the supporting of the renaming to promote diversity of our campus would do great things to help diverse students feel more comfortable. Yes, slippery slope discussed about when will discussions on specifics start/end, but that is not this – this is a first step to show that we would like to support the mission of Renew. (Martin, M) We cannot change our history, but we can change how we choose to celebrate it. What we name things, what we project is important in terms of how we display our sense of community and our support for diversity on campus. Let us not allow our defensiveness to get in the way of this first step toward making a real change on campus to help improve the lives, the comfort, and the feeling of being welcome to diverse and minority students on campus. Urge favorable passage.

• **With 91% in favor, SGR No. 15 passes.**

**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**

• **Opening comments:** Some students do not go by their legal name, whether students are LGBTQ+, simply go by different names, or have wanted to change their name, they’re not able to have this on their Tiger card.

• **Question by Green:** would this void the tiger cards as being a legal form of identification because some would be legal and others would be preferred?
  - It would have, I met someone earlier, I’m proposing amendment where the top line name will be preferred, but legal name will also appear on it with signature

• **Question by Chapin:** will there be vetting form? For name, or some way to try to prove if you go by the name or not?
  - I’m sure there would be some kind of vetting process, to prevent students from changing their name to something that they do not truly identify themselves as

• **Question by Green**

• **Question by Warren:** do you agree that legal names are given to people, and preferred names are able to be autonomously chosen? And, that preventing students from being able to be identified by their preferred name is offensive, traumatic, and harmful to students?
  - I definitely agree

• **Question by Black:** will this also change name on Moodle?
  - No, Moodle name must be changed through registrar

• **Question by Trepagnier:** how will you identify using tiger card on tests and such?
Tiger card will also display legal name, which aligns with that on Moodle, unless changed to match preferred name.

- **Debate:** Senator El-Rachidi with committee report: favorable in committee, thought this was good moving forward to support allowing students to select their preferred name.

- **Debate by Porche:** Urge favorable passage, in survey, 57% of those surveyed went by a preferred name that was not their legal name.
  - Question by Stirling: what were some of other questions on survey?
  - If had preferred name, what used as legal ID, if used TigerCard as legal ID, if attended LSU, etc.

- **Debate by Perkins:** In favor of this bill. When author first pursued this initiative, did receive pushback from administration, but with showing that students would benefit from this, then this is definitely a first step in the right direction. Urges administrators to listen and understand students. Pushback showed that this is necessary for university administrators to work together to form policy for this, and improve methods. I think this legislation will help a lot of students.

- **Debate by Ihedoro:** I have a name that is often butchered, I think having opportunity to have preferred name would be helpful to so many students.

- **Debate by Landry, Jo:** Brought up by someone who works with Office of Diversity, that if someone who may have gender identity different than that of their birth sex. If at some point they are referred to by the name given to them legally and not their preferred name, they may be subject to abuse. This would help many students with different gender identities. But also, this is helpful to students who come from different areas, or international students who would prefer to go by a different name. Also, when is the last time that anyone has called our Speaker, ‘James’? Some people may simply have preferred names that differ from their legal name.
  - Question by Warren: is it true that Louisiana (like many states) requires individuals to have some form of legal ID at age 18?
  - Point of clarification by Scott, L: yes, that is correct.

- **Debate by Perkins:** In meeting with faculty and staff, some have even been unable to be recognized by LSU as having changed their name. Those divorced, those married, those want to adjust their names to reflect how they now identify themselves.

- **Debate by Shrestha:** I agree with previous speaker. I recently got married, so even though I have a new last name, I still put my maiden name as my preferred last name. I think having that option is important.

- **Motion to pass by unanimous consent; seconded**

- **SGR No. 18 passes by unanimous consent**

**LO No. 16 by Speaker Mickler**

- **Passed by Unanimous Consent**

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