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No. 3

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC INPUT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS

DIRECTOR CAROLINE POCHE

- NON TRADITIONAL STUDENT WEEK, ATTENDANCE PRETTY GOOD AND GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE INTERESTED IN JOINING SENATE AND COLLEGE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR EMILY WOOD

- INTERVIEWING FOR SPEAKER SERIES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE IN STUDENT GOV TALK ABOUT WHAT SKILLS THEY'VE TRANSFERRED INTO THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIFE
- ENCOURAGING PLASMA DRIVE

DEPARTMENT OF PHILANTHROPY

DIRECTOR JADA MOORE

- BREWSTER SPEAKING (AD) SHOUTOUT TO DEVIN AND ANGEL FOR FOOD PANTRY FUNDING HELP

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT

DIRECTOR DALLIN BROUSSARD

- GROOVIN WITH LAST YEAR BEING CANCELLED AND THIS YEAR IS UNCERTAIN SO GROOVIN MAY BE DIFFERENT POSSIBLY VIRTUAL OR SOMETHING SMALLER. PERHAPS A DRIVE-IN CONCERT

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN MANN

- TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO VOTE
- PSIF FUNDING FOR NEW ORGANIZATION

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT STONE COX

BOARD MEETING DIDN'T MAKE A DECISION. TALKED WITH BUILDING CHANGE COMMITTEE BUT DID NOT SHARE SUGGESTED NAME CHANGE BUT SHARED LEGISLATION FOR PROCESS. MET WITH HOMECOMING TO TALK WITH UPDATES ON THAT. STILL WORKING WITH BATON ROUGE ON SOME REFORM FOR BR CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORTS'

CHIEF JUSTICE NICK FOSTER

- OPINIONS WILL BE OUT ON ONEDRIVE SOON. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS REVIEW UPDATES. NONE BC WORKING ON OPINIONS. WILL SEND OUT EMAIL. WANT CONSTITUTION OUT SOON. MAY HAVE TIME FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS TO BE ON FALL BALLOT

BLACK CAUCUS OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT ALAYSIA JOHNSON

Retreat this week. Next week working on outreach and having first event next month via zoom on how orgs can get funding. Actively still working on initiatives towards outreach and inclusion. Looking into athletes and how to support them.

NEW BUSINESS

SGCR 26
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Charlie Stephens As An Assistant Director Of Governmental Relations

Sent to Rules

SGCR 27
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Joseph Lambert As A Senator For UCFY

Sent to Rules

SGCR 28
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Jacob Ellis As A Senator For The Graduate School

Sent to Rules

SGR 3
Senators Menon and Asberry

A Resolution to Protect and Support the
Health and Employment Rights of
Resident Assistants

Sent to SLDCO

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

SENATOR COLE

MET TODAY LOTS OF IDEAS FOR INITIATIVE. EXEC
SENATE COHESION FOR SURVEY ABOUT
ONLINE CLASSES. ALSO SURVEY FOR PLUS
MINUS CLASSES. GET HEADPHONES FOR
COMMUNAL STUDY SPACES ON CAMPUS

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

SENATOR TAYLOR

TALKED ABOUT INITIATIVES WITHIN BA. FINANCE
PORTIONS FOR WEBSITE. AMENDING
BUDGET BEFORE NEXT WEEK

CAMPUS AFFAIRS AND SUSTAINABILITY

SENATOR QUADIR

INSURANCE SIGNAGE, WATER FOUNTAINS, BUS STOP
SIGNAGE, CROSSWALKS FOR DISABLED
STUDENTS, BRAILLE INITIATIVE WORKING
WITH EXEC AND GOT MEETING WITH ADMIN
HOPEFULLY SOON, MASTERPLAN TO MAKE
ACCESSIBILITY UP TO CODE

STUDENT AUXILIARIES AND SERVICES

SENATOR BRIGNAC

WENT OVER UPDATES AND REPORTS. COORDINATE
PLANS FOR EMAILS AND TALK ABOUT WHO
TO CONTACT. WATER BOTTLE RECYCLING,
STUDENT EMS SERVICE, HEALTHIER
VENDING OPTIONS

