

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
2007-2008
SENATE
August 27, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jamey Arnette at 5:05 pm.
2. **PLEDGE:** The pledge was led by College of the Arts President, Meagan Guillory.
3. **ROLL CALL:** The following senate members were absent at this meeting: Melinda Hebert and Stokka Brown.
4. **MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written.
5. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - A. **PRESIDENT:**
 - President Urbanowski was very excited about starting a new year.
 - President Urbanowski swore in Moriah Istre, Meagan Broussard, Jamie Trahan, Shawntel Smith, Amenah Abdelfattah, Saad Khan, Mallory Comeaux, Josh Brannen, Theo Stripling, Jonathan Bourque, Amber Rourk, Alan Arabie, Mallory Broussard, Amanda Gary, Mindy Broussard, and Erika Colvin.
 - President Urbanowski announced that this Friday is the second annual “Red Dot Extravaganza”. She urged the senate to take the letter of invitation to be on this program and bring it to stores that you shop in regularly. SGA had some pocket guides printed with all of the bussinesses who are participating in the program.
 - President Urbanowski also announced that this Friday is “National Wear Red Day”.
 - President Urbanowski attended a Service Learning Conference in New Orleans this summer. UL will be hosting “Extreme Spring Break”, an alternative that will consist of working with the Habitat of Humanities and help rebuild homes around Lafayette. She will have more information as she gets it.
 - President Urbanowski announced that she attended the first COSBP meeting.
 - President Urbanowski informed the Senate that she attended the first SAC meeting at which time the UL System adopted “Extreme Spring Break” and the “R U Ready” program in which high schools are now included. She circulated a sign up sheet for anyone interested in the “R U Ready” program.
 - President Urbanowski announced that she is a non-voting member of the Presidential Search Committee. There are seven applicants so far. She informed the Senate that he/she could go to the website, ulsystem.net, to view the candidates.

- President Urbanowski informed the Senate that *The New York Times* will be available for students besides *The Advertiser* and *USA Today*. New newspaper bins will be placed at the Conference Center, the Student Union and Griffin.
- President Urbanowski announced that Mobile Campus is available for every student. When a student signs up, the University gets \$1.00 which will be used for campus beautification
- President Urbanowski assigned Senator DuBois as the UPC representative, Senator Merrett as the Greek representative, Mindy Boudreaux as the RHA representative and Senator Khan as the ISC representative. She questioned if anyone would be interested in the representative vacancy for SSD. If you were, you could talk to her after the meeting.
- President Urbanowski announced that Simon Broussard is the new Parking and Transit Director.
- President Urbanowski questioned if everyone had turned in his/her bio-sheet. If not, give it to Ms. Sandra.
- President Urbanowski congratulated Dustin Domangue who was appointed the Chief Justice in the Judicial Branch.
- President Urbanowski announced that the STEP committee awarded over \$380,000 towards grants to improve technology on campus during the summer.
- President Urbanowski informed the Senate that the Fall Elections will be on October 29th and 30th. Applications will be ready for pickup on September 26th. Several Freshmen signed up at “Get on Board Day” and they will be contacted.
- President Urbanowski informed the Senate that the vacancy in the College of Nursing, Graduate School, and to fill the seat that the Senate Chair makes available will be advertised in *The Vermilion* next week. The vacancy for a justice in the Judicial Branch and a webmaster will be advertised also.
- President Urbanowski announced that, over the summer, the Big 3 worked with UPC on the “Making the Most of It” session and was able to get a lot of communication with the Freshmen. The Big 3 previously would hand out UL license plates to all incoming Freshmen. SGA was able to do this again this year.
- President Urbanowski thanked Senators Brannen, Peltier, DuBois, Castille, and Rogers for helping with the Organization Expo. She gave a special thanks to Senator Megan Broussard for redesigning the SGA brochure. She also thanked Senatorst Carline, Merrett, Benoit and Michiels for their help behind the scenes for the SGA Retreat.

- President Urbanowski encouraged everyone to attend the first home game which will be on Saturday, September 8th against Ohio. She said that she would really like to see the stands fill up with students. For the McNeese game, the Big 3 are working on getting t-shirts that read on the front “Welcome to the Red Zone” and on the back “Give them, hell, UL, give them hell”. SGA will be selling these shirts. Starting next Wednesday a sign up sheet will be in the SGA office with the price. She hoped to have them for the first home game against McNeese so students can see and purchase them.
- President Urbanowski informed all the students who missed the Retreat that Vice President Arnette would like to talk to them at the end of tonight’s meeting.

B. VICE PRESIDENT:

- Vice President Arnette instructed the Senate to add Moriah Istre’s birthday, March 19th, to their Calendar of Events page.
- Vice President Arnett circulated an SGA roster sheet for corrections.
- Vice President Arnette announced that the SGA polo shirts have been detained but you should be getting it soon.
- Vice President Arnette announced that this Friday is “Wear Red Day”. He informed the Senate that Public Relations would like to see it become a tradition of wearing red every Friday.
- Vice President Arnette announced there will be no SGA meeting next Monday due to celebrating Labor Day.
- Vice President Arnette meet with the Food Services manager, Mr. Papillion, to discuss new and improved menu ideas. At the “On the Geaux” location, Zeus’s will be located indoors starting in October or November. You will be able to use your Declining Balance, Cajun Cash, your Debit Card and cash. Inside the cafeteria where the casseroles are served, now only a healthy vegetable option will be offered. There will possibly be a specialty bar featuring items like tacos or a sushi bar where you fix your own meal. He also informed the Senate that CC’s will be remodeling soon.
- Vice President Arnette read a quote.

