

Minutes from the November 28th meeting of the LSU Student Senate

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Public Input-

Dr. McGuire- Thank you for all the support you have given the center for academic success throughout the years. We come to you to ask for money for an initiative that was recommended to us by our student advisory board.

Christie Richard- I am a service-learning instructor in the English department and I work for CCELL. We are trying to answer LSUs call to community. We have Education, Psychology and Math classes were you can participate in service learning...This is a reciprocal relationship between volunteerism and internships We have a biological engineering class that has found the funding to build 12 playgrounds at local elementary classes and we have received national recognition for that. Research shows...student retain more material when engaged in service learning. They learn to be problem solvers...and brake down stereotypes... Service learning has already made an impact on LSUS campus 70 classes 2700 students per years.... Students have expressed that there is not enough service teaching classes...We are trying to get more upper level service learning courses For us that means we can't offer a curse without a faculty member to teach it. With the funds we would try to enhance our faculty-learning program. Its modeled after a program at MIT and Washington St Louis... We give possible instructors from within the

university \$2000 compensation... We need help first of all by more students signing up or service learning and also we need additional funding.

Xaviera Leon: Good evening Let me read you a reflection...(reads personal testimonial). My experience has become one that I will cherish and hope to replicate in the future....

Call: it sounds like she was required for service learning but signed up by accident.

Leon: I was not informed that I could join a service learning course. If it were more advertised I might have been able to choose to join.

Sellers: How demanding is the ten week workshop they have to do.

Richard: It's very intense and demanding.... These individuals cannot be part of the scholarship program and it must be a class they have not taught before.

Ashley Petree: Thank you. I am the current president of the AG college council. To start off this fall we worked hand in hand with out administration to do our club kickoff. We outlined how clubs could get funding from Sg. College FFA also hosted seminars. Next we had the Ag ball... We had the honors convocation. We recognized all students who attended the club kickoff. In the Spring we had AG week. April 7-11. We hope to have a fashion show... I also commend the Service Learning College

Hunter Hartwig; I am the president of the Manship School for Mass Communications. We set a goal to work with career services a lot as a college council. We also spoke with students about the importance of student involvement. It is very important in our school. We started the portfolio workshop and resume critic... leading up to next semester we have networking night. We have people from Baton Rouge and from national organizations come to meet and network... We will start having professor meet and greet on our patio, with a packet of information. We've found our students are concerned with not knowing the professors in their concentration.

Ifty Raiugf, UCFY College Council- First of all.. I speak for UCFY, FLC. IN Bangladesh we had a category five hurricane. We are having a fundraiser. With five dollars you help a family of four in Bangladesh for over a week. This is a donation drive throughout LSU.

Senator Prestridge: The committee on GovRel is still hard at work. We will have an SG visit to the governor's mansion. Dec 4 at 10am. We will have a guided tour, and we are going to try to meet and greet governor Blanco, or someone in here administration. I will pass around a list....

Cummings: later we will discuss a bill to allocate to the speech and debate team. One person who will speak with you is Mr. Mike. Applin...

Mr. Mike Applin: I am the director of the speech and debate team at LSU... As a former student senator myself I have an appreciation for you...our team members actually lose money when they compete. We have a budget of \$6,000 a year. LSU-S has \$28,000 University of Houston has a budget of \$80,000. We can compete locally but not nationally... I'm embarrassed to say that 2 years ago Chris qualified to compete nationally, but we could not afford to send him. He funded himself... We have gotten support from SG before in the form of ORF... We would like to take the team to a national competition...travel is very expensive. Airfare alone would be \$3400... Travel costs are liable to go up. The cost for us to compete in this tournament is up to \$9800. We plan to compete in 12 tournaments a year but we sometimes have to cancel them.... We needed to be funded to compete as a speech and debate to for a flagship university should.

Dustin Talbot, Speech and Debate- I am a former executive staff member. I just left a law school final about an hour ago... I felt strongly enough to come speak to you. I think speech and debate is so important and has gotten me to where I am today. Basically the speech and debate program is an academic venture. They represent LSU Practice every week... I know when I was at LSU we sponsored a number of students to conferences. These students practice... we would be students from Georgia and Alabama that have 10 times the amount of funding. You should very seriously consider Chris' legislation. It will directly help LSU image among our peers...

