

Fall 2020

F20RS 1st Legislative Week Minutes

Senate Secretary

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

FALL 2020 REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2020
FIRST LEGISLATIVE WEEK

CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL
PUBLIC INPUT

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

SGB NO. 1 BY SENATORS PUDER AND QUADIR

A BILL TO AMEND THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL BYLAWS TO
EXCLUDE THE 2020 COHORT
FROM SGL REQUIREMENTS

- NO QUESTIONS
- REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SGCR NO. 1

A Concurrent Resolution to approve the appointment of Patrick Cormier as Chief of Staff

- Motion to limit opening and closing comments to 5 minutes and debate to 3 minutes
- SPT vote count passed with 5 ayes 1 nay and one abstain
 - No questions
- Debate- Senator Quadir- concerned he is unqualified, suggests patronage
- Senator Craddock- those concerns were already considered, despite lack of qualification he has improved drastically and has preformed well in practice
- Raby- the time in the position he has done well, speaks of personal experience when working with him, claims he is an effective mediator
 - Senator Landry- personal experience of the appointment meeting, lots of reluctant yes votes, people were unprepared and he didn't provide the proper support when it was necessary, chief of staff is too important to overlook his missteps, many concerns were brought up about chief of staff Patrick
 - Senator asbery yield time to Patrick Cormier
 - Patrick- has done more than other recent staff, implemented many new initiatives, implemented summer imitative, will have performance reviews to be held accountable, has been open doored and is

SGCR NO. 2

constantly asking questions, passion outweighs neglectable qualifications

- Everrate questions- how did you overcome hiccups
 - Comier- which hiccups specifically
 - Landry has no examples of hiccups
- Quadir- Members of the executive branch didn't know their counter parts, accountability concerns, noticed confusion
- Comier- I have learned a lot that will make me more effective in the future, made group chats, can only provide the tools cannot make the succeed
- Bryant- not Patrick's fault it was his (takes blame), Patrick has been much more productive than past chiefs of staff, not perfect but went above and beyond
- Pettigrew- patrick works hard and would be a good chief of staff
- Mcdowell- Patrick has proven track record of success
 - Brignac- no camera, voted nay, admits Patrick is qualified, criticism is important, standard can't be different at end of summer, SG experience is lacking, moving up too far too fast, must understand legislative process to which Patrick doesn't have experience, points out hypocrisy of lower positions being criticized more heavily than the chief of staff, positive and negatives should be treated equally
- Mcdowell- asks about precedence of moving to chief of staff from assistant director
 - Brignae- no precedence
 - Mcdowell- what about cox?
 - Brignae- elected by popular vote
- Quadir- Student gov has been called out for patronage already and we should change that and value experience more heavily especially after being under fire for BLM issues
- Laneve- Patrick is very dedicated, cox jumped from a similar position, students saw fit for you to jump from that position to a high position such as chief of staff
- Crmier- led a genuine and effective campaign, track record outweighs lack of experience
 - Quadir- only 10% of the student body voted
- Point of clarification- Landry- can only go a second time if nobody is up for the first time but no second time
- Brignac- worries Patrick thinks there shouldn't be branch collaboration, overlooked senates input on the campaign
- Craddock- Patrick implies he is trying to encourage branch collaboration but has not had the chance to implement, your criticism has been noted and will be taken into account in future decision making
- Motion for Previous question by Craddock seconded by Landry
 - Vote in slack- 24-10-15 appointment passes

A Concurrent Resolution to approve the appointment of Gabie DeBruler as Senior Advisor to the Vice President

- SPT Menen Rules report Vote count 3 ayes 2 nays and 1 abstention (as chair)
 - Problems raised in meeting- missed meetings last year, inability to fulfil certain requirements
 - Yield to Brignac, not just missing meetings but no communication. Committee on the fence about it
 - Debate
 - Quadir- putting friends in position power. Person in student gov for 3 four years now and this is a big role and worried that SAS was not active at all when she was director. She is dedicated to college council and that would be her job. She would be able to do a bit more with college council. Yielded to DeBruler- owns up to not being good at SAS because not passionate. What she's found is that she is passionate about college council. She is the most qualified and the position is for her.
 - Bosse question - what are your plans for college council
 - Debruer - college council is a waste of student funding, created a guide about how to plan an event and to contact the senate, have started to get the college council more involved
 - Landry- explains his interpretation of the situation, and asks Debruer to correct it
 - Debruer- we hosted a retreat which was the first for college council
 - Landry- clarifies his question was about her senior advisor position being rocky over the summer, claims she is focusing on just college council as opposed to the entire position
 - Debruer- serve on committees and advises Hannah, should focus on college council to make the position successful
 - Brignac- can you elaborate on the IT council
 - Debruer- mostly sits in on council and gives people's prospective
 - Brignac- concerned for dereliction of duty, one senator was left in the dark, her experience makes the situation inexcusable, SAS has a lot of room to work with senate but they have not been, role of a director is not a test run, her inability to let go of the position was a violation
 - Basse- fears her passion for college council will not transfer over to the other duties
 - Raby- voted yes, college council is in a sorry state and should be prioritized, yields rest of his time to debruer
 - Debruer- very passionate about college council and it is her only position
 - Moved to a vote- Passed 25-18-8
- A Concurrent Resolution to approve the appointment of Calder Reed as Director of Finance
- Debate
 - Quadir- he has a lack of financial background, concerned about over delegation, concerned if he knows his duties,
 - Puder- voted on the idea they would work as a team and one of the AD's has a large background in finance and they work well as a team

