

Minutes

LSUS Student Government Association

September 20, 2007

The LSUS Student Senate met at 10:40 A.M., Thursday, September 20, 2007, in the Webster Room of the University Center. President Pro-Tempore Matthew Baker took roll.

Present for the meeting were:

Joe Hayes, President
Nicole Goad, Vice President
Daniel Antle
Matthew Baker
Kathryn D'Anna
Ben Escude
Melanie Finch, Business
Jonathan Gandy
Jonette Green
Serena Greene, Science
Keith Milstead
Travis Richardson, Science
Stephen Williams

Dr. Raines, Advisor

Absent:

Mayte Pino, Executive Secretary
Angel Arnold, Liberal Arts
Ieshia Davenport, Education
Jeremy Hampton
Brandon Johnson, Liberal Arts
T'anita King
Preston Langley
Rachelle Walden
Titus Washington
Cheradee Williams

On the motion of Senator Baker, seconded by Senator Greene, the minutes from the September 13 meeting were approved as amended.

Executive Reports:

President Hayes reports about the syllabus project further. Vice Chancellor Mills has sent an email to department chairs asking for support. He will meeting with the Rec Committee and report back. T-shirts are still ten dollars, but we may be able to pay out of Senate funds. No additional information has been reported about the copyright issues of the SGA website.

Vice President Goad reports to not forget committee report forms, and reports for the secretary to also not forget to turn in the biography forms, or legislation.

Old Business:

SGA Day Planning and Appropriation

Senator Serena Greene asks for vegetarian options to be included on the menu in the food court.

On the motion of PPT Baker, seconded by Senator D’Anna, the October 9th date and appropriation for Pizza and drinks is approved by unanimous vote.

Student Parking Proposal

President Hayes reminds Senators that any issue involving the faculty may make it more difficult to push the rest of the Senate initiatives such as Attendance.

Senator Gandy states his belief that the number of spaces being requested is small enough that no ill will should come from it..

Student/Faculty Parking Proposal

Be it known,
The Louisiana State University at Shreveport Student Government Association shall send a proposal to the Parking & Traffic Committee requesting that certain faculty parking spaces be turned into student ones.

Whereas,
The LSUS SGA is vested with addressing student body concerns; and,

Whereas,
There have been several instances of student complaints about the limited number of parking spaces in proximity to buildings used most often by students and,

Whereas,
There are many faculty parking spots (approx. 10-15) that are within a close range of these mentioned buildings that are presently empty on any given day.

Whereas,
In order to both alleviate student concerns and traffic problems resulting in students being unable to find parking spots close to their buildings during peak traffic times (M,W,F 8am-12pm and T,R 9am – 12:30pm) the Student Government should be resolved in the following:

PROPOSAL: The Student Government Association of Louisiana State University in Shreveport vote to approve a proposal to be submitted to the Parking & Traffic Committee allocating 10 current faculty spots to students in Bronson Hall, the Business & Education Building, and in the Technology Center parking lot in order to answer the Student Government Association’s call to answer student body concerns.

On the motion of Senator Gandy, seconded by Senator Greene, the Student /Faculty Parking Proposal is passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Internal Affairs Report

Senator Milstead reports he is doing preliminary research on ramifications before calling meeting.

Budget Report

Budget Chair is not present to report.

Laptop Discussion

President Hayes states that two thousand dollars were spent last year on a laptop, but the expenditure was never included in the yearly budget or appropriated by the Senate. Dr. Raines reports that the Student Activities Office is willing to buy the laptop from the SGA.

Dr. Raines also mentions that we could still have access to the laptop by checking it out.

Appointments

On the motion of PPT Baker, seconded by Senator D'Anna, Presidential Appointments were added to the agenda without opposition.

President Hayes presents Melanie Finch as his emergency appointment to the Student Conduct Board.

On the motion of Senator D'Anna, seconded by Senator Antle, Melanie Finch is unanimously approved as the SGA's second member of the Student Conduct Board

President Hayes presents April Lewandoski as his newest appointment to the Student Senate as a College of Business Senator.

On the motion of Senator D'Anna, seconded by Senator Antle, the nomination is unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Vice President Goad mentions that there are some volunteer opportunities available for the senators. The President and VP are planning to participate in habitat for Humanity. Please see the VP for more information.

Adjournment:

On the motion of Senator Richardson, seconded by Senator Antle, Vice President Goad adjourns the meeting at 11:04.

Mayte Pino, Executive Secretary