STUDENT LIFE, DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SENATOR PUDER

NOT MANY UPDATES, WORKING WITH SAS FOR FOOD
PANTRY, MINDWISE TABLETS DECIDING ON
LOCATIONS AND GET IT ALL FINALIZED

RULES

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE MENON

ALL APPOINTMENTS PASSED NEARLY UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **SGCR 14-18, 22-24**
- **QUADIR PASS BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT SECONDED BY RABY**

SGCR 14
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To
Appoint Mckenzie Connelly As A
Judicial Aide For The University
Court

SGCR 15
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To
Appoint Lindsey Harrell As A
Judicial Aide For The University
Court

SGCR 16
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To
Appoint Kennedy Simon As A
Judicial Aide For The University
Court

SGCR 17
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To
Appoint Madison Menou As A
Judicial Aide For The University
Court

SGCR 18
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To
Appoint Thomas Bryan As
Chairperson Of ORF

SGCR 22
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To
Appoint Jayda Jefferey To PSIF
And ORF As A Student
Representative

SGCR 23
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To
Appoint Tyler Mcullough To
PSIF And ORF As A Student
Representative

SGCR 24
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To
Appoint Gabrielle Fontenot To
ORF As A Student
Representative

SGR 2
SENATOR LANDRY

A Resolution To Approve The
Graduate Student Bill Of Rights

General student bill of rights
passed and in governing
documents. Graduate students
are both advanced scholars and
employees of university. Grad
students have unique issues like
fees. There is demonstrated need
for clarity for what grad students
rights and responsibilities are in

respect to grad school and university. Grad student organization spent past few years drawing this up. Finishing up when left campus last semester and cleared GSA last year and this years and made it through SLDCO and will go to faculty senate if this passes. Pretty thorough.

Quadir is there a plan for implementation?

A lot of this has been drawn up in coordination with grad school administration. At very least if something comes up in the future we have proof of rights

Motion to suspend rules and pass by unanimous by Quadir
seconded by Brou. Passes
Unanimously

SGR 1
Senators Green and Puder

A Resolution To Show Student Support For A More Gender Inclusive LSU Homecoming Court Application And Selection Process

Scott unbiased chair report- passed unanimously with a few amendments by Landry

Green and Puder Opening Comments- collab with campus life and homecoming committee wanted opinion and support on these changes for homecoming. Changes of gender composition and requirements for outreach. Heard great constructive criticism. All changes are recommendations to homecoming committee of what we would like to see as students and NON-BINDING just suggestions. Rodgers of homecoming committee brought this to Puder. Made some changes because didn't like everything on it somewhat out of date.

Homecoming committee wanted to be more gender inclusive and for non binary students. Works for a lot of people but not for everyone. Almost exact setup at Tulane and Perdue. Yield to Johnson- we will either be inclusive or not. Make it so more people feel included in LSU tradition. Trying to be more inclusive to diversity and not just limited to race. Encourage more students to feel more included in homecoming court.

Brou- Series of questions. Are we switching to one or two votes? Still two votes still 2 people winning

No regard to sex or gender theoretically could be non diverse court. Any precautions to that?

Final 6 go through interview process with faculty and in theory will probably still make it balanced. Also in committee one of the amendments made stuck the line for requirement of gender. Board can still decide this is this representative of what student body looks like.

Loy- How are we going to make sure that there's not a majority on the court?

This is changing rules of how people operate and are selected. This just changes on paper requirements. Goals of homecoming committee is same as our to represent the student body. They are also looking for this to be a more inclusive process. If this ends up going to be not diverse things will go back to normal really quickly. Probably not what going to happen. Getting rid of half boys half girls. Reception would be pretty poor if

not equal. Originally in legislation no regard for sex or gender and that was taken out so people who select homecoming court can keep it from being heavily male or female. Want court to be more inclusive. Wont apply this for court to be less inclusive. That's on part of the committee not us.

Quadir- Concerns about diversity on the court do we currently have a system in place about race to include diversity on the ballot

- No

Amendment- Friendly and adopted

4A. the winners of the Homecoming vote shall be officially titled as "Homecoming Royalty," both collectively and individually. Each winner may also use the title "Homecoming King" or "Homecoming Queen" as appropriate and if desired by the winner in question.