Cummings: ... I was made angry this week. We had bills go through the finance committee. Today we will discuss whether or not this bill should receive funding. Our by-laws say that we have the authority to discuss initiatives. Today the executive branch found a memo... and they say we should follow our own bylaws. The rule that allows us to vote on initiatives passed in 2006 (reads signatures). When this year we decided to give more money to initiatives, the executive branch raised a point. They say, because the chancellor did not sign these by-laws everything we've done is wrong. They want us to go back to 2006 where the executive branch had the power to create initiatives. 2 years ago we had a huge debate and came to a decision that we should purpose initiatives. Tonight we will debate whether or not we can pass an initiative. They will say regardless of what we decide they... The odd coincidence is that this popped up 5 hours ago... If you want to talk about a problem we have, it's people being told we can't help students. I hope you have a problem with this. We had this debate two years ago. As much as they will say they are trying to do the right things. Please remember the money will go to the executive branch.

Prestridge: Do you know if the Chancellor was aware he should sign...

Cummings: I do not all I know is what they told me. All I know is that on the form, everyone who was left a line to sign was signed. The Alsfeld-King administration is doing this and it's wrong.

Conseco: Why didn't they say anything until now.

Cummings: According to King, they just found out today, as we got ready to pass two initiatives.

Robertson: SG has a lot of turnover. We try to transition as well as possible.... Thus there have been several memos the University mandates. SG must follow the regulations of the office of the dean of students... We have rules on top of rules. Sometimes these rules and memos don't match. I was handed a memo today... We were under the impression that we were operating under the memo Michelle Geig signed.... A fee was reallocated by the Chancellor... SG was given the opportunity in 2002. The President sent a memo that says...(reads) the initiatives fee is to be used by the President. It defines how the money can be spent... The memo that was sent to the Chancellor was responded to by the Chancellor. His memo said he accepted that the President should have the authority. The 2002 memo established those guidelines. In 2006 in an attempt to align SG finances, Michelle Geig sent a memo... this memo was sent after SGB no 12 by Hodge, that allowed initiatives to be made in the Senate and made available for Veto. Now the question arises what rules do we follow. WE follow the bylaws. The only way we can throw out a bill is by our bylaws...But the memos and guidelines, are just that, memos and guidelines. We can appropriate as much money as you want. BUT then accounting services will have to review their own guidelines and then the funds can not be dispersed. The question is, if we pass these will the money be dispersed. We've only had three hours to work on this problem, and clear up discrepancies. We will operate under the guidelines that these bills are legitimate under our guidelines. If you believe the initiatives account should be followed, then that is your choice as someone voting. Can Cassia and Josh decide to veto. Yes. And I can come back for a veto override...

Megan Peterson and Bob Mann: First, if you haven't signed up for the Gov Reel trip, you should go! My name is Megan Peterson and I am represented in bills 18-32. They represent a number of individual students who have signed up to go to Iowa for an educational experience.

Mann: Good evening. Dr. Perin and I came up with the idea to take this trip. We sent the word out to students in Polio Sci and Mass Comm... we will drive. MC will pick up a portion of the cost, I have gotten \$1000 from a donor. We will also take a train to cut down on transportation cost. The exciting thing is that we have reached an agreement with the Huffington Post, a political website, to be their bloggers from the caucus. We will give our students press credentials and put LSU on the map...

Peterson: the mansion school will help fund...

Palermo: how much will the students put up for themselves

Peterson: We will fund ourselves to Chicago. We got a cheap deal on Hotel rooms and that's what we're asking for.

Call: Is this a student org or one class?

Peterson: It's a bunch of individual students. We receive funding from mass comm., but we are a random group of students going on the trip.

Iseral: A group of individuals... We're you solicited? Or did you just happen.

Peterson: I was in class and he mentioned it to the class...

Call: Was it open to just majors?

Mann: it was really open to anyone. But because of the nature of the trip we wanted to restrict the size of it...

