

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**2007-2008**  
**SENATE**  
**September 24, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Senate Chair Justin Benoit at 5:01 pm.
2. **PLEDGE:** The pledge was led by College of General Studies President, Mallory Broussard.
3. **ROLL CALL:** The following senate members were absent at this meeting: Erika Colvin, Melinda Hebert, Jason Boyd, Laura Bullinger, Ramon Boudreaux, Stokka Brown, Blake Hill, Jonathan Bourque, Grant Guidry, Alan Arabie, and Anthony Livaccarai.
4. **MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written.
5. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

Senate Chair Benoit announced that the President and Vice President are attending a LACUSPA conference today, so Treasurer Coscart will handle all the proceedings.

  - A. **PRESIDENT:**
  - B. **VICE PRESIDENT:**
  - C. **TREASURER:**
    - Treasurer Coscart reported that she spoke with Mr. Lucien Gastineau concerning keeping Guillory open 24 hours. She was told that, for this project, a STEP grant will be submitted in the spring. Guillory will also be card assessed. This project should be completed by the end of this semester. If it isn't, it will be definitely completed by the beginning of the spring semester.
    - Treasurer Coscart announced that there are more copy machines in Bourgeois. She is hoping to get them to be card accessed and also accept Cajun Cash.
    - Treasurer Coscart announced that she is trying to get more Cajun Cash vending machines on campus.
    - Treasurer Coscart informed the Senate that she also spoke with Mr. Gastineau about running a line to the parking booth so students can use their Cajun Cash to pay the parking fee.
    - Treasurer Coscart reported that she is trying to get the buildings to be card assessed after hours. It was first thought that two buildings could be done at the same time but it will cost too much, so Madison will be the first one to be set up with this convenience. Griffin will be the next when they can think of a way to pay for this project with the help of STEP grants.

- Treasurer Coscarart thanked all of the committee chairs, especially President Gary, for making a large encouragement card for everyone to sign and give to the football players. She also thanked President Mallory Broussard for making signs to put on campus stating that SGA still has faith in UL's Ragin Cajun team and the team will always have our support.
- Treasurer Coscarart told the Rules Committee chairs, the Grievance Committee chairs, and the Appropriation Committee chairs to meet with her after tonight's meeting.
- Treasurer Coscarart announced that the "Senator of the Week" is President Mallory Broussard.
- Treasurer Coscarart informed the Senate that Senator Rourk will be passing a wallet and picture around to get donation for the "Down Syndrome Awareness Buddy Walk". She will be picking up donations at the next SGA meeting.

**D. SENATE CHAIR**

- Senate Chair Benoit reminded the Senate to turn off his/her cell phone or put it on silent.
- Senate Chair Benoit urged the Senate to contact the Big 3 or Ms. Sandra when you know you will be absent, if you will be tardy or if you will be leaving the meeting early.
- Senate Chair Benoit called Treasurer Coscarart to the floor to explain the ruling on absences as stated in the SGA Bylaws. You are allowed three absences per semester, but a total of five per year. If anyone goes over their limit of absences, a resolution will be written to remove his/her from SGA.
- Senate Chair Benoit was pleased to see a lot of SGA members at the game. He enjoyed seeing the enthusiasm, school spirit, students staying until the end of the game, and shaking hands with the football players. The team needs the student body's morale because they are having a hard time.

**6 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Appropriations:** No report.
- B. Greek:** No report.
- C. Grievance:** President Mallory Broussard announced that SGA will again sponsor a "Safety Walk" on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The lights are fixed near the library. Senator Istre announced that she spoke to John Wales about putting an elevator in Declouet, but the building is too old for this; she spoke to Bill Crist about the lack of air-conditioning in Griffin; and she suggested that SGA give an UL employee a motivational prize of "Employee of the Year".

