

October 24 Senate meeting

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Induction of New Senators

Roll Call

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Addison

Allen

Avery

Blanco

Breaux

Brinks

Bryant

Call

Champagne

Chenevert

Clark

Conseco

Cortina

Cummings

Davis

De Leo

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French

Gammon

Guidry

Hanna

Harris

Hathorne

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Jackson

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Murray
Oaks
O'Malley
Palermo
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Sellers, Edward
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Pro-Temp Delery
Speaker Robertson

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Public Input

Breaux: I'm going to go ahead and to extend speaker's time by 10 minutes

Second by O-Malley.

Senator Breaux: I have the distinct pleasure to introduce you to my personal mentor, Jason DeCuir, who is running for a special political seat: State Senate District 14. This includes the campus and the

surrounding areas. As all of us know, LSU is very important to us. I've invited us to share some of his beliefs and platforms. Without any further ado, Jason Decuir for Senate.

Jason DeCuir: Thank you guys for being here and thank you Whitney for the kind introduction. It's interesting that Whitney made a motion to attend my time – I know I look a little tired. It's because I began at 7 a.m. this morning at Sherwood Forest Elementary. One of the things I can tell you is that I'm breathing a lot easier tonight. You may wonder why? I'm in a run-off. The reason is because LSU has an away game. The reason I say that is because as my phone bankers were calling the neighborhoods south of here, the response was, "We're voting for Jason, but we're voting for him on the way to the LSU football game." But this worried me because I thought people were going to skip out on voting to go tailgate. And a lot of the areas that usually have higher turnout had a much lower turnout because of the football game. I learned today that we may have an early-voting precinct here on LSU's campus. That will be a huge asset if we do have early voting here. I want to know to tell you about myself. I went to LSU and LSU Law School. My dad went to LSU Law School, as did my brother. My mom teaches at UHigh and also went to LSU. So I have a desire to see LSU do well. It does a lot for the community and it can do a lot more. But we need leadership for LSU and we need someone pushing the LSU district. And when you look at the Senate District, historically, we haven't had anyone to push LSU like it should. This is a shock because LSU is centrally located. All of the assets that are a catalyst for a Baton Rouge and Louisiana are found in this district. We have LSU, the community colleges, the technical colleges, the ports, the charity hospitals, and downtown development. You would think that this district would be finishing at the top. But ironically, it's performing at the bottom. Unfortunately, we have not figured out how to put all of these assets together to improve our public schools, improve health care and create more jobs. LSU is just a feeder for other states. I could guess that most of you won't continue your work here in Baton Rouge. People out of state realize that you don't have the great opportunity you would have in New York, Houston, L.A, etc. But why is this? It's because we haven't consolidated our assets. Almost all the public schools are failing in, and around, the LSU the area. We should invest in the university and get more money put into the university. We will soon see that the jobs and opportunities will follow the investments. We should see the state senator at a lot of the functions, senate meetings, etc. at LSU. We're thinking that on November 17 that about 9,000 votes will determine this senate race. That goes all the way from Southern University to the gates of St. Gabriel. Now if all the students registered to vote on LSU's campus could vote, the students could single-handedly choose the next state senator. One of the things I am proud of is that I did get the endorsement of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce and they have pushed the LSU Agenda and the Blueprint Program. What I do when I'm not campaigning is I'm a corporate tax lawyer. I'm also in the movie and film industry. I think we need to attract more of this in the Baton Rouge area. If we don't use LSU to provide the infrastructure and other supplemental needs, the film industry will leave the area and we will lose it. I'm running against a machine that's been in play for about 22 years. When I told people I wanted to run, they thought I was crazy. But people are ready for change. I am asking you to support the issues and the qualities of life that need to change, not just me. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to be here tonight. I'll leave some of my information if you have any additional questions.

Questions:

Palermo: Thanks for coming tonight. Is it too late to switch voter's registration?

Decuir: For this election, it is too late to register for the run-off election. But I do suggest you register for the next years you're here.