Peterson: had we added dinner it would have been more difficult.

Reading Correction and Adoption of the Minutes. 11.14 by Clark.

Motion to accept 11.06 by Lopreore. 2nd.

Executive Officer Reports.

VP King- The applications will come out tomorrow to fill vacancies. We have finished our platform from the Spring. We had written a new platform with our staff... Our stance on the \$10,000 bill. Different the Golsen-Berg administration they had no idea this account existed. Geig-Downs found out about it. Thy did not seek out the original documentation at that time... When I heard about this bill, I wanted to be sure we were spending the right money. In doing that I found the original documentation was signed by the Chancellor. The only thing that could supersede that would be a another signature of the chancellor. The legislation would need a signature from the chancellor. If we pass this its not 100% clear weather or not they would get it... to me the description of the account is for big initiatives... its coming out of the wrong account. We will veto it.

Bryant: When you consider executive staff do you look at resumes?

King: We rely heavily on the interview process.

Blanco: How will you advertise?

King: Broadcast email, website and hopefully the Reveille.

Lopreore: To you knowledge have we allocated from this account before?

King: From my knowledge, Geig-Downs did it both ways. The money was spent from initiative but not prior to Geig Downs.

Cummings: DO you agree with the legislation passed in 2006?

King: not in my opinion.

Cummings: So you don't agree with what the senate and student body president agreed with.

King: no

Cummings: So if this senate says we support it you will veto it?

King: yes.

Conseco: you said you want things to address students campus wide.

King: We support that. We agree that does benefit all students. We're working on an EO to pass this.

McEntire: There is a precedent to pass things this way...?

King; There are two precedents.

McEntire: so you would veto on principla?

King: We are responsible for those accounts.

McEntire: What are the better causes you have?

King: Service Learning. There are other initiatives, concerts, inter camas transport, something every student can utilize. It says one time initiatives that affect all students. Just because ..

Lopreore: You would approve the \$10,000 toward service learning. But not debate. The executive branch have a different reaction.

King: From this account.

Cummings: Beyond your might decision, do you have any documentation that says this is superceded.

King: I heard from the powers that be...

Cummings: Do you check every document. For anything?

King: No.

Cummings: Will you go through all documents concerning SG.

King: Its to my attention that this account has a restriction.

Cummings: My question is will you go through all documentation regarding anything.

King: I won't answer that.

Clark: Have we used any money?

King: No.

Chandler: Do you not believe that this builds our reputation. Helps all students?

King: I think it would open it to all students to use for ORF. That's our opinion on it.

Cummings: SO for principle would you agree would you agree that we should push forward the 206 legislation to be signed first? Before further legislation?

King: I think that would be appropriate. As it stands now I would say fix the first problem then pass a bill.

Cummings: Do you agree we should push the 06 legislation first.

King: I think we should, so nothing supercedes.

Lopreore: Should the bill pass tonight and you vetoed, would we be able to override the veto.

Robertson: If we can do it by midnight, she has 6 calendar days to override the veto. If we adjourn tonight and the session ends, then no we can not over turn. If we do not adjourn sine die then she will have until Tuesday afternoon, before dead week, and we would then have to meet in a special session. If we don't adjourn sine die.

Lopreore: if she does wait, there is no way to call the senate back.

Micah Davies: I want to remind you the Holiday on campus is next Thursday. Clark will be fulfilling some of my responsibilities as I resign.

Stuart Watkins: Thank Micah for her service. Peace.

Connie Boudreaux: SG Newsletter, if you have anything to send, let me know.

Michaela deGruy: Students of Target. It's fun, get a biweekly newsletter. Sign up. Looking at bands for grooving. 7 bands, 1 headliner.

Liz Dunn: Provost Council is FAB FAB FAB. What I've said about the W policy is based on my opinion. I went to UT and spoke with them about their W policy.

New Business:

Insert 20 and 21. Motion to move to the end of unfinished business.

Committee Reports:

Remson- 17 has an amendment. To urge reconsideration

Iseral- SGB No 15 wasn't heard. We are working on the budget. 16, 4 y 3 n 1 a. 18-32 passed.

