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S18RS 12th Legislative Week Minutes

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

SPRING 2017 REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 28, 2017
SIXTH LEGISLATIVE WEEK

CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT

- CLIFF, CEO OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Here today to ask a favor; 3 years ago LSU had been through serious budget cuts.
We took it upon ourselves (LSU community) to call the legislature and tell them about fiscal problem
Enough calls flooded and stopped cuts in the past
Looking at 1 Billion dollar shortfall for Louisiana; we can’t do anything about taxes or fundraising = Special session was called about a week ago; looking at taxes and such – stalled out
At the end of this meeting, you’ll get an email inviting you to be apart of Tiger Advocates; you’ll sign on as a volunteer, your representatives will pop up; if you don’t live in LA (out of state), they don’t know that.
We try and make it very simple; “This is what we suggest you say to your representative….”
1 Call = No Big Deal, 500 calls = something has to get done
Please: Join. Forward, encourage, and help fix problem
LSU’s enrollment is double what it was last year; no fix to fiscal problem = drop in enrollment

- DRETZKA, DIRECTOR OF VA
Veteran Affairs has opened; installed POW seats; Student Veterans placed top 5 in nation;
secured veteran law students jobs in DC; one veteran spot concerned = working on 5 more; Oak Grove Restoration – installing new statue there; working with National to find funding for ROTC to live together on campus;

- DIRK BENEDICT, POSTMASTERS
My understanding is that SG is supposed to enhance the lives of students at LSU
PostMasters club = communication and leadership skills
For anyone in this room, your constituents, etc; provides more than just a piece of paper from the university when they leave LSU
We are currently meeting every other Wednesday in Room 256F @ 4:30
Encourage yall to attend at least one of our meetings

- EMILY JONES, DIRECTOR OF SAS
Encouraged to come to meetings with Margot
Updates: to-go boxes in Magnolia room; Magnolia room moving to Faculty Club; Late Night Union changes – less shifts, less money, and bigger turnout = welcome feedback; basic initiatives = working with Athletics on guest pass policy for football games
HEATHER SULLIVAN, CHIEF OF STAFF
APOLOGIZE ABOUT GrooVin; volunteering for GrooVin = work 1 hour = VIP pass; Exec department should be coming more often and WILL be there next week; SG Banquet on April 19th
- Questions: Who's performing?
  • Do not know
- Banquet free?
  • Yes
- What is VIP pass?
  • VIP door, stand by stage
- Can anybody work GrooVin?

NEW BUSINESS

SGCR No. 14 By Senator Allmon
A Concurrent Resolution to appoint Mike Stinebaugh to fill the vacant Graduate School seat

SGR No. 4 By Senator L'Acour
To urge and request Experience LSU to review the current fundraising methods for LSU Ambassadors and investigate alternate methods of fundraising

SGR No. 5 By Senator Riley
A resolution to urge and request the Department of Economics under the E.J. Ourso College of Business to offer a course teaching different major schools of economic thought

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Senator Borne
- Did not meet
- Thank y'all

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS Senator Riley
- Two finance bills
- Both passed favorably
- No negative debates
- Thank y'all

CAMPUS AFFAIRS AND SUSTAINABILITY Senator Ellis
- Part of the farewell speech
- Thank y'all

STUDENT AUXILIARIES AND SERVICES Senator Grashoff
- Heard one piece of legislation
- Thank you for everything

STUDENT LIFE, DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH Senator Perkins
- No meeting
- Thank y'all
- Finish SO Points
RULES
- ONE BILL ON HONORS COLLEGE BYLAWS
- WILL TALK LATER

STUDENT FEE VALUE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
- HEARD LEGISLATION – CAMPUS LIFE
- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – WITH ME ABSTAINING
- A LOT OF CONVERSATION
- AWESOME EXPERIENCE TO BE ON THIS COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS
SULLIVAN
- AWARDS FOR PEOPLE WHO COULDN’T MAKE THE MEETING
- THANK YALL FOR AN AMAZING YEAR

