

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
2007-2008
SENATE
October 8, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Senate Chair Justin Benoit at 5:04 pm.
2. **PLEDGE:** The pledge was led by College of the Arts Senator, Kristina Doiron.
3. **ROLL CALL:** The following senate members were absent at this meeting: Josh Michiels, Brionnie Andrews, and Stokka Brown.
4. **MINUTES:** The minutes were amended by correcting a typographical error on Appropriation #1 and change the wording of Senator Khan's report.
5. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - A. **PRESIDENT:**
 - President Urbanowski announced that it has been two weeks since SGA has met. We now have two new senators-Stephanie Ullmer in the College of Nursing and Brionnie Andrews in the College of Liberal Arts. President Urbanowski swore in Senator Ullmer.
 - President Urbanowski announced that two weeks ago she and Vice President Arnette attended a LACUSPA conference. A COSBP meeting was held to discuss issues that we will be taking the initiative on for the year. Two of these initiatives are fighting text-book prices and the "R U Ready" program. The text book prices cause a drainage for students attending college because of their lack of knowledge. We will be working with the UL System on the "R U Ready?" program with high schools and middle schools. This program is basically what the whole COSBP is trying to adopt. President Urbanowski was appointed to the position of Chair of the Executive Initiative which will be the main things that she will be working on. She will be making sure all the SGAs' follow through with it. X-treme Spring Break is on March 23rd to 28th. X-treme Spring Break is an alternative Spring Break where students come out and work on projects. This year we will be working with Habitat of Humanities. She submitted a grant last week to receive funding the UL System to help pay a portion of the costs. At this time there is not many details that she can tell you what the students will be doing. Just keep those dates in mind if you aren't going to Florida nor have vacation plans. She could use as many volunteers that she can get. It's really a big deal that our University is hosting this. This is the third year that the program has been going on. Not only will it be students from our University, but universities in our UL System and others across the state.

- President Urbanowski reported that at the Presidential Search meeting that she attended last Wednesday in Baton Rouge, she was informed that the Board has narrowed down the candidates to five for the president of our university. If you would like to read up on each candidate, the information is at www.ulsystem.net. The candidates are Dr. Steve Landry, Mr. E. Joseph Savoie, Mr. Raymond Clummerville, Major General Stanley Clifford, and Karen White. She would appreciate your thoughts, questions or comments about any of the candidates and their characteristics. Your name will stay unanimous. Whether or not, one of these candidates will be our president for many years. That is why she wants to get as much feedback as possible. She encouraged the senate to spread the word.
- President Urbanowski announced that while she was at the COSBP meeting, she learned that UL Monroe goes to local schools giving out free football tickets and speaking about the core of America. The Big 3 said this was a big hit so she is working on that so we can have more support for the remaining games. At 1 pm on Friday in Baton Rouge, training session will be held and she would like someone to attend. If anyone is interested, see her after the meeting to make arrangements for you to get paid.
- President Urbanowski announced that Up 'Til Dawn applications are in Coronna Hall. She encouraged everyone to join or form a team. Ms. Sandra has already formed a team.
- President Urbanowski announced that Homecoming is next week. She hopes to see everyone at all of the events. Senator Dubois and President Urbanowski will be the emcees and hostesses for the Karaoke event on Monday at 7 p.m.
- President Urbanowski informed the Senate that the second order of the red "In the Zone" shirts will be done on Friday, so if anyone wishes to have another shirt, let the office know. The shirts have to be pre-ordered.
- President Urbanowski informed the Senate that the Safety Walk was rained out last Sunday. It is rescheduled for this coming Sunday.
- President Urbanowski reported that some student on Centennial could not sign up to Mobile Campus. She said to be patient. They will be able to sign up in a couple of weeks.
- President Urbanowski announced that the Big 3 will be representing UL at Lafayette at a national convention in New Hampshire. They will get a chance to meet all of the presidential candidates. The Big 3 is really looking forward to this trip.

B. VICE PRESIDENT:

- Vice President Arnette reminded the Senate that there will not be a meeting next Monday. He encouraged everyone to wear their SGA shirt and attend the Kick off Party at 5 pm in front of the Alumni House. Food and beverages will available at no charge.
- Vice President Arnette informed the Senate that advising starts on the 15th and SGA is blocked for priority scheduling which begins on the 23rd.
- Vice President Arnette personally wanted to congratulate Stephanie and Brionnie' as SGA's newest senators.
- Vice President Arnette will have a makeup retreat after the Freshmen Elections for those who missed the August one and also to include the freshmen and the new justice.
- Vice President Arnette awarded President Gary the position of "Senator of the Month" for September.