GovRel met- governors mansion trip.

Sita- HIT met 9. I was not able to attend. Palermo chaired. Passed Remson/Clark. The theater tour is in the works.

Delery- the election code revision passed. There was an amendment by Lopreore to change the spending limit from \$8500 to \$5000. The amendment was deemed hostile and passed. Amendment passed by one vote.

Breaux- yield.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Delery to add SGB 15 to the beginning of unfinished business. Withdrawn. Motion to place SG 15 after, 16 and SGR 17. 2nd.

Opening Comments:

Prestridge: Do you have the revisions sheet in front of you. First, things have been moved around. There are now ten articles. When the commissioner has to detail the dates. (reads) We have also changed that the commissioner does not have to place an ad in the Reveille. (reads). Can not appear anywhere on the ballot, cleans up a loophole. Candidates can not be crossed listed, messes up finances. (reads...). Intentional littering, so that random littering is not an offense. Final expenditure reports has been changed to 24 hours. Basically the election results would have been certified before you could complain... Ticket registration meeting is no more. A representative of the ticket will send a roster to the ticket one week after the end of filing. It gives you a week after filing to form a ticket. Active and Passive campaigning has been condensed. No initial expenditure reports.

Items that have been added. If you running mate is disqualified, the running mate may re file and rearrange positions. There are a few new meetings. In addition to the senate instructional course, there are courses for other offices. (lists different types of meetings). Financial contributions can not come from any student organizations. Tickets will not form to fund a campaign. A form describing the origin of funds should be filed out. We were considering having a candidate contribution fund. Those were the major things. The spending limit for tickets has been changed from \$8500 to \$5000.

We choose not to touch spending limits so they can be discussed on the floor. Jackson purposed an amendment to change the spending limits. I was a little blindsided by this.

Jackson: We talked about it going to the floor. I assumed we meant the legislative process. We did this in the rules meeting and amended it as necessary.

Debate.

Tech Amendments by Authors:

Preamble: To adopt the LSU student government election code as submitted by the election code revision committee and amend.Paragraph one: add AND to the end of the paragraph
Paragraph 6: add 'as purposed by the Election Code Revision committee and amended by the Senate and

Jackson motions to limit to 3 minutes. 2nd. Objection. Vote fails

Bryant: Two things need to be revised. WE have previously discussed the \$5000. The vote in rules was 4/3.

Motion to amend \$5000 to \$8500 by Bryant. 2nd Sellers.

Authors Opening on Amendment:

Bryant: If you took part on a campaign you know that \$5000 doesn't go very far. \$8500 would be easier to work with. When it comes down to it, \$5000 sounds like a lot of money but it doesn't go very far. Change it back.

Debate of the amendment.

Jackson: I made the amendment... if you have \$8500...that's a lot more money. IF there are 2 people on campus who want to make a change but aren't insiders with \$8500 they would be less intimidated. Most SEC schools are limited around \$2000. Vote down the amendment.

McMann: Similar to what Brett said... \$5000 for the average student is a lot of money. The lower the spending limits the better. \$8500 may prices some people out. It's a lot of money for pins and signs. Billboards are not necessary the lower the better.

Prestridge yield to Gower: let's not make a hasty decision here. This was a last minute change. I know we're all brilliant individuals, and we can make decisions in 10 minutes... no. I would have like to have seen some of this information about the SEC brought to the meetings. I think when the senate passed the legislation to create the committee you entrusted us with making this decision. If you are going to trust us, let us decide.

Call: To you, what is there to technically discuss from other SEC schools. I see your point but the amount of money, the object of discussion...is there any reason that you personally see a \$2500 decrees being too large. Is \$8500 too much money.

Gower: I can't tell you. I'd have like to see people who judge if \$8500 really isn't enough. That's not an area we discussed in depth enough. I wouldn't want to make a mistake and prevent campaigns from being run effectively. It's not something to change at the last minute.

Cummings: I understand the problems should have been discussed earlier. DO you think we have time in this forum to discuss that now?

Gower: the committee didn't discuss this enough. At all.

Cummings: they didn't discuss at all?

Prestige: To further reiterate we decided to leave it to no. I assume he would have brought it up.