MARTIN
- LAST TIME INVOLVED IN SG: THANK YALL FOR THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
- SENIOR STRIDE THIS FRIDAY AT MKE’S CAGE
- MEETING AT ATCHAFLAYA ROOM
- CAMPUS LIFE LEGISLATION:
  - QUOTE FROM JASON – CAMPUS LIFE SHOULD BETTER USE THE MONEY THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN THEM THROUGH STUDENT FEES (ONLY 20% HAS BEEN USED)
- PERSONAL MESSAGE: AS A STUDENT, I WOULD BE UPSET IF I HEARD THAT AN ORGANIZATION LIKE CAMPUS LIFE ONLY USED 20% OF THE MONEY THAT WAS COLLECTED THROUGH STUDENT FEES
  - ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS AND BE THE TOUGH SENATORS WE KNOW YOU ARE

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORTS
CHENEVERT
- WE WILL BE HEARING CASE 1804 – REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ELECTION FOR HONORS COLLEGE ELECTION
- DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE AND CHIEF JUSTICE ELECTIONS ARE MONDAY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SGFB No. 10 By Sen. Shrestha
A Finance Bill to allocate a maximum of four thousand dollars and zero cents ($4,000.00) from the Student Government Initiatives Account to fund exterior and interior building signs that demarcate Life Sciences Building (LSB) from Life Sciences Annex (LSA)

QUESTIONS:
Speaker: Amendments have been added to OneDrive
No Questions

DEBATE:
RILEY:
- HEARD MONDAY NIGHT
- INITIAL PRICE WAS 6000, NOW 4000
- NO NEGATIVE DEBATE
- WENT INTO EXTREME DETAIL IN OPENING COMMENTS, NOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS
Borne
- IN FAVOR
- IN THE WORKS ALL SEMESTER
- POINTED HER IN THE DIRECTION OF WHO TO TALK TO
- GOT REJECTED A COUPLE OF TIMES, BUT PERSEVERED
- SHE DID HER HOMEWORK
GREEN
- SUPER IN FAVOR
- GOOD QUANTITATIVE INFORMATION
- HERE'S SOME QUALITATIVE: CAN PREECH THROUGH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY BAD AND EASY TO GET LOST; THIS WILL BE SUPER HELPFUL

CLOSING
100% IN FAVOR, PASSED
SGFB No. 11 By Sen. Burrus
A Resolution to allocate a maximum of ten thousand dollars and zero cents ($10,000.00) from the legislative contingency account to fund the Clean Hands Initiative to purchase stands for hand sanitizer stations and assist facility services in replenishing stations for a period of up to five years

Opening
Wanted to get hand sanitizer stations across campus
We are purchasing stands
Stations are free
This is to fund academic building costs
Admin express support
They chose the more expensive because it longer lasting/less problem
They are footing the majority of the costs

Questions
Trepaigner
Are we paying for 5 years?
- We are assisting to pay for 5 years
No further questions

Debate
Riley
-Chair update
Mckinney
It all makes sense, it's worth every penny

Closing
100% in favor, passed

SGR No. 21 By Sen. Warren
A Resolution to urge and request the LSU Student Health Center to LSU Student Health Center (SHC) to change the name of the LSU Women's Clinic to the LSU Gynecology Clinic

Opening
- Group of non-binary students approached her

Questions
No questions

Debate
Grashoff
- Unbiased = couple of questions, no negative debate
- Biased = students should know what they are getting: Gynecology Clinic
Allmon
- Marketing is changing, this is needed
Perkins
- Easy way to get LSU with the times

Black
- Wonderful idea
- Major strides in making progressive movements

Closing
Oliver – Unanimous Consent
2nd – Green
No objection
PASSED

SGCR No. 14 By Sen. Green
A Concurrent Resolution to place a referendum before the Louisiana State University Student Body in the Fall 2018 election to urge and request the LSU Board of Supervisors to review and reallocate the Campus Life Support fee.

