

Minutes from the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the LSU Student Senate

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Induction of new senators- Paul Nguyun

Roll Call

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Addison

Allen

Avery

Blanco

Breaux

Brinks

Bryant

Call

Champagne

Chandler

Chenevert

Clark

Conseco

Cortina

Davis

De Leo

Gamon

Hanna

Hathorne

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Iseral

Jackson

Killebrew

Lopreore

Mcentire

McMann

Murray

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Oaks

O'Malley

Palermo

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Remson  
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Speaker Robertson

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Steinhardt

#### Public Input-

Madeline Peters- Thank you for having us here tonight. We Have been working hard on this ruckus campaign. We need sg to come together. The money we raise by having people sign up for Rukus will go to all of student s. This will all be run by FLC. Em Leblannc thank you so much for coming and speaking for FLC. The FLC also has a list of things they want to work on this year. We will be going to the exec. Staff meeting next week to see how that is run. A few senators came and met them tonight at dinner. Please reach out to these freshman.

Wes Gauetreaux- My name is Wes Gauetreaux and I work with Blueprint Louisiana. Blueprint Louisiana is a civil experiment. We know that Louisiana politics has embarrassed us. I've been up in New York, and there we are the laughing stock. Blueprint Louisiana is here to reform. We have a five part agenda in front of you, but I wont get in to politics tonight. We need young people to get involved. We have a lot of older people. SO Blueprint hired me full time to do nothing but come out to meeting share this and share our message with you. We have something called a college captain program. If you want to get involved and only have an hour of your time, sign up. If you are interested in being involved you will

seek this out. [Wes@blueprintlouisiana.com](mailto:Wes@blueprintlouisiana.com). Thanks for having me. The one thing I want to leave you with is, it's very easy to complain about Louisiana politics, but it's harder to do something. Blueprintlouisiana.org Please fight the urge to do nothing.

Remson- I know I've been talking about this for the last month but... the EA sports bus is finally here. Please come out and support it. They are very picky about where they go, and they chose to come here.

Dearmon- Please keep campaign material off the floor.

McMann- Tomorrow at 6:30 pm the campus lighting walk will take place. Supper will be provided.

Alsfeld- The length of the walk is usually a few hours, but you may come and go as you wish.

Bryant- Good Evening. I'd like to comment on up til dawn. It kicked off this Thursday.

Motion to adopt minutes O'Malley. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hanna.

#### Executive Officer Reports

President Alsefeld- It's great to see the FLC here. They have been very involved. Peters has been doing a great job with them. They came out the risk symposium. We had a CNN correspondent fly in from California for the symposium. We also had NASA official, Bill Anders from Apollo 8. Its not every day you get to hang out with astronauts. We appreciate those of you who came out. We are making some changes to our staff. We will have new positions opening soon. We have almost completed our entire list of initiatives. The second half of the year we will move forward with new ideas. The SEC exchange was a great success.

Chief of Staff Lanius- The bus trip went well with no hitches. The next bus trip to Ole Miss is in two weeks. You get front row seating in the students section and a version wireless t-shirt.

Director Harris- pretty soon we will be doing a Student Government blog, ill be writing. We will also be working on getting students opinions on censuring the student section that we can communicate to Dr. Moorehouse. Email me with ideas. There was a column on advertising the election. There are very strict rules about this. We must remain neutral. We can not overly promote the voting. If the columnist would have called me, I would have explained it to him, and shown him the SG bylaws. Maybe he should speak to someone who knows what their talking about before you actually write a column. That's how they did it when I was editor and maybe they should look in to that. Next week is the meeting of the student meeting board. Kurpius is going out of town and I get to chair the media board. If you remember I missed being the chair by one vote, cast my kurpius himself. If you want to apply for editor of the reveille or want to speak during media board let me know, because you need a sponsor.

Palermo- status of website?

Harris- talk to Stephen Martinez about this. The assistant dir., vp and president spoke about this. IT keeps giving us delays. Please talk to Stephen about this.

Dir. Dixon McMakin- WE want to start a tradition based on the LSU Ole Miss game. Get your mind going. We'd like to have something tangible like the tiger rag. Priority point event, first time a point is offered at a non athletic event. It's the homecoming pep rally, portal A. A broadcast email will go out. This Friday. It will be phenomenal, the best priority point event that is non athletic in the history of LSU. We had some problems at Alabama. They are the worst in the SEC at offering lower bowl tickets to visitors (lists stats). Florida started this trend, of moving the vesting teams up 'higher' . We followed this trend so it's partially our fault. Alabama started this two years ago when they built their second upper deck. In the lower bowl this year were the band, families, and administrators. The top 23 donors to Forever LSU were the only ones in the lower bowl. This really stunk, we have a great resolution by Speaker Robertson to request this be taken care of.

Call- Did you know most people were pissed, because they were split up in the upper deck. Not just that they were up there.

McMakin- We know students are upset about it, the SEC office is to. But there isn't too much we can do about this.

Call- Is there anyway LSU can do this, lead by example next year?

McMakin- If we did that, we would be moving student ticket holders further. They move visitors when we add on to the stadium.

Allen- if seating will stay split up, then perhaps they should change the prices for people who have to sit with...god....pay the same price. There were birds sitting under where I was sitting. SO I knew I was pretty high. Maybe we could just change the prices.

McMakin-Good Point. I'll look in to that.

Commissioner of Elections Jacob Gower- The election went well. The Reveille complained about not being able to vote, but they were in Mass Comm. Announcements tomorrow 6pm in the Barataria Room. Everything went well hopefully we can keep this up.

Sellers- pictures?