Cummings: Do you have a difference of opinion from Gower on whether it should be discussed.

Prestridge: I think we should discuss.

Cummings: DO you know how they came up with \$8600?

Prestridge: No.

Brinks: I'm getting a mixed message... should would a decision made tonight be hasty? The whole point of his speech was that we shouldn't rush.

Breaux: Last fall the spending limits were reduced based on his analysis of the last two semesters and inflation. Tickets and independents are adjusted.

Palermo: The reason our spending limits are so high is because we're the only school that does tickets...

Prestridge: some have party systems.

Palermo yield VP King: Senator Palermo asked me to speak on our experience with the campaign. We used the whole budget of \$8500. Your budget would be restricted. I am not for nor against....

Call: How much did you spend on yard signs?

King: about \$1000. \$2500 total on banners. About \$300 each.

Cummings: How would \$5000 change your campaign

King: It would have been centralized more to campus...localized.

Cummings: Do you think localize would be better suited.

King: I just wanted to share with you my information...

Jackson: If we want the election to be localized about real candidates real issues we change the spending limits. If we want it to be about money and flashing signs... If we want it to be about money change to \$8500.

Cortina: I ran with moving forward. I think changing the spending limit is good. I think we wasted money. We had a ridiculous amount of extras. Students complained to the Reveille about campaigning off campus. I think we need to stop wasting money.

Delery: Reality check. I speak from someone who ran in three spring campaigns. I cant run again so I have nothing to gain from this. Campaigning is ridicules. The only people who want to keep the limits up are those looking to run a huge campaign. Students hate it!...

Leblanc: Five years ago we could only vote at a poling stations. The added cost of websites were open then.

Cummings: I was very hesitant about this amendment. I think debates the best way to figure something out. If we come up with an idea at the end we should stick with it if it's the right idea...keeping it at \$8500 rewards those with wealth. Similar to how Gower decided to only spend \$19... all that money just distracts from what we really stand for. I think \$5000 helps qualified candidates and takes wealth out of the picture.

Iseral: something to consider. Keeping limits high hurts an impoverished candidate. I'm disappointed. We can make a stand and say Louisiana's trying to improve..

Palermo: the \$8500 is expressed distributed throughout the number of candidates you have... all numbers would have to be adjusted....

McMann: Did you know that its based on all of these added OR \$5000. So we wouldn't have to amend...

Palermo: No.. you wouldn't have to but you should.

ACC

Bryant: One of the tickets claimed that Moving Forward had a billboard. They did not. We could move it to \$5000 why not \$2000. Why not. We could all go home and make things.

Jackson: DO you think we need professionally designed tents. Or lower the spending limits and stick to issues.

Bryant: I think the issues came out last year even with professional tents...lowering the limit doesn't cut down on the tactics...

Iseral: how much is too much?

Bryant: I don't know.

Iseral: if you don't have a max in mind or a min than what are you fighting for.

Bryant: I think \$8500 works.

Homan: Do you think the excess of materials pushed people away?

Bryant: It depends on how you use them.

Motion to extend question time to 3 min. 2nd. Objection. Vote.

Jackson: do you define success as people hating SG so much they start taking different walking paths around campus

Bryant: I'm not sure that started this spring.

Brinks: do you believe the more money you spend the more you can get their name out there.

Bryant: yes. I believe the more money more materials.

Brinks: DO you think the more money you have, wouldn't lowering the limit even the playing field.

Bryant: I don't know that.

Blanco: wouldn't it be just as even. Equal

Bryant: I don't see \$8500 being that different than \$5000.

Amendment. Vote. Passes.

Debate of the Election Code.

Question. Objection.

Palermo: Article 3, Section 5. Sub section A. Add number subsection 5, ... Motion withdrawn.

Stand at east 2 minutes.

Motion by Palermo to amend Article 3 Section 5, Sub section A should read "No senator can file or run for another seat within the LSU Student

Senate until the final semester of their current term unless proof of

change of college can be presented to the commissioner of elections. " second Remson. Deemed Hostile.

Cummings: if the fall election was coming up, could I resign and run again.

