

March 8, 2007

**I Executive**

Denitra Dennis  
Shay Paschal  
Ebonee Rhodes

**College Senators**

Matthew Baker  
Nicole Goad  
Brandon Johnson  
Rachelle Walden

**Senators-At-Large**

Daniel Antle  
Badreka Harper  
Joseph Hayes  
Mayte Pino  
Titus Washington  
Stephen Williams

**Absent**

Keith Milstead  
Mikea Scott  
Shakendra Simpson  
Cheradee Williams

**II Approval of Minutes**

Senator Mayte Pino motions to approve the meeting minutes. Senator Badreka Harper seconds the motion. Senator Matthew Baker, Senator Nicole Goad, and President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes abstains. All senators vote in favor of approving the meeting minutes.

**III Executive Reports**

A President Denitra Dennis reports that she has vetoed the ISISI Act and has provided the senate with her justifications. President Dennis also reports that House Bill 56 removes sales tax for college textbooks. The final drawing of the mascot was approved at the meeting Wednesday.

President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes questions the current SGA Facebook group and why it's constitutional when Senator Matthew Baker was sent to Internal Affairs for using the SGA name. President Dennis replies that Senator Matthew Baker called a faculty member "lazy", this group existed last year and any incorrect information has been removed. She also believes that this group provides an outlet will reach more students.

B Vice-President Shay Paschal reminds the senate that the Technology Fee deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice-President Paschal motions to amend the agenda to include Mike Schwalke, Almagest editor, as a special guest. Senator Nicole Goad seconds the motion. All senators vote in favor of amending the meeting agenda.**

C Executive Secretary Ebonee Rhodes has nothing to report.

E Joseph Pearson, UC Director reports that the University has

contracted for furniture fabric and carpet colors.  
Renovations are tentatively set to be completed by fall.  
A final report for the Recreational Center will be available soon.  
Finances and administration will determine which of the  
recommendations will be followed.

#### **IV Special Guest**

A Mike Schwalke, Almagest Editor - Mike Schwalke reports that space is available to the Student Government to communicate with the student body. Contact him, Jeremiah Raab, visit Room 344, via phone at (318) 797-5328, or by email at [almagest@lsus.edu](mailto:almagest@lsus.edu).  
Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, has sent an email concerning House Bill 56 which cuts sales tax on textbooks for students. He asks the Senate to help educate students. This may be publicized by student email or a document template to be sent to representatives.  
President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes reports that he has talked to the College of Business Dean and the Student Advisory Counsel will place a form letter on their website that will automatically be sent to the student's respective representatives.  
Schwalke also reports that the LSUS News and the Almagest will integrate via web in the fall.

#### **V Committee Reports**

A Student Affairs/Professor of the Year – (President Dennis reports in Senator Mikea Scott's absence.) President Dennis reports that as of the last meeting: gifts will be presented in a treasure box, the centerpiece will be a beta fish with blue and gold pebbles, a mascot cutout will reveal the Top 20 Professors and the winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Salt Grass Steakhouse.  
President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes recommends that we Velcro gifts to a paddle wheel. Vice-President Shay Paschal reminds President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes that he is Co-chair of the committee and is encouraged to attend meetings.

#### **VI New Business**

A SGA Paraphernalia- Executive Secretary Rhodes provides the Senate with price quotes. UC Director Joseph Pearson volunteers his help with prices. The Senate discusses pros/cons of a t shirt and polo.  
B Amendment to STAP Act (President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes) - President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes motions to amend the STAP Act to state "any student after 4:30pm with a valid student ID may receive a scantron".  
President Pro-Tempore Hayes motions to suspend Robert's Rules of

Order. Senator Nicole Goad seconds the motion. Senator Badreka Harper abstains. All other senators vote in favor of suspending Robert's Rules of Order.

President Pro-Tempore Hayes motions to vote for the amendment. Senator Matthew Baker seconds the motion. All senators vote in favor of the proposed amendment.

Senator Daniel Antle recommends that the Senate provide a limited number of pink scantrons. President Pro-Tempore Hayes cautions including a specific number of scantrons.

President Dennis states that Mike Ferrell questioned why students have to show a student ID.

**Senator Matthew Baker motions to include a discussion of the Presidential Veto. Senator Nicole Goad seconds the motion. All senators vote in favor of amending the agenda.**

C ISISI Presidential Veto - President Dennis reports that she doesn't believe the legislation is necessary, it limits food to only pizza, and it does not bring more students to the meetings.

Senator Matthew Baker states that most students like pizza, the previous events were not advertised, and the goal is for more involvement.

President Dennis states that there is not involvement for visitors since they are not allowed to speak or vote.

President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes motions to table the agenda. Senator Daniel Antle seconds the motion. All senators vote in favor of tabling the agenda.

### **VIII Announcements**

A President Pro-Tempore Joseph Hayes announces that he will present an amendment to change the date of SGA Elections to Spring Fling.

### **IX Adjournment**

Senator Nicole Goad motions to adjourn the meeting and Senator Badreka Harper seconds the motion. All senators vote in favor of adjourning the meeting. The meeting is adjourned.