C. TREASURER:

- Treasurer Coscarart reported that the budgets are completed and were written on the wall. She reminded the senate that this is their entire budget for the whole year. Use it wisely.
- Treasurer Coscarart met with Theresa Sonnier, the transfer student co-coordinator. It is a fact that many International students have a hard time getting in because of their low skills and low gpas. They don't know what's going on and are less likely to get involved with campus activities. SGA wants to open more opportunities for them to get involved on campus. Although an orientation is provided, they are not interested because it is not mandatory. An on-line tutorial session is on the website. They have to see this before they can register for a class. The tutorial registration is completed but it has to be put on the Ulink and it should be ready be spring. Later is will become mandatory.
- Treasurer Coscarart reminded the senate that the bulletin boards need to be completed. Ms. Sandra has the camera and she has photo paper that you can use. Also, she would like for you to take a picture of your bulletin board and bring it to her.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that the UL System ranks 20th in the United States for the larger public systems.
- Treasurer Coscarart yielded the floor to Senator Rourk who spoke about the Down Syndrome "Buddy Walk" which well be held on the 27th at 8am. If anyone wants to walk, there is a \$15 entrance fee.

D. SENATE CHAIR

- Senate Chair Benoit asked Senator Mindy Boudreaux to lead the senate in singing Happy Birthday to Chantel Citizen, Shawntel Smith, and Megan Broussard.
- Senate Chair Benoit commended the Senate for being at the meeting with their SGA shirts. Everyone looked great.

- Senate Chair Benoit thanked everyone who attended the game this past weekend. He saw a lot of the senate at the game besides yelling at him as the band played.
- Senate Chair Benoit announced that the band got many compliments.
- Senate Chair Benoit announced that the band had to practice in the new enclosed athletic facility and he said it is very nice. The money was well spent.

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Appropriations:** President Domingue announced that they went over Appropriations #1 and #2. They changed the committee chairman from Senator Bullinger to President Domingue.
- B. Greek:** Senator Merrett announced that they are currently looking for staff assistants in the office of Greek Affairs. The applications are due 11/5/07. Lambda Chi Alpha starts Watermelon Bust from 10/9 to 10/13.
- C. Grievance:** President Mallory Broussard announced that the “Safety Walk” was rained out and they will try again this Sunday.
- D. ISC:** Senator Khan requested help from SGA for ISC for the Spring Orientation; he discussed an issue regarding help from local UL students for International Week; and a request will be made to renovate the OIA lobby.
- E. Judicial Branch:** Chief Justice Domangue announced that the Judicial Branch is working on an orientation plan for incoming justices; they have created two retreats to outline their goals. They have approved two judicial Branch committees (Public Relations and Court Library); dealt with first election grievance; formed a website (Cajun Court.com); last week two candidates were interviewed for the vacancies in the Judicial Branch; and their meeting time and day is Sundays at 7 pm.
- F. Public Relations:** President Gary announced that her committee put the Safety Walk and the “In the Red Zone” t-shirts as a Face book group and SGA will be hosting Coffee Hour on either October 26th or November 2nd.
- G. Rules:** President Guillory announced that her committee is trying to pass some new rules and she apologized for the late submission.
- H. SSD:** No report.
- I. UPC:** Senator DuBois announced that next week is Homecoming Week with activities every day and she encouraged everyone to attend them.

7. COLLEGE REPORTS:

- A. Arts:** President Guillory announced that they have a meeting with the dean and organization presidents coming soon; the t-shirt contest deadline is November 2nd and she apologized for slacking on the bulletin boards promising that it would be completed by the end of the week.
- B. Business:** President Domingue announced that the SAC meeting went well; Dr. John came speak to everyone about himself and his ideas for the college as well as giving a few good ideas for the SAC members to think over; and all of their college goals are currently in progress for completion.

