

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**2007-2008**  
**SENATE**  
**September 10, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Senate Chair Benoit at 5:03 pm.
2. **PLEDGE:** The pledge was led by College of Engineering President, Ramon Boudreaux.
3. **ROLL CALL:** The following senate members were absent at this meeting: Abbi Domingue, Randall Abernathy, Brennan Castille, Kimberly Wooten, Saad Khan, Blake Hill, and Anthony Livaccarai.
4. **MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written.
5. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - A. **PRESIDENT:**
    - President Urbanowski announced that on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the corner of Rex and St. Mary, SGA is sponsoring a Voter's Registration Drive from 9 till 1. Points will be given to anyone who gets five students to register. She circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to man the table. The last day to register to vote is September 19<sup>th</sup> to be able to vote in the governor's elections in October. Also on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 till 11 in front of the library, there will be a reading of the Constitution as it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Constitution.
    - President Urbanowski announced that the Big 3 met with Dr. Authement last week to discuss the funds earned with Mobile Campus. For every student who signs up during the first year, UL will get \$1.00. After that, UL will receive 5% of the revenue. She encouraged everyone to sign up for Mobile Campus because it is beneficial if there are any emergencies on campus. If something would happen, you would get a text message. You can also register with organizations and get text messages from them. You get no more than two text message discounts per month from restaurants, hair salons, car services, etc. Just type in "gocajuns" and one of the numbers she wrote on the board. You can cancel at any time. All the funding collected will be used for campus beautification. Signage was the number one complaint received during the year and during orientation. Benches, cigarette butt containers, landscaping, increased lighting, recycle bins, covered areas and monument statues will help to beautify the campus. President Urbanowski urged everyone to go to [mobilecampus.com](http://mobilecampus.com) to check it out.
    - President Urbanowski announced that the yearbooks are in and will be handed out Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 – 2 in the Student Union and on Thursday from 10 – 2 at Griffin.

- President Urbanowski also announced that Student Handbooks are available in the SGA office and there were some in back of the room tonight.
- President Urbanowski announced that applications for “Who’s Who” are in the SGA office as well as in the meeting tonight. Anyone who wishes to apply may do so and Dean Pratt will sign off on it.
- President Urbanowski announced that SGA is selling t-shirts for the McNeese game for \$7.00 with an ID and \$10.00 without an ID. These shirts will be sold in the SGA office until we run out.
- President Urbanowski was very impressed with the amount of students who attended last Saturday’s game.
- President Urbanowski met with the Diversity Committee on March 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a generation First Annual Women’s Conference at which time a variety of speakers will be coming to talk about diverse issues regarding women. Guys are welcome to come. She had a paper with more information or you go to their diversity website.
- President Urbanowski announced that the Big 3 created something new this year. SGA will now be giving out “Senator of the Week” awards to someone who did an outstanding job for SGA and this week, that person is Andy Merrett for helping out during the summer and for SGA’s retreat.

**B. VICE PRESIDENT:**

- Vice President Arnette reminded the Senate that the meeting’s start at 5 pm so please try to get here before 5.
- Vice President Arnett announced that On the Geaux will be switching over so if you know of any department where the vending machines could be put.
- Vice President Arnette announced that, when you wish to address anyone, address them by his/her title.
- Vice President Arnette reported that the SGA representative for Homecoming will be chosen in “Special Reports”.
- Vice President Arnette announced that the SGA polos will be delivered on Friday.
- Vice President Arnette announced the vacancies in SGA: Collge of Nursing and Liberal Arts, Graduate School and Judicial Branch.
- Vice President Arnette announced that he had a compliance form in which he needed someone to type the appropriations as soon as possible.
- Vice President Arnette announced that the Senator of Month for July is Ryan Rogers and Senator of the Month for August is Josh Michiels.

**C. TREASURER:**

- Treasurer Coscart spoke to someone in Enrollment and was told that the enrollment numbers are not ready yet. Hopefully next week she’ll have everyone’s college budget.