- D. **ISC:** Senator Khan announced that he spoke with Ms. Rose Honegger. She would like permission to have two International students come talk at the SGA meetings to give SGA an idea of the problems that they have. She would also like to see Orientation be for the Americans and International students together, not separate. This will make the International students' fee more welcome. Senate Chair Benoit informed Senator Khan that the International Students are welcomed to come speak at any meeting, but he had to let the Big 3 know in advance. Senator Khan gave a speech about India, but the students were more interested in the free food and free beverages.
  - 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 made the card and flyers for the encouragement for the football players; they keep reminding students about Mobile Campus; reminded the Senate that Fall Break is on October 1 and 2, not the original dates which were the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>; the Safety Walk is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>, Coffee Hour is October 6<sup>th</sup>, and the American Heart Association Heart Walk is on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the River Ranch.
  - G. **Rules:** President Guillory announced that her committee met to talk about Freshmen Elections and she would like to have a short meeting with her committee after tonight's meeting.
  - H. **SSD:** No report.
  - I. **UPC:** Senator DuBois announced that SGA will be sponsoring "Coffee Hour" soon.
7. **COLLEGE REPORTS:**
- A. **Arts:** President Guillory announced that they met with the dean and it was very successful; they established relationships with organization leaders who expressed their concerns; the college bulletin board will be up in the next couple of days; and their flyers for the t-shirt contest will be up in the next few days.
  - B. **Business:** President Domingue announced that her college had a SAC meeting on Tuesday, and she and Senator Trahan met with Dean Joby John about their college goal with the Student Opinion Surveys. She will be working to get those done and having that goal completed.
  - C. **Education:** President Hebert thanked everyone who came support their KDP bake sale; working on final touches of the bulletin board/pictures; working on setting college meetings once or twice a month to discuss important events and better meet the students' needs; and Dean Carlson has asked for College of Education to support the American Heart Walk Association at River Ranch on November 10<sup>th</sup> with a goal of \$1000.00
  - D. **Engineering:** Senator Roman announced that their first sporting event for Engineering Week is softball; the Freshmen Mixer was a success; trying to start a Society of Women Engineers; and the ABET preparation continues.

- 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 is looking for another senator; will speak to the department head or graduate coordinator to see if they could send a mass email explaining what SGA is; and they will be setting up a meeting with Dean Palmer on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - G. Liberal Arts:** President Megan Broussard announced that her college was waiting for the dates of Liberal Arts Week to be approved; she found out that there are a few more steps that need to be completed before the Liberal Arts scholarship can be established but she has a meeting scheduled with Ms. Adelle; they are looking for guest speakers for Liberal Arts Week; and their bulletin board is ready to put up, just waiting for their pictures.
  - J. Nursing:** President Smith announced that they met with the dean to discuss Nursing Day & upcoming projects for the nursing building; they are working on t-shirt and sweatshirt designs; they are working on their bulletin board; accreditation is coming up; UL's College of Nursing is the leader in nursing technology and they discussed a national convention that they will attend to represent SGA.
  - K. Sciences:** No report.
- 8. SPECIAL REPORT**  
Senate chair Benoit and Treasurer Coscarart handed out papers for the senate to choose their favorite chose of the five new committees: Residence Life, Technology, Parking & Transit, Financial Aid, and Physical Plant. Number 1 will be your favorite, so on till number 5.
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
- 10. NEW BUSINESS:** None
- 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- 1. Senator Istre announced that UL Lafayette beat LSU in soccer with a score of 2-1.
  - 2. Senator Rogers was proud to announce that out of everyone who applied for the Up 'til Dawn Round Table Chair, eight of them were SGA members. He thanked SGA for its overwelmoning support.
  - 3. President Domingue reminded everyone about bringing drinks in the auditorum. If you want to bring a drink, please leave it on the floor because there was a bad spill that was costly to get cleaned.
  - 4. Senator Rourk thanked everyone who contributed to the Downs Syndrome Awareness Event.
  - 5. Senator Brannen announced that the Alumni Association is selling chrome trailer hitches as a fund raiser.
  - 6. Senator Istre announced that SOS applications can be downloaded and are due October 30<sup>th</sup>.

7. Senator Khan questioned Senator Mindy Boudreaux about the new “Happy Birthday” song. Senate Chair Benoit asked Senator Boudreaux to come to the front to sing it for us. Students celebrating their birthday this week are Vice President Arnette and Senators Wooten and Gerard. Senator Boudreaux did come to the front of the auditorium and sang for SGA.
  8. Senate Chair Benoit announced that Freshmen can begin picking up the applications for the Freshmen Elections.
  9. Senate Chair Benoit announced that the Vermilion stated UL Lafayette is last in nation with students in politics. With all the vacancies in SGA right now, this proves that it is true.
  10. Senate Chair Benoit announced that the Voters Registration Drive was a success. He thanked everyone who helped. 102 students registered. It was even on the cover of the Daily Advertiser.
  11. Senate Chair Benoit announced that, due to Fall Break, there will be no SGA meeting next week.
  12. Senate Chair Benoit asked for ideas or suggestions to get the band to have more moral. They really haven’t been playing up to par.
  13. Senate Chair Benoit asked if anyone is having problems with their shirt, let him know and he will talk to Vice President Arnette.
  14. Ms. Sandra read her joke of the day.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT** was at 5:50 pm.