Call: How did you feel once Senator Cleo Fields wasn't allowed to run for another term? Pulling such a diverse area, what's your plan on pulling these two (Republican and Democratic) areas together?

Decuir: Those are two excellent questions. I'm 32 and I started running for this senate when I was 29. When I first decided to run for this seat, Cleo at that time was considered, under the law, a term-limited senator. I chose to run, though, because of the issues we've faced in this community. I was going to run against him whether he could or couldn't run. There was a bill passed after Katrina and Rita that was kind of a loophole bill and wasn't vetoed. That allowed Fields to run again. People asked me, "So what are you going to do since he can run again?" Actually, Senator Fields and I were running against each other for a year and a half. He wouldn't debate me and was flirting with the decision to run or not. On the meanwhile, I walked on a straight walk and continued to run. A few months prior to the election, they found Sen. Fields candidacy unconstitutional. He didn't think about some of the things he'd accomplished, he just endorsed my opponent immediately. I had to tailgate both the LSU and SU games. Cleo had a big tent and he had my opponent under his tent. He spent thousands of dollars with footballs and my opponents name written with a permanent marker. She also put masking tape with her name on it on fans. If you want more of the same, go with that ticket. If you want change and someone wanted to commit to changing things, you have another option. And people ask me, how do you consolidate your districts? I grew up right here. When graduated from Catholic High, but I went to Howard University. I did my MBA at LA Tech, Law Degree at LSU and Tax Degree at Georgetown. It comes down to one issue: When people are failing, those things are not democratic or republican. When all of our schools are failing, our schools are failing. When our students are leaving, our students are leaving. I have support from both sides and we have been able to pull people together for one common goal: What's in the best interest for Baton Rouge and Louisiana. Anybody who's around me knows that if it's in the best interest of people, it's what I'm going to do. My opponents won't even visit LSU and represent both universities. There are two great universities here and right now, LSU is being ignored.

Senator Ann Harris: Last week in PMC I talked for a ridiculous amount of time about everything going on in theater. In lieu of a 15 minute speech, I have these crossword puzzles.

Senator Drew Prestridge: Just to let you guys know, the temporary election code committee will have their meeting in the SG office. Last week, the meeting went well. We talked about tickets and also about student organization endorsements. Tomorrow we'll talk about campaign rules and grounds for disqualification. Feel free to come by we'd love to hear what you have to say.

Par. Anna Dearmon: I want to welcome you all to the grand opening of the new J.Crew store in Perkins Rowe. I will e-mail you a coupon that has 15% off. There will be cookies/drinks so come by and say hey.

SenatorMurray: I just wanted to let you know that flu shots are this week in the health center. It's walk-in, not appointment. It costs \$10 for students and can be put on the fee bill.

Reading, Correction and Adoption of Minutes-

O'Malley – move to adopt minutes. 2nd by Brinks.

Suspend rules to move to Judicial Officer Reports. Motion by Gammon.

Executive Officer Reports:

Alsfeld: The Risk Symposium will be taking place from 1-3, Sunday, on the parade grounds. There will be free food and a hot air balloon. There will be a raffle for an underwater adventure. There will also be music and that day, speakers from NASA will be there. It should be a great adventure and great networking opportunity. We should tell our constituents that it's a chance to network with the astronauts, so they will be eating and speaking with us. There will be some fun surprises taking place. Also, we've invited Colorado to come with us to the SEC exchange. We'll be with some of the presidents from the other SEC schools. It should be fun and we'll be giving a presentation on our athletic program(s).

Palermo: Can you tell the body about filling the Chief of Staff's position.

Alsfeld: We're trying to decide where we may not need as many people; we're trying to see where we're the strongest/weakest. What we're trying to take from these evaluations is to see whether we need more executive assistants. Some jobs are very overwhelming and some don't require as much time. The applicants will be going out soon.

Call: By any chance, is it still too late to win the raffle for the hot air balloon? You also mentioned to that CNN should be there, correct?