Debate

MacDowell- Don't see how improvement over currently system. Old system allows for opportunity for all to be included in. New system does not

Quadir- what groups referring to be represented?

Current system guarantees one man one woman or another gender be represented where new system does not confirm.

Asberry- These are recommendations. It helps include people who don't conform.

Quadir- understands concerns about diversity and facts about recommendation is important. Homecoming court is representation of us and that's what comes into play when we elect these people. Should we start confirming representation from each group or just let students vote for who represents us best. Encourages homecoming court to be more diverse. At the end of the day its about equality

Carter smith- provides more representation and acceptance

Parker- Could you as a trans person not win it now?

Carter- yes, but resolution makes it more inclusive to nonbinary people

Landry- did have a trans male on the ballot a few years ago

Mcdowell- would approving the resolution give you a better chance

Carter- there is no space for nonbinary people, should be based on merit not gender

Green- If seen as good change it will stay if it is negative will not happen next year. Been successful at other school.

Puder- Just to be more inclusive, Smith explained well with description of Gender. Urge favorable passage. Yield to Johnson

Johnson- I would rather be judged by my character than my gender, speaks to the gender norms we have fallen into as a school

Asberry- motion to pass by favorable passage
Objection by MacDowell
33-10-7 the resolution passes

LO 11
Speaker Martin

A Legislative Order To Appoint The Standing Committees Of The Fifty Second Student Senate Of Louisiana State University

Senator gupta is now vice chair of academic affairs

Landry move to pass unanimous consent second by Puder. Passes

No objections, it passes

LO 12
Speaker Martin

A Legislative Order to appoint Angel Puder as a Senate member to CIVICS (Committee on Increasing Voting and Improving Civic Service)

LO 13
Speaker Martin

A Legislative Order to appoint Harris Quadir as a Senate member to CIVICS (Committee on Increasing Voting and Improving Civic Service)

Quadir- motion to pass LO12 and 13 by unanimous consent seconded by Puder. Passes unanimously

LEGISLATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS- BASSE

SENATORS OF THE WEEK POSTED ONLINE. MEETING WITH GRAPHIC DESIGNER OF COMMS. FORM FOR SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS. SUBMIT AND POST WILL BE UP

DEVELOPMENT STAGGS- MENTEE PROGRAM STARTING UP SOON,

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING ASBERRY- WORKING WITH LSU DINNING FOR CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR MRS. JOYCE. PROGRAM FOR WHATSUP SG IN THE WORKS

DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH ELKHAN- MADE A SPREADSHEET, FIRST SO POINT DUE ON OCTOBER 2ND

SARGENT AT ARMS LANDRY- SENSITIVE TOPICS DOES NOT MEAN WE ALL HAVE TO BE ON THE SAME SIDE, EVERYONE SHOULD REPRESENT THEIR OPINIONS, CONSENSUS IS NOT FAVORABLE IF IT IS NOT ACCURATE, AMENDMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED, THINGS MUST REMAIN CIVIL BUT EVERYONE SHOULD SELF-ADVOCATE

SPT MENON- DUE DATES WILL BE CORRECT BY THIS WEEK, EMAILS HAVE A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION, SPEAKER MARTIN HAS MADE AN EMAIL TEMPLATE FOR CONTACTING ADMIN, GET YOUR IDEAS OUT THERE BECAUSE SENATE MOVES FAST

SPEAKER MARTIN- TEMPLATE IS IN THE GUIDE TO SENATE FOULDER, FIRST INITIATIVE CAN BE SCARY AND WE HAVE ALL BEEN THERE,

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
 - a. SENATOR PUDEUR
 - b. SENATOR QUADIR
2. PARKING APPEALS
 - a. SENATOR SCOTT
 - b. SENATOR QUADIR
 - c. SENATOR BROU
3. STUDENT MEDIA BOARD
 - a. SENATOR STAGGS
4. PSIF
 - a. SENATOR MULEY
 - b. SENATOR TAYLOR

ADVISOR REPORTS

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT