

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
2007-2008
SENATE
September 17, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Senate Chair Justin Benoit at 5:02 pm.
2. **PLEDGE:** The pledge was led by College of Business Senator, Brennan Castille.
3. **ROLL CALL:** The following senate members were absent at this meeting: Hannah Gerard, Jaime Hebert, and Caleb Williams.
4. **MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written. President Gary asked to suspend with the rules and move Special Reports as Item #5. It was voted on and approved.
5. **SPECIAL REPORTS:**
 - A representative from Blue Print Louisiana came to speak to the Senate. He handed out flyers to everyone.
 - Another recess was taken to give the Senate a chance to go outdoors and take head shots and group pictures for his/her bulletin board.
6. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - A. **PRESIDENT:**
 - President Urbanowski announced that SGA sponsored a successful Voter's Registration Drive today getting over 90 people registered to vote. She thanked everyone who came out to help. If you were not able to vote, there are more forms in the SGA office.
 - President Urbanowski read a portion of the Constitution which is celebrating its 100th year. Many students and faculty were there to listen to the program which made it very impressive.
 - President Urbanowski informed the Senate that she met McNees's president at the game. She thanked Senator Rogers for helping her find a room for him to stay the night. President Cujo was very impressed with the turn out at the game and the southern hospitality. He enjoyed his tailgating experience also. He will be attending the same conference that she and Vice President Arnette will attend next week in New Orleans and she thinks that he might mention this recording.
 - President Urbanowski announced that Wednesday of last week she went to another Presidential Search Committee meeting. This was the last public hearing before the deadline to submit an application for the position. The video that she made interviewing students was shown during this meeting. One faculty member even came forward to compliment her while she was at lunch. President Urbanowski thanked President Smith for agreeing to be one of the students interviewed.
 - President Urbanowski met with Mr. Bill Crist and Mr. Simon Broussard to discuss the progress of the parking garage. The garage should be completed in the Spring but no later than February 8th. It will be a pay lot.

- Last Tuesday, President Urbanowski met with the Diversity Advisory Council who is headed by Jeralyn Hightower. Ms. Hightower wants to get a discussion group in the ballroom to talk about diversity issues. If you want to volunteer to help with this program, email her.
- President Urbanowski announced that the “Senator of the Week” is Senator Peltier who worked the longest at the Voters Registration table.

B. VICE PRESIDENT:

- Vice President Arnette complemented everyone who wore their new polos to tonight’s meeting. He reminded the Senate that they are representing students and SGA when they wear it. He stressed the importance of wearing the polos to the SGA meetings.
- Vice President Arnette informed the senate that there is now a form in the SGA to fill to be excused from a meeting. He is going to be very strict about the attendance rules this year. Ms. Sandra will have the forms at her desk. You will not be excused until you have spoken to one of the Big 3.
- Vice President Arnette announced that he sent emails to a few schools concerning their interest in the “R U Ready” Program. He hasn’t heard from anyone as of today.
- Vice President Arnette announced that if there is anyone absent from your college tonight, remind them that they can come to the SGA office to take a picture for your bulletin board.
- Vice President Arnette reminded the senate that any appropriation has to be turned in to Ms. Sandra by noon the Friday before the next meeting to insure that it will be on Monday’s agenda.
- Vice President Arnette informed the senate that he is on the Athletic Committee along with Dean Pratt, Mr. Daniel, Heidi Bellard and Ben Walker. They will begin meeting every Tuesday to discuss ways to get football fans to stay until the end of the football game.

C. TREASURER:

- Treasurer Coscarart requested that any college who doesn’t have full attendance tonight to come by the SGA office as soon as possible to make a group picture for the bulletin board in your college. She informed them that they can spend up to \$20.00 for decorations. After purchasing any decorations, bring the receipt to Ms. Sandra and she will do the paperwork for you to be refunded.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that the college budgets are almost completed. She is waiting on the number of organizations are in Graduate School and the Colleges of Nursing and Sciences. Please contact her as soon as you know that figure.

- Treasurer Coscarart informed the Senate that last week she met with Bill Crist in Physical Plant who is working with John Wales on campus maps and displays that got passed for funding two years ago. It was for campus maps, displays on campus and identifying the buildings that never were put up. They told her that the reason for this is because they can't find the maps. She told them to go ahead and put the displays out and that will take enough time while we are looking for maps or getting some. President Mallory Broussard will be keeping in touch with the Physical Plant weekly to let them know what problems have been submitted. By keeping in touch, we will let them know that we are there and will give them an update of what is going on.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that the Big 3 will be touching base with Mr. Barton Broussard concerning signage options and cataloging the different types of signs. If anyone would like to come check them out or share an opinion, you are more than welcome to attend this meeting.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that, on Tuesday, the Big 3 would be meeting with Mr. Lucien Gastineau to discuss the issue of getting Guillory Hall open 24 hours. This was one of their platform goals. For this to happen the students have to really push the effort but it is possible. We just need everyone to get involved. We will be meeting with him again about other topics. If you would like to get involved, contact the Big 3 and let them know.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that the Lyceum Committee will have their first meeting next Thursday, September 27th at 4:00 pm. Inform your college that if they want to submit a Lyceum request form, it has to be turned in by this Thursday because it has to be sent in a week before the meeting.
- Treasurer Coscarart informed the Senate that next week President Urbanowski and Vice President Arnette will not be at the SGA meeting. They are attending LACUSPA in New Orleans so Treasurer Coscarart will be handling the meeting.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that SGA will be making a second order of the red "In the Zone" t-shirts that were sold last week.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Appropriations:** Senator Bullinger announced that she will have an appropriation for review next week.
- B. Greek:** Senator Merrett announced that the NPHC will round up on September 20th.
- C. Grievance:** President Mallory Broussard announced that SGA will again sponsor a "Safety Walk" on October 7th at 6 pm. If anyone wants to help, we will all meet outside by the swamp.
- D. ISC:** (Unreadable on tape recorder)

- E. **Judicial Branch:** Chief Justice Domangue announced that the Judicial Branch is going over the Rules Covering Elections.
 - F. **Public Relations:** President Gary announced that her committee will help the Grievance Committee with the Safety Wall; got a lot of positive feedback about SGA's Voter Registration Drive; would like to do another Coffee Hour, and would like ideas or suggestions for the Coffee Hour. She will talk to ISC about a date.
 - G. **Rules:** President Guillory announced that Senator Istre wanted to know where do you go for the paperwork to start an organization; focused on the upcoming elections; and brainstormed worse case scenario for Facebook and myspace.com
 - H. **SSD:** No report.
 - I. **UPC:** Senator DuBois reminded everyone who planned to participate in Homecoming festivities, your packet of information is in the UPC office in the Union and she encouraged everyone to attend Saturday nights game against Troy.
- 8. **COLLEGE REPORTS:**
(College reports given on the 2nd and 4th meetings of the month.)
 - 9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
 - 10. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
 - 11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - 1. Senator Trahan warned everyone to wear their Red SGA t-shirt in cold because the white faded on hers.
 - 2. Senator Brown gave a sports update.
 - 3. Ms. Sandra read her joke of the day.
 - 12. **ADJOURNMENT** was at 6:07 pm.