Palermo: yes.

Jackson: Could you run in the spring, then decide to save further money, by running in the fall this time? Say if you wanted to save money for the LSAT

Palermo: this isn't aimed at anyone.

Jackson: What if you'd be unopposed.

Palermo: right. You don't have to pay.

Jackson: You'd have a serious problem with that?

Lopreore: Can we have your opinion?

Palmer: No.

Debate

Blanco: I love this amendment. It's kind of a greedy thing, not those individuals especially. Let's get new people involved...

Remson: Last fall I got complaints from students about this. They were unable to run. Because they felt like everyone kept over lapping... It was seen as term limits. My point was if you get a year, run a year...

Motion to amend "Proof of college must be provided by the university registrar." to add proof of college provided by the university register). Deemed friendly.

Main amendment.

Remson: I think this will give more people the opportunity to get involved..

Gammon: This parallels the US senate. They run in staggered terms but do not over lap.

Jackson: vote down this amendment, If no one is running in your college...

Bryant: Is this a personal choice?

Jackson: no. its nothing for me. I'll graduate before this comes up. Why not file again. That's not evil.

Blanco: I know you say so no one runs...shouldn't we clear it up for the colleges that don't ever have vacancies... do you think its good for those colleges?

Jackson: I don't think it would be good based on just that.

Cummings: I see Palermo's point... but if someone is nervous about this there is potential for problem in politics all the time the amendments a bad idea.

Bryant: I don't think people are doing this to stay out of the Spring madness. I think they are seeking a safety semester. Its tacky...

ACC:

Remson- With all do respect, to senators who have done this... to hear stories about people changing their majors and running again... their priorities are not straight If our are doe that already, you need to get your stuff together. Vote for this amendment!

Palermo: I want to echo what Brant said. It's definitely a safety net.

Motion for a role call vote. Passed.

Debate on Main Motion.

Prestridge: if the \$5000 changed, we need to change the independents. So we cut them down to \$2500. And the at large will be \$200.

Motion to amend Article 7 Section 2 " ". Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Robertson to amend line 10. Friendly.

ACC.

Motion to move back to debate. 2nd

Debate.

Iseral: The \$8500 changed. We need to scale the other numbers back. Solely for tickets, Motion to amend \$1500 \$117 \$58 \$5000. Deemed friendly.

Iseral: this doesn't apply to independents.

Clark- I move the we amend Article 7, section 2 sub a "A 2350 B 600 C 175 ". friendly.

ACC on the election code:

Prestridge: Thank you so much. This debate was our intent. This is what great about the process and his is what we wanted. Please adopt the amended election code.

Vote. Unanimous (with the exception of Speaker Robertson who abstained).

Motion to move SGB 15 to next item.

SGB No 15 by Delery.

Amendments made by the author. "aragraph one: Abroad (misspell)

add comma after memories, stories

Discoveries (misspell)

semi colon after students

comma after and

Paragraph 2: Strike and replace with

"Whereas this forum represents the essence of geography and a real return to the roots of the discipline which are leaving the familiar, going to a foreign place and returning home to share news of the similarities and differences;and,

Paragraph 3: add comma after music, strike the word and (before stories)

add comma at the end of paragraph 3

Paragraph 4: add comma at the end of paragraph 4"

Fielding: We are looking to continue this... It's a return to the real spirit of the sciences,... It will be open to all students. Basically anyone who traveled can be a speaker. And any one with an interest is invited. We also look to bring in speakers from off campus... there is a professor who has climbed mount Everest... This specially directed funding will help.

Chandler: how did you come up with this?

Fielding: 700 fro travel fees? Refreshments and advertising.

Iseral: are these tentative costs?

Fielding: Yes, because we don't know where they are coming room yet.

Debate. Question.

Objections.

Debate.

Iseral: I'm totally in favor and I hope to attend. I think \$1900 is a little steep for something that hasn't been determined yet. I'm more than happy to give, I wont make the amendment but I'd hope someone would step up.

Delery- Amendment: I move line 9 to read 1900 to 1200. And then again on line 33.