Opening
- Files and Research
- Opinions
- Purpose of Campus Life Fee – Can’t type fast enough
- Knee-jerk reaction was to cut it 5-8 dollars
- Decided not to, just reapportion it to better used areas
- Amendment in committee made it 40% to oversight and 60% to programming

Question
Trepaigner
- What does Campus Life look like to you after this? What will happen?
  - Increase in number of events and quality of events
  - Few years ago – used to bring in big name speakers to speak at LSU
  - Want to bring back large scale things

McKinney
- What particular salaries are paid with 80%?
  - Goes to pay the salaries of 8 administrators

Allmon
- Any representation from Campus Life come to committee?
  - Yes will speak later

Landry
- Any specific areas that money should be taken?
  - Legislation outlines where areas shouldn’t be taken from

Debate
Green – report
- No negative debate
- Complete picture of investigation

Campus Life:
Brumfield
- This isn’t correct
- 41% of budget is allocated to staff salaries
- It’s the financing of the stores before the business opens
- Staff sits down with students to start orgs, rec sports for one year before they move, and other student training
- We do so much more than what is written down
- There were many things that were overlooked
- Mentioned the law school students: we aren’t swiping big events like on the parade grounds
- Many law school students don’t transfer when swiping in
- When you look at budget, we have to pay for floor space, Tigerlink,

Closing
Morris – former SAB leader
- Do not support legislation
- Calls out SAB to increase programming budgets
- We are looking for ways to increase those dollars
- This legislation does not assess the full scope of SAB
- This would lay off staff that work full time
- Goal of Campus Life = to teach students
- Can’t be thrown new student leaders while laying off staff who are paid to train and handle

- Sen. Black:
- WERE YOU AWARE OF THE BUDGET WHICH GOES INTO
  - THEY WERE AWARE OF WHAT WAS LIMITED TO THEM
- ADVOCATES FOR STUDENTS – SHOULDN’T STUDENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHERE THEIR STUDENT FEES ARE GOING

- SEN. STIRLING:
  - WHAT ARE THE BREAKDOWN OF FEES FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES?
    - MISSISSIPPI STATE – WE CONTINUED TO LOOK TO SEE HOW OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING AND THEY WERE FLABBERGASTED

- ATTORNEY GEN MARTIN:
  - HOW BIG IS YOUR FULL TIME STAFF?
  - PART TIME STAFF?

- SEN. BELL:
  - WHAT WOULD BE AN IDEAL NUMBER?
    - $10 TO 15 FOR EACH STUDENT  FIND THAT RIGHT PERCENTAGE, THEY’RE A MUCH HEALTHIER NUMBER

- SEN. SCHAFER:
  - WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP FOR Y’ALL IF THIS ISN’T THE NEXT STEP?
    - TRYING TO ACCURATELY USE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE – IF THEY’RE MIS-USING IMPROPERLY
    - COULD BE AN AWESOME TALK

- DEBATE:
- SEN. LANDRY:
  - SINCE THE EXPLANATION BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIR
  - 3 CHOICES:
    - WHAT THE DELEGATION – KEEPING THE STATUS QUO
    - HOWEVER, I THINK THAT THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE
      - ONE, THIS IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ACTUAL PROGRAMMING
      - OVERLY DEVOTED TO ADULT ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES
    - THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY OF THEM FOR A PURPOSE
    - SECOND: FAIL THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND RAISE THE FEE
      - THERE IS NO GREAT DEMAND FROM THE STUDENT BODY & THE MANDATE FOR THE SFVAC – DOUBLE THE CURRENT FEE
      - THE AMOUNT OF FEES  HAVE ALREADY GONE TO THE SUPERVISORS ABOUT
    - WHAT THE LEGISLATION IS ASKING FOR TONIGHT – REALLOCATE
      - THIS IS THE BEST OPTION THAT REDUCES THE TOP HEAVINESS
      - SEND FUNDS TO ACTUAL PROGRAMMING  THEY NEED MORE MONEY ON THAT SIDE
      - THERE IS NO MANDATE BUT TO TAKE THIS OPTION
    - IF THEY FEEL AS IF THEY NEED MORE MONEY  THEY ARE FREE TO GO OUT IN FREE SPEECH TO ASK FOR A FEE REFERENDUM
      - AS FAR AS SITUATION
      - TO VOTE IN FAVOR BROUGHT TO YOU BY SFVAC

- SEN. BORNE:
  - KIND OF ON THE FENCE
  - FOCUS ON THE REFERENDUM TO ASK THE REST OF THE STUDENT BODY
    - VOTE TO ASK OUR 500 CONSTITUENTS