- Treasurer Coscarart spoke with Mike Flaherty about getting phones on campus that can be used free of charge to call another person on campus. Mr. Flaherty informed her that there are three phones already installed in Angelle, the Union and Guillory. They are trying to get one installed at the Conference Center.
- Treasurer Coscarart set up a meeting with Mr. Bill Crist about the Physical Plant on Wednesday at 2:30. If anyone wants to help with grievances, this is a good opportunity to meet him. He is the man we contact whenever we have a grievance about a problem on campus. If anyone would like to accompany her, just meet her in the SGA office.
- Treasurer Coscarart has set up the Lyceum committee which funds speakers about different issues to come to UL and make presentations. The members are Dr. Janet Frantz, the Political Science Department Head, Dr. Robin Herman, Professor of Histories, Dr. Hector LaSalle, Professor of the School of Architecture and Design, Abbi Domingue, student appointed by the SGA president, Laura Hill, Honors Board Chair, and herself. There will be only 2 meetings, 9/27/07 at 4:00 and 10/30/07 at 2 pm.
- Treasurer Coscarart reminded the Senate about completing their bulletin boards. By Monday, she wanted everything removed from the boards and have the boards completed by Friday.
- Treasurer Coscarart recognized Matthew Carlini who attended a Leadership Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. It was a prestigious honor to attend because only two students per school in their division are allowed to go. This is the type of leadership function she would like to see everyone in SGA get involved in.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that SGA's goal is to get every student on campus signed up with Mobile Campus. They have a year to get all the students signed up. She urged the Senate to sign up for it and get your friends to sign up also. It is your responsibility to get your fellow students signed up.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that a campus phone is also at Bourgeois.

**D. SENATE CHAIR**

- Senate Chair Benoit announced that there are no birthdays this week.
- Senate Chair Benoit commended the football team for a gallant effort this past Saturday.
- Senate Chair Benoit questioned if any senator or president would be interested in giving the Weekly Sports Update.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice President Arnette announced the members of each committee as such:

<b><u>Appropriations:</u></b>	Erika Colvin	Abbi Domingue
	Randal Abernathy	Laura Bullinger
	Kimberly Wooten	Megan Broussard
	Bhree' Jones	Theo Stripling
	Grant Guidry	Anthony Livaccavi

<b><u>Grievances:</u></b>	Melinda Hebert	Hannah Gerard
	Jessica Hebert	Chantel Citizen
	Megan Roman	Mallory Broussard
	Moriah Istre	Saad Khan
	Amenah Abdelfattah	Josh Brannen
<b><u>Public Relations:</u></b>	Amber Rourk	Caleb Williams
	Kristina Doiron	Jamie Trahan
	Jason Boyd	Jaime Hebert
	Matt Cavlini	Ramon Boudreaux
	Mallory Comeaux	Amanda Gary
	Mindy Boudreaux	Alex Landry
	Shawntel Smith	Philippe Prouet
	Meagan Guillory	Brennan Castille
	Andy Merrett	Josh Michiels
	Brittany DuBois	Stokka Brown
<b><u>Rules:</u></b>	Elise Peltier	Blake Hill
	Ryan Rogers	Jonathan Bourque
	Alan Arabie	

A five minute recess was taken so each committee could group and decide on a committee chair and co chair and a time/place to hold their weekly meetings.

- A. Appropriations:** Senator Bullinger announced that the Appropriations Committee will meet at 4:30 in Moody. They will do an email with information to department heads about the committee. All paperwork for appropriations must be in the SGA office on Friday before the meeting.
- B. Greeks:** Senator Merrett announced that I.F.C.'s Rush is 9/10/07 and 9/14/07. The NPHC Roundup is 9/20/07.
- C. Grievance:** President Mallory Broussard announced the co-chair is Senator Istre. She also informed the Senate that the front doors at F.G. Mouton are always locked. There are two newspapers in Business.
- D. ISC:** No report.
- E. Judicial Branch:** Justice Daigle announced that the Judicial Branch is working on the Freshmen Elections. They changed their meeting time to 7 pm on Sundays and they are trying to get organized.
- F. Public Relations:** President Gary announced that their meeting time is 4:30 in the Moody. They will be making voters registration and Mobile Campus fliers. They will help sell t-shirts.
- G. Rules:** Senator Peltier announced that the Rules Committee would be at 4:55 on Mondays and Senator Peltier and President Guillory will lead the committee.
- H. SSD:** No report.
- I. UPC:** Senator DuBois handed out flyers with all the information dealing with UPC including the meeting times for different committees, the upcoming events, and an announcement about homecoming.