ACC

Delery- I want to thank Mr. Fielding for waiting for 3 hours. It shows his commitment to the program.

Fielding: It has been education to me to see how senate works.

Vote. Pass.

Cummings, I move SGB 17 be moved for immediate consideration. Object. Vote. Fails.

Motion to move SGB 18-32 before 16. 2nd. Objection. Motion fails.

Motion to move SGB 18 to next. 2nd.

SGB 18.

Prestridge: A bill to give them money. For a highly education trip... Will put LSU at some national prominence.

Peterson: Thank you for bringing this up now... I am representing everyone...

Blanco: Did yall go out and seek funding from others.

Peterson: yes, we've been promised 2200 from Mass Comm. The two professors have been given money for their travel expenses. We've asked the Poli Sci department to participate but they were not able to. We are contributing \$200 to \$250 each to Chicago. We are paying for our food and expsenes that arise for AV equipment.

Blanco: Was there any thing mentioned to other students. Was it fair?

Peterson: During Public Input Mr. Mann discussed that they sent out feelers to their students in their classes first. Once it met 20 people, no one else was invited.

Ricci: If they were too intimidated to come to SG, how will they handle the Iowa caucus.

Peterson: I miss worded that.

Call: When they sent out feelers, which class specifically was presented. Did you realize I have Dr. Perin and I was not informed of this.

Peterson: it was advertised to upper classmen. Due to the limited number of students they could invite. Simple because those classes were smaller and are major only.

Call: You mentioned this was invited to people who could afford it...

McMann: how many people not in one of those classes are going...

Peterson: 19 people are going. 15 are asking for money. Of the 4 I think two or three are not in those classes.

Sellers: did those 4 chose not to come to senate?

Peterson: I set a deadline.

Ricci: Do you think this was fairly advertised?

Peterson: Had we advertised it vigorously, we would not have had this trip.

Call: was it first come first serve...

Debate.

Blanco: the way this was done was very unfair. I am a senior and I would have loved to go to the caucuses. They could have had an interview process. I don't question Megan she is amazing. But this isn't fair.

Sellers: What they are asking for is not unreasonable but is not fair. This is the same as a group of friends getting together. It's a precedent I don't want to set.

Isera: the fact is its 15 kids that want to go. They will represent us well. I checked them out on facebook and their good kids. When you go on a special, privledged trip with cool press credentials, it was not open to others though and we can not fund this. We don't even have to talk about it.

McMann: IN finance the admitted this spread by word of mouth.

Peterson: In finance committee I was unaware of the advertising. It was advertised to student orgs with in the mass comm. School. And professors in poli sci were notified.

Remson: From what I hear it sounds like you think is a field rip f sorts. I ask you give them this opportunity to have this money....

Clark: What senator sellers said... We fund individuals. I don't think you need to advertise a trip to ask for funding... IF you want to go to the Iowa caucus right a bill. We shouldn't penalize the,.

Allen: This is paid for with student fees. If some people don't think we publicized they might be upset. It's just like the bus trip.

Ricci: Let me agree with Clark. A couple weeks ago we funded a couple students to go to a speech conference. They just needed money to go to a thing. Why not?

Gammon: point of clarification. They were a student org.

Chandler: We are here of this. They could be asking for Miami If they wanted. This does promote LSU. Its not the teachers obligation to tell everyone. Its just what they wanted to do.

Lopreore: It's true their individuals.. but they are still going to represent LSU.... This is not a selfish trip. Its horrible if we don't foster individuals.

Sellers, Chirs; The words punish and penalize have been used. To ail this bill is not a punishment or a penalty. ON a more personal note. In response to Senator Chandler I'd rather of to a presidential debate.

Question. Objection. Move the previous question. Vote, Pass.

ACC:

Prestridge: This is a great program. They aren't asking for a lot of money. Vote yes.

Peterson: Sellers, last academic year the senate did allocate money to individual students.

Iseral: You said \$2400 isn't a lot. It's nearly 10% of our whole budget. That a lot of money.

Blanco: Point of information can we vote?

Vote. SGB 18.

Motion by Prestridge to Recess until Monday at 6:30. 2nd.

Recessed until 6:room.