- C. Education:** President Hebert announced that her college is preparing for Fall Preview day on November 10th; they are looking forward to the Health Food Cart/Kiosk in Bourgeois Hall; they are continuing to encourage students to donate money or volunteer to the “Heart Walk” on November 10th; DKP initiation of new members is tomorrow; and a student teaching meeting will be held Friday, November 12th at 2 p.m.
- D. Engineering:** Senator Roman announced that their next sporting event for Engineering Week is volleyball this Sunday at 9 a.m.; their first bulletin board is complete and we are working on the second one; and they are making plans to clean up the steps at Martin Hall and the fountain on University Avenue.
- E. General Studies:** President Mallory Broussard announced that she located the bulletin board but is waiting for the pictures of her college and they attended the Bobby Jindal rally.
- F. Graduate School:** President Gary announced that her college met with Dean Palmer and their main goal is to get more students enrolled in Graduate School; on November 14th in the Art Gallery at 3 p.m. a workshop will be held for people who are interested in Graduate School; she encouraged everyone to let people in your colleges know about this; and they now have an SGA link on the Graduate School website.
- G. Liberal Arts:** President Megan Broussard announced that she is very frustrated with Ms. Adele in the Scholarship office because she will not return her calls and cancels all of their scheduled meetings so she will just start dropping in to get the information she needs for the Liberal Arts scholarship; they have a meeting with Dean Barry; and the bulletin board will be completed soon hopefully.
- J. Nursing:** President Smith announced that a lot is going on in her college; Nursing Week was a huge success; they had a volleyball tournament with the faculty; she welcomed their new senator, Stephanie Ullmer; they are busy ordering nursing t-shirts and sweatshirts; they are working with Dean Poirier to order directional signs for the classroom; also looking at additional benches for outside in the covered reading area; they are working at finishing the project; and they have a meeting with the dean next week to discuss clinicals.
- K. Sciences:** President Grant announced that they are working on their bulletin board and the design of Science t-shirts for Science Day.
- 8. SPECIAL REPORT**
- President Urbanowski, Vice President Arnette, Senator Rogers and Chief Justice Domangue interviewed two applicants for the two vacancies in the Judicial Branch. She chose Nick Lopez who will spoke briefly. After he spoke, he was asked to leave the room for a discussion about him to be held. President Urbanowski felt that he make a good justice and commended his work as a former SGA Business Senator so he does have some SGA experience. A vocal vote was taken and he won unanimously. Mr. Lopez was called back into the room. At this time, he received a

congratulatory applause from the senate. President Urbanowski swore him in.

- Senator Khan spoke about an idea he says to hold an event called “SGA Culfest”, a cultural week or weekend of literary, cultural and professional events targeted as an Intra-School completion organized by SGA.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Senator Castille asked to suspend with the Rules and put Amendment #1 and Amendment #2 under New Business as Item #3 and Item #4 as they were not put into the packet and are necessary documents for the Freshmen Elections. President Guillory asked to move only Amendment #3 as Item #1 under Unfinished Business because these changes are more important for the elections than Item #2.

1. Amendment #1, amended version passed.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Appropriation #1 was read by President Grant Guidry.
2. Appropriation #2 was read by President Amanda Gary.
3. Amendment #2 was read by President Guillory.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. President Urbanowski requested that Chief Justice Domangue, Justice Domingue, and President Mallory Broussard meet with her for a few minutes after the meeting.
2. President Urbanowski reminded the Senate about the Safety Walk on Sunday.
3. President Urbanowski discussed some housekeeping in the matter of moving an item from New Business to Unfinished Business: It has to be done immediately after we go into Unfinished Business.
3. Vice President inquired if anyone would like to attend the ski trip that he is representing. It has to be turned in soon.
4. Senator Rourk thanked everyone who contributed to the Downs Syndrome Awareness Event. If you want to walk, there is a \$15.00 entry fee but it includes free food, a t-shirt and a goody bag.
5. President Smith announced that she will email everyone in SGA the form for a team to sign up for Up ‘til Dawn.
6. President Mallory Broussard announced that her team will have a beer bong contest at 5 pm at the Pub.
7. Chief Justice Domangue announced that the Judicial Branch is planning two retreats. They have already dealt with a freshman grievance. Their meetings are held on Sunday at 7 pm in the SGA office and everybody is invited to attend. He also announced that freshmen applications are due Wednesday .
8. Senate Chair Benoit announced that freshmen can begin picking up the applications for the Freshmen Elections.
9. Senator Peltier announced that there will be another bike ride soon.
10. President Urbanowski thanked the senators and presidents for completing their weekly reports and she is very proud of them.
11. Ms. Sandra read her joke of the day.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** was at 6:26 pm.