- Raby- yields time to bryant
- Bryant- selected coulder due to his leadership skills and his quick learning pace, choses with the help of Mrs. Courtney
 - Craddock- he is having an assistant director head meeting
- Quadir- the bylaws do not allow him to have an AD head meeting
 - Mcdowell- yield time to reed
- reed- corrected position after checking SG bylaws, wanted AD's to be involved not over delegation
- Taylor- thinks coulder has good communication skills and that is promising and he works well with AD's
- Landry- reed has been in money roles, mrs. Courtney thinks he is competent, has support from the money people shows he is a good option
 - Brignac- reason for obtention has been solved
- Craddock- had obtained in for overelevation and by law reasons but now supports him, called for a vote
 - Passes through unanimous vote

A Concurrent Resolution to approve the appointment of Brianna Rogers as Director of Health and Wellness

SGCR NO. 4

- Puder- was one of the obtentions, yield to Breanna
- Breanna- freshman year was FLS, sophomore was the AD for health and wellness, will be continuing the period project, working with company and facility projects for dispensers
- Brignac- worried about how ambiguous it was, Breana has been very involved and she is a good fit
- Quadir- has no concerns with her ability, motion to pass with unanimous consent
- Passed by unanimous consent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SENATOR | COLE |
| • SHORT MEETING, GOT ACQUAINTED | |
| BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS SENATOR | TAYLOR |
| • QUICK MEETING, HOW PROXIES WORK, GETTING BUDGET INFO ON THE WEBSITE, REACHING OUT DIRECTLY TO ORGANIZATIONS SO THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM SENATE MONEY | |
| CAMPUS AFFAIRS AND SUSTAINABILITY SENATOR | QUADIR |
| • FOLLOWED UP ON COVID INITIATIVES, SIGN FOR TESTING CENTER, LIGHT WALK, WATER FOUNTAINS, BIKE RACKS, DONATE ABANDONED BIKES, CAMPUS SHOULD BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT PESTICIDES, DIVESTMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY | |
| STUDENT AUXILIARIES AND SERVICES SENATOR | BRIGNAC |
| • HAD TECH DIFFICULTIES, INTRODUCTIONS, VIRTUAL TIGER CARD, EMS SERVICE THAT USES STUDENT WORKERS, DINING HALLS AND VENDING MACHINES | |
| STUDENT LIFE, DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SENATOR | PUDER |
| • EED TO REACH OUT TO RELIGIOUS ORGS, MINORITY OUTREACH, MONTHLY DIVERSITY DAYS, VOTER REGISTRATION, LSUPD CROSSOVER, MENTORSHIP, CHANGING WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GET SO POINTS | |
| • EVERYONE CAN REACH OUT TO DIFFERENT ORGS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE REACHING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE , WORK WITH DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMING TO HAVE COFFEE WITH CONSTITUENTS | |

STUDENT WEBSITE

- KIND OF A MESS, WORKING WITH EXEC DEPARTMENT, KEEP A RECORD OF ELECTIONS

LANDRY

- ATTENDANCE- MUST BE HERE FOR THE WHOLE MEETING UNLESS YOU HAVE A VALID REASON, APRECIATES THE LACK OF MALARKY

RULES SPEAKER

PRO TEMPORE MENON

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LO No. 1 BY SPEAKER MARTIN

A LEGISLATIVE ORDER TO
ESTABLISH THE STANDING
COMMITTEES OF THE FIFTY
SECOND LOUISIANA STATE
UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE

ADVISOR REPORTS

- SHAHIDA- BE MINDFUL OF WHAT WAS SAID TONIGHT BUT REALIZE YOU ARE ALL STILL LEARNING

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- QUADIR- IMPACTS OF HURRICANE LAURA, KEEP VOLUNTEERING
- BASSE- GET TESTED FOR COVID IF YOU CAN
- PETTIGREW- FRESHMAN DIED IN A CAR CRASH
- ROVERE- SORORITY IS DOING HURRICANE RELIEF AND ACCEPTING DONATIONS
- SCOTT- LOCAL ORGS ARE GOING TO LAKE CHARLES, INFO IN SLACK
- BRIGNAC- SHOW AND TELL
- PUDER- BE A POLL WORKER

ADJOURNMENT