- SEN. CHEATWOOD:
  - REITERATE  FIRST YEAR STUDENT DON’T KNOW WHERE THE FEES GO TO?
  - SEE WHERE THE FEES GO?
  - CAMPUS LIFE EVENTS: THE FUN STUFF AS A FRESHMAN
  - OWE IT TO THEM TO PUT IT IN FRONT OF THEM
  - NOT HIS PLACE – MIGHT NOT HAVE KNOWN  THAT’S ONLY 20% OF WHAT THEY DO
    - IT’S OUR MONEY – WE OWE IT TO OUR CONSTITUENTS

- SEN. FORTENBERRY:
  - IT’S IN THE HANDS OF THESE PEOPLE WITH THE FEE
  - THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH SPENDING  THERE IS CLEARLY SOMETHING THAT’S GOING ON AND THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

- SEN PORCHE:
- I feel like we’re asking for the same amount of dedication
- With fees increasing, we can’t burden any increases anyway
- We need to start looking at this now
  - What the students and senate wants

-Sen. McKinney:
- What the staff members do – they have been serving
- These salaries should be speant for students and they
- Will be voting against – the avenue should be determined and figured out before the funds are reallocated

-Sen. Trepagnier:
- Not increasing – we’re going to take away from the cost of doing business so we can have less staff and more events for the students
- There is no issue with campus life ➞ Sometimes students want to go to stuff
- Not the right piece of legislation

-Sen. Martin:
- Not good at math?
- Shouldn’t have to have more management ➞ You have one advisor for
- Currently 80/20
- A compromise and we’re not cutting anything from this organizations
  - Honestly, a lot of issues were dealt with outcome
- They can use that money for advertising
- Advertising these programs will be better ➞ This is a referendum
- She trusts that they will educate themselves

-Sen. Mullaney:
- Arguments on both sides of the coin
- Greatly understand both sides
- She works for campus life ➞ We had a student run committee
  - Greatly understand needing that person there
- With the law school opinion, they don’t know about them
  - They don’t have time for this
  - A lot of law students ➞ They’re here for the undergrad experience
- Sen. Lacour: Were there more events catered to law students
  - Cater some events that’s in conjunction with the law school
  - If it’s not with the law school
- Sen. Green: Do you feel as if this fee doesn’t actually serve you
- Sen. McKinney: Who gets laid off first?

-Sen. Lacour:
- Looked at the 2016 numbers ➞ The advertising is not good and there are such low numbers for such a big part of LSU’s campus
  - We should get so much in return
  - Highly in favor of this bill – if we’re spending this much… To me, catering to individuals persons needs

-Sen. Bell:
- Reading this book but one of the biggest things is that the idea of proximity
- Emphasizing the importance of the staff
- Students don’t educate themselves ➞ We should leave that as a referendum even though they ??
- The many hours that they’re working is just as dedicated ➞ We’re going to cut your fees
- Student body president ➞ These are lives, we have got the chance
- We have to recognized & realize that we’re here to support the students?????

-Sen. Vaughin:
- We have committees ➞ We can find their decision making process
- He’s for this legislation
- It’s a request

-Sen. Stirling:
• **Rachel Campbell:**
  - Increase the student fees to fund the UREC
  - That’s their money → that vote was very close and it’s something that students look into

• **Sen. Perkins abstained**

  - **Passed with 81% in favor**

SGB No. 8 By Sen. Riley & Black
A Bill to Amend the Student Government Bylaws
- **Sen. Allmon:**
  - Passed in rules
  - There was one technical amendment → no questions
- **Sen. Greene:**
  - Yield to Hailey Simpson:
    - A clarification
    - Whatever was heard last week → whatever allegations were made are not true
    - They said we were spending student fees when that was not the case at all
- **Sen. McKinney:**
  - This clarification is awesome & seeing through everything
  - It’s important to have bylaws that reflect everything

  - **Passed with 100%**

Legislative Officer Reports
- Under = contact Grashoff for edits
- Sgt – Arm = good job with laptops and stuff
- **Martin**
  - Pajama day; Eddie = senator of the week
- **SPT**
  - Best way of controversial legislation handed
  - Stop whispering. Please.

Speaker
  - Good job; none of uall have moved to call previous question
  - Everybody will still be friends
  - Echo; great job
  - Parliamentary Points – only time you can speak without speaker’s discretion
    - Very stringent rules:
    - Clarification = has to be a fact
    - Information = used for quick clarification or quick question
  - Clickers = vote up sucks – looking for a closed circuit clicker system used by house and city halls

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