

Minutes

LSUS Student Government Association

September 27, 2007

The LSUS Student Senate met at 10:40 A.M., Thursday, September 27, 2007, in the Webster Room of the University Center. Executive Secretary Mayte Pino took roll.

Present for the meeting were:

Joe Hayes, President
Nicole Goad, Vice President
Mayte Pino, Executive Secretary
Daniel Antle
Matthew Baker
Kathryn D'Anna
Ieshia Davenport, Education
Ben Escude,
Melanie Finch, Business
Jonnette Green
Serena Greene, Science
Brandon Johnson, Liberal Arts
Preston Langley

April Lewandoski, Business
Travis Richardson, Science
Titus Washington
Stephen Williams
Keith Milstead
Cheradee Williams

Absent:

Angel Arnold, Liberal Arts
Jonathan Gandy
Jeremy Hampton
T'anita King
Rachelle Walden

Vice President Goad informs the Senate of changes to the agenda. Senator Baker has offered a last-minute piece of legislation.

On the motion of Senator D'Anna, seconded by Senator C. Williams, the agenda is approved as amended, and the minutes from September 20, 2007 are also approved.

Executive Reports:

President Hayes reports that the wireless installation has begun at LSUS.

He also reported that he met with the chancellor this week; There is a surprise that will be reported once it is finalized. Hayes reports that Microsoft Office 2007 Ultimate is being sold for only \$60 which is basically a steal compared to prices anywhere else. Hayes has sent the parking proposal to Faculty Senate President Joiner and the Staff Senate President Samhan. President Hayes and Joseph Pearson also met with the recreational committee.

Vice President Goad reports that if anyone is interested in signing up for the dinner tonight to just get in contact with her so that she is aware.

Executive Secretary Pino encourages Senators to bring ideas for legislation to the Executive Board,

Committee Reports:

Public Relations:

Senator C. Williams reports that they met on the 13th of September. Boards are to be available for SGA to post information on by Friday. These will be readily available in all the buildings. For SGA day the plan is to have decorations, a drop box, and we plan to promote SGA at midnight madness. The committee will also be making a cardboard cut out of the mascot.

Student Affairs:

Senator Greene reports that they really just deal with Professor of the year. This committee will be creating a survey to see get ideas from the student body. Senator Greene proposed that we offer Vegetarian pizza for SGA also.

Academic Affairs:

Senator Baker reports that they have met through e-mail with the provost, and are just waiting for the draft to arrive. President Hayes commented that he would try to get the draft sooner.

Internal Affairs:

Senator Milstead reports that most of his members in the committee were absent, and have yet to meet. He would like to give the members a heads up that if they do not reply in a week, then the spots should be replaced with members by a senate vote.

Old Business:

Laptop Exchange Act:

PPT Baker introduces his laptop Exchange Act. Discussion centers around how the laptop was purchased without the approval of the Senate.

Laptop Exchange Act

Be it known,

The Louisiana State University in Shreveport Student Government Association shall exchange our laptop for \$2000 with Dr. Raines.

Whereas,
Last year a laptop was purchased for \$2000 out of the SGA budget without Senate approval; and,

Whereas,
Article IV, Section 5, Subsection a of the Constitution states it is the duty of the Student Senate to "Review and take action upon the SGA budget and the appropriation of SGA funds"; and,

Whereas,
The Student Senate reviewed the appropriation of the funds for this laptop on September 20, 2007 and found them to be unnecessary and a burden on the SGA; and,

Whereas,
Dr. Raines informed the SGA on September 20, 2007, that she would exchange the laptop for the original \$2000, which would be placed back into the SGA budget for the 2007-2008 year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Student Senate of Louisiana State University in Shreveport approves the exchange of the SGA laptop for \$2000 from Dr. Raines.

Motion to approve the act was made by Senator Antle, and was seconded by senator Escude. The Laptop Exchange Act passes unanimously.

President Hayes thanks Joseph Pearson for agreeing to .

New Business:

Senator ID Cards:

President Hayes reports that the senators will be getting special IDs so that they have access to the SGA office. This is necessitated by recent events over the last few semesters. Senators will need to show their ID card to the student worker to gain access to the office.

President Hayes also reports that there may be either a card for the senators for one free meal a month, or \$10 per senator to spend in The Port Around \$800 per semester would be spent on the meals for the senate.

Senator Appointments:

President Hayes presents Badreka Harper and Ali Lieberman to the Senate as his newest appointments.

Both students talk about why they would like to join the Student Government Association

On the motion of Senator Milstead, seconded by Senator Langley, the appointment of Ali Lieberman as Senator-at-Large was approved unanimously.

On the motion of Senator C. Williams, seconded by Senator D' Anna, the appointment of Badreka Harper as Senator-at-Large was approved unanimously

Vice President Goad informs the senate that this makes a total of 16 Senators-At-Large.

Archives Act:

PPT Baker presents the Archives Act which was brought to you by Matthew Baker and Daniel Antle. It states that every SGA document older than 3 years old should be transferred to the University Archives. This will be accessible to any students. President Hayes reports that Dr. Raines is not present, but on her part would like to speak for her and explain that she does not agree with the idea. President Hayes disagrees with Dr. Raines, along with the rest of the senate. Senators Milstead, Finch, Antle, and Lewandoski had a further discussion on the topic.

Compass Student Fee Act:

This was brought up because people were complaining that they didn't know cumulative costs about where their money was going. Vice President Goad questions the academic enhancement fee. Senator Milstead replies that it is for paying whatever money the government doesn't cover. Senators asked what the athletic fee and the technology fee were for. Senator Milstead replies that it is for the sports that the donations don't cover. President Hayes replies that the Technology fee is a charge added to every class.

President Hayes will invite Mike Ferrell to come speak at one of our meetings and break everything down for those who are still interested in understanding where all the fees are coming from.

Announcements:

Vice President Goad announces that volunteers are wanted at the revel for those interested in doing so. Nicole reports if anyone has any questions about how to sign up for the revel ask her after the meeting.

President Pro-Tempore Baker reports that after the dinner tonight everyone should go visit the research symposium going on in the art gallery down stairs in the U.C.

Joseph Pearson reports that the governor's forum will be held at LSUS October 4, 2007 at 7 P.M.. Anyone interested in attending is more than welcome.

Senator Johnson reports that the attendance policy is being rejected by one of his professors who he has provided a doctors excuse to. He asks what he should do. President Hayes asks Senator Johnson to see him after the meeting, because it is the current school policy that his grade should not be affected.

Senator Finch questions why we are paying for business printing. President Hayes responds that the Tech Fee only pays for printing in the campus-wide lab. All other labs and departments must pay their own printing costs. Business has decided to pass the cost on to students.

Senator Greene mentions that in Science, you must bring your own paper to print with.

Matthew Baker asks if there was an SGA article in the Almagest. President Hayes responds that there was not, but look for one next week.

Adjournment:

On the motion of Senator Escude, seconded by Senator D'Anna, Vice president goad adjourns the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayte Pino, Executive Secretary