C. TREASURER:

- Treasurer Coscarart reported that the budgets aren’t in yet because the total enrollment numbers won’t be definite until 14 days after the first day of school.
- Treasurer Coscarart informed all the colleges to begin working on his/her bulletin board. Before purchasing supplies for the board, check with the SGA office because we have some supplies stored.
- Treasurer Coscarart thanked everyone who has sent her his/her committee choices. She will be sending a mass email tomorrow listing the committees. If you do not send her your choice, she will assign you to a committee.

- Treasurer Coscarart announced that she has been working on and completed printable forms from Financial Aid. The Financial Aid Appeal process is online now. These services have expanded so you can pay tuition online also. Wireless internet is now available at Bourgeois. On Ulink, there is an SGA button. As soon as SGA has a webmaster, all of SGA's information will be updated. If you need help finding things online, there will soon be a "How To" tab on Ulink.
- Treasurer Coscarart spoke with Mr. Bowie about putting classes that will be offered each semester for at least two semesters ahead of time.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that Physical Plant is in the process of improving the sidewalks, roads, and handicap accesses on campus. Improvements are also being made at the Conference Center.
- Treasurer Coscarart spoke with Physical Plant about the installation of a Smoothie machine at Bourgeois. They have come across a problem with some shelves that need to be removed. After it is completed, she will be asking the Senate to help advertise this new business.
- Treasurer Coscarart read a quote then yielded the floor to President Smith who spoke about St. Jude's Children's Research Center and the event that UL puts on annually called Up 'til Dawn. Teams consisting of six members raise money for St. Jude by different means, the first being the letter writing process. Each member has to send out 50 letters to friends and family requesting a contribution. This event will be on November 14th. April 11th is the date of the final event. President Smith needs a morale captain right now. This person will go with the Executive Committee to Memphis in January to tour the actual hospital. The main responsibility of the morale captain is to keep everyone excited and to motivate the teams. This person will be a part of the Executive Board. Dean Pat Cottonham is the advisor to this program. Applications for Morale Captain and teams will be at the Up 'til Dawn door in Coronna Hall.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that on September 17th, the U. S. Constitution will be read from 9:30 – 11:30. SGA will have a "Voters Registration" table set up at Rex Street. Voting is October 20th, but the deadline to register to vote is September 19th.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Appropriations:** No report.
- B. **Grievance:** No report.
- C. **Public Relations:** No report.
- D. **Rules:** No Report.
- E. **Judicial Branch:** Chief Justice Domangue announced that the Judicial Branch will meet Thursday at 11:00. The regular meeting day and time will be on Sundays at noon. He spoke with President Urbanowski and Treasurer Coscarart about the student accessed fees. They also will be working on the By Laws and Rules.
- F. **Greek:** No report.
- G. **ISC:** No report.

- H. SSD:** No report.
- I. UPC:** Senator DuBois announced that Friday is “Wear Red Day” but she encouraged everyone to wear red every Friday. On September 6th, the first Ragin Roar will be held at 6:30 at Cajun Field. September 8th is the first game where the new t-shirts will be handed out to students with their ID’s. On Wednesday, the UPC meetings will begin.
- 7. COLLEGE REPORTS:** None
- 8. SPECIAL REPORTS:**
- Vice President Arnette asked the two senators (President Mallory Broussard and Senator Benoit) who were vying for the Senate Chair position to leave the room to enable the Big 3 to explain the procedure for choosing someone for this position. The candidates were called back in and they each were given two minutes to speak. They were again asked to leave the room and a hand written vote was taken after a brief discussion amongst the Senate. Senator Benoit had a majority of the votes. He took his seat with the Big 3 at their table to begin his duties.
 - Senator Istre handed out a two page report about the Homecoming Court selection process. She has done research with other schools and with some of UL’s faculty about changing the process.
 - Senator Castille spoke about the Association of Future Alumni. The first meeting is the Wednesday after Labor Day. This is a student organization that helps students get involved now so when you graduate, you don’t lose contact with the school. One of the benefits is through the bookstore. When you purchase something, you qualify for 20% off. You also get a free t-shirt and have access to all Alumni events. There is an Alumni tent at all tailgating parties serving jambalaya.
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
- 10. NEW BUSINESS:** None
- 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
1. Senator Abdelfattah announced that her employer, Randal Menard, is supporting William Theriot and they need people to volunteer for this campaign.
 2. Treasurer Coscararat informed the Senate that there is a leadership team through Our Lady of Wisdom called The Newman Club. They meet on Wednesdays and eat supper together. A Retreat is coming up.
 3. Senator Istre announced that there is an International Coffee Hour every Friday at 12:30 in Sidelines. This week it is being sponsored by Chi Alpha.
 4. Senator Khan invited everyone to come hear his lecture on India on September 30th.
 5. President Urbanowski announced that, if for any reason you need to leave early, to let the Vice President or Senate Chair know.
 6. Ms. Sandra read her joke of the day.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT** was at 6:28 pm.