7. **COLLEGE REPORTS:**

- A. **Arts:** President Guillory announced that they have a meeting scheduled with the Dean and College of Arts Club Presidents on Friday at 12:30. They are working on their layout for their bulletin board, planning a t-shirt contest, and starting a recycling program.
- B. **Business:** Senters Michiels announced that their new dean is Dr. Joby John, President Domingue met with him and learned that he is very excited to work with SGA, and their first SAC meeting is next week.
- C. **Education:** President Hebert announced that APEL had their first meeting of the year with a good turnout; KPA will have their first meeting on Thursday and Friday this week; Ms. Riedel was contacted to send out emails to remind organizations to register with the university and seek out other organizations that have not yet registered; work is almost completed on their bulletin board in Bourgeois; and KDP has a meeting this weekend and their first bake sale is next week.
- D. **Engineering:** President Boudreaux reported that the ASCE meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6 pm.
- E. **General Studies:** President Mallory Broussard announcing that they spoke with Dean Ozbirn and they are waiting for lists of email addresses as well as statistics of majority of concentration to insure that we place our extra bulletin board in the right building.
- G. **Graduate School:** President Gary announced that they still can't find their bulletin board, they have a meeting with GSO, they will set up a meeting with Dean Palmer, and they are hoping to soon fill the vacancy in her college.
- H. **Liberal Arts:** Senator Boudreaux announced that they have secured a date for our Career Day which will be held in the Spring, they are in the planning stage for Liberal Arts Week; they are in the process of updating their bulletin board and are still waiting on the scholarship office to tell them what is the next step in setting up a Liberal Arts scholarship.
- I. **Nursing:** President Shawntel announced that they are in the process of ordering t-shirts and koozies; they are planning to work on their bulletin board; they will have their first Dean's Advisory meeting next Monday; and they are advertising their vacancy by speaking in the classrooms.
- J. **Sciences:** President Guidry announced that they are working on their bulletin board; they will meet with Dean Clark within the next two weeks; they will go to the freshmen orientation class and introduce themselves; and they are working on suggestion boxes to be put in their department buildings hoping to get a response.

8. **SPECIAL REPORTS:**

- Vice President Arnette introduced Officer Mattox who thanked SGA for passing the STEP proposals that were submitted in the summer. He stressed the fact that the UP's are always around if you need help.

- Vice President Arnette announced that SGA had to choose someone to represent SGA in Homecoming. Several nominations were made and the girls were asked to leave the room so the Senate could have a debate and to do a written vote. After three rounds of voting and counting the votes, Treasurer Coscarart was nominated as SGA's Homecoming representative.
- 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. President Urbanowski informed the senate that last week she did a random video taping on campus interviewing students to get their opinion and ideas of the Presidential Search and what they would like to see in our new president. She announced there will be a public hearing at the Lite House on Wednesday at 5.
2. President Urbanowski announced that the dates for Freshmen Elections is October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Freshmen can begin to pick up the applications on September 26<sup>th</sup> and the deadline to submit them is October 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. Senator Istre announced that her regards on the Homecoming court process is not affiliated with SGA or UPC. She is planning to talk to Dr. Authement and she is open to any suggestions or ideas.
4. Senator Brown gave a partial "Sports Update".
5. Dean Pratt encouraged everyone to fill out the "Who's Who" nomination form and he would be happy to recommend them. He also reminded everyone to attend the McNeese game this weekend. He also asked if SGA liked seeing the signs around campus highlighting a certain football player.
6. Senator Rogers announced that he is running for a position on the Honors Board and if you're in Honors, he would appreciate your vote.
7. President Mallory Broussard informed the senate that McNeese has bought 5000 tickets for this weekends game.
8. Senator Istre announced that the Spirits Committee will have a tent with food near the baseball tent.
9. Senator Prouet informed the senate the UL has put a billboard in Lake Charles.
10. Senator Peltier announced that she rides a bike to school and she has already gotten hit by a car. There is a Mass called the Critical Mass for people who have gotten hit by a car every Friday to make people aware

- of people on bikes.
11. Senate Chair Benoit announced that, starting next Monday, Applebee's will give a portion of their proceeds to the UL band.
  12. Ms. Sandra asked all the presidents to turn in their College Reports and Committee chairs to turn in their Committee reports to Ms. Sandra after the meeting.
  13. Ms. Sandra corrected the time and date for the Mandatory meeting which is October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.
  14. Ms. Sandra read her joke of the day.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT** was at 6:17 pm.