Alsfeld: No, they're still doing it and it should be on the SG page. Also, a CNN correspondent should be there.

Delery: Is there a new web site in progress and if so, will there be a weekly update?

Alsfeld: I am trying to do that up to date. We've had a lot of immediate concerns, but I'd like to start e-mailing more frequently. The new website should be up really soon. There were some kinks and he was working with IT about that.

Judicial Officer Reports:

Chief Justice Mark Hill: We don't have much going on right now. We are going to get you the revisions from last semester. We have a particular issue with the quorum for the court. One of the things that we're trying to push is trying to make quorum a fractional amount. Pay attention to that when it gets here.

New Business

Committee Reports:

AAC: No meeting, no report.

FINANCE: Met on Monday evening but nothing to discuss.

GR: No meeting, no report.

HRI: No meeting, no report.

RULES: No meeting, no report.

SRW: No meeting, no report.

Move to suspend the move and move SGR 11 from AAA committee.

Unfinished Business

SGR No. 11 by Cortina and LeBlanc:

Cortina: Sen. LeBlanc and I wrote the bill and we just wanted to commend them for trying to help students during the time they were in free speech plaza.

Debate

Question

ACC

Cortina: It's important to say thank you.

SGR No. 11 enrolled. (Brinks was a dissenting 'no' vote, but Y's have it.)

LO No 7 by Speaker Robertson

Robertson: Tillman and Neely are no longer senators.

TABLED FOR 1 LEGISLATIVE WEEK.

LO No 8

Brian McCormick: I'm from New Orleans and I'm a kinesiology major right now. I just wanted to be here working with y'all.

Debate

Question

ACC

Robertson urges Favorable Passage.

LO No 8 enrolled.

Advisor Reports

Dr. Ray: I just want to remind everyone that you need to think in terms of your health as the seasons change. Just remember that you are a student first and a senator second and that your studies reflect your dedication to the university. Also, speak with your college councils more and try to connect with your constituents and other students. As your committees are compiling reports, please try to keep track of everything.

Legislative Officer Reports:

Dearmon: Parliamentary Questions (for candy).

Robertson: This is the first time we haven't had any legislation proposed. We will be having a meeting to discuss the closing of the pentagon hall and where the west campus residents will be eating. If you have any legislation that you'd like to write, we'll get it written for you.

PMC:

Harris: Gives the correct answers for the crossword puzzle passed out earlier. A group of actors from England are coming to LSU to do "MacBeth."

Clark: For those of you don't know, I've been sick for about the last 3 weeks. Today, I learned in microbiology that you get \$10 flu shots, so you should get them. You can't get a flu shot if you're sick now.

Homan: Volunteer LSU is having a school supply drive and everything we collect will benefit the Orleans Parish Schools. We're asking for pens, pencils, binders, etc. and you can drop that off at Middleton Library, the Volunteer LSU office and other places.

Remson: The bike legislation passed last week and it's going to start taking place this Friday. For those of you interested with the NCAA Challenge, they're coming in conjunction with homecoming. We're the only stop on the gulf south. If you're interested, give me a call or find me. Only the first 128 people got a spot.

Cortina: I think we should all give Krista Allen a round of applause, she's been selected as the FOAP team leader.

Motion to Adjourn by Clark, 2nd by O'Malley - 7:49 p.m.

Role Call

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Allen

Avery
Blanco
Brinks
Call
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Clark
Cortina
Cummings
De Leo
Doescher
French
Gammon
Guidry
Harris
Hathorne
Homan
Jackson
Juneja
Killebrew
Leblanc
Lincoln
Mcentire
McMann

Murray
Oaks
O'Malley
Palermo
Raeuchle
Remson
Reynolds
Ricci
Rome
Sellers, Edward
Sita
Smith
Stuart
Tecce
Pro-Temp Delery
Speaker Robertson

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Champagne
Hanna
Jackson
Mcentire
Prestridge

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Sellers, Chris
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