Gower- Usually the pictures are posted on the SG website. The reason those weren't up is my fault. I was under the impression that those were done through computing services. SO when I called them to set up the election, I spoke with a new guy, who didn't know the process. Once I figured it out, it was three weeks in to the election. Now that I know, I will definitely try to fix this for the Spring election. I can email the results.

Palermo yield Lanius- We will have the Asst. Director of Communications post it at the same time we announce.

Gower- But we won't have it up prior to six

Judicial Officer Reports:

Chief of Court Mark Hill- You have the clerk of court revisions. Most of them are house keeping. Things did get pretty ugly in Alabama.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

AAA- Remson: No meeting this week. I want to stress that we have set initiatives to complete by the end of the semester. First with the W policy, there is a group of HRE students who are taking on this issue as part of a class. They will be in free speech alley soon, and will be asking SG and students about these policies and polling public opinion. We are looking to help them out, contact me to help.

Finance – Iseral: Fantastic news. We finally got some finance bills. We have four graduate students here tonight.

Gov Rel- Prestridge: We did not meet this month. The Dorsey Decuir debate will not take place. I think we will stop trying to plan debates but she will come here to speak. We will look in to planning a trip to the governors mansion, like the trip we made to the capitol last semester.

HIT- Sita: HIT met last night. Dir of Housing, and Dir of Transportation attended our meeting. We tabled SGR 13 by Jackson. And passed another bill.

Rules- Jackson: We met Monday night. Passed SGB No 9 3:1:2 abstentions.

SRW: De Leo- We met with the person who does a lot with lighting on campus. They are trying to switch out the lights for bulbs that are more environmentally friendly. We are working on amending.

Unfinished Business:

Motion to move SGR No 15 and SGR No 14 to the end of Unfinished business.

SGB No 9

Palermo- This bill would change our rules. Currently you can be removed from your college council, but not from senate. This bill would make it so, if you are removed from your college council, you are also removed from Senate.

Sellers- Currently you can attend makeup meetings for UCFY college council... would this be ok...

Palermo- technically that's not in the senate rules. Attendance would be determined by the college. Each college council by-law determines how you are removed.

Delery- Point of Clarification: This says three absences from Senate, three absences from committee, OR if you are removed from you college council. The THREE doesn't effect anything after the OR. We looked at this carefully during rules..

Lopreore- What if you have class during college council.

Palermo- If you are excused from college council, it won't affect you.

Conseco- There is a catch 22. Because some college council meetings are held at the same time as committee meeting....

Palermo- I talked to former Senator Pfeiffer about this. I did consider this. We considered having each committee and college council meet at a set time. This would be one of the only way to control this.

O'Malley- do you know of any specific instances this has happened.

Palermo- Yes. I do.

Debate.

Jackson- I like the idea of this bill. But there is currently NO set time of when the college councils will meet. The president calls these meetings whenever they want. I have already scheduled class, two jobs, and senate. If A&S wanted to have a meeting on a night I had work, I'd be kicked out of the senate.

Delery- Amendment to clean this up. College Council has one constitution, and individual bylaws. Line 39 (reads amendment). I move to amend.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson. Deemed friendly.

Iseral- People on college council are not senators. If you have meeting you should go. But members of the college council do not have any other time commitments to their position. We commit to a meeting of the senate, and a committee meeting and I feel that this is not feasible.

Hanna- I applaud the attempts of this bill its well written. I have been contacted only twice by my council since the beginning of last spring. I don't think your position as a senator should be determined by what you college council chooses to do.

Lopreore- I want to echo the sentiments expressed about time constraints. It was recently pointed out to me, that passing this bill would theoretically give the college council the power to populate the senate. In theory, the college council could remove someone from the senate by manipulating the times meetings are held.

Prestige- I think the idea of this bill is great. I think as senators we should attend college council meetings. Our college councils can sometimes bring to light new ideas and problems we haven't thought of. A&S has tried to set a meeting time for college council, the same way we do for committees.

Motion by Clark to table one legislative week. 2<sup>nd</sup> Addison.

Division. Motion fails.

ACC: Gammon- I am in the college of arts and sciences. We have a huge constituent base. We haven't met, because no one wants to get together. Some councils do meet early in the morning, but we don't. We need to represent our college councils. We need to represent them and it is the best way to get back to our constituents.

Palermo- You mentioned that a president alone, can call a meeting on a whim. True, but if you get kicked off your college council for any reason, the members of the college council can motion to bring you back on to the college council. What senator Iseral said is bogus. If you already have two meetings, and to say you can't make one more is ridiculous. If you council hasn't had meetings, then you wouldn't have missed any and you would be ok. For example A&S I s a huge college. If you remove the senators from the college council there are only 6 people on the college council. And they could not handle programming alone.

Roll Call:

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Speaker Robertson

SGB No 9 fails. Motion for reconsideration in one week.

Motion to hear SGB No 10-13 up in the agenda and hear them next.

SGB No 10 by Jackson

Jackson- We have four grad students in speech and language. They are going to an educational conference. They can not get money from anyone else.

Amanda Beverly: We would like to go to the ASHA Convention in Boston. ASHA is the program that we get our accreditation from. We are members of the student organization attached to ASHA. Why do we

wish to go to the conference. It is really good exposure for us to see the latest research and technology in our field. It will help us stay current. There is also a job fair, which is the largest gathering of our field. We are all interested in travel speech and this will help us become more informed. I am also interested in attending the graduate fair. While we are there they will provide short courses for us to attend, that will continue to educate us in our field. We will be at ASH convention Thursday-Saturday. It's an all day event. We will fly out Wednesday and come back on Sunday. (reads estimated expenses). Our food cost estimates are low, but we didn't want to request too much from the Senate. The min cost for the trip will be \$833.

Jackson: like they said they gave us a very conservative estimate.

Blanco: Will any of you be presenting at the conference. And if you don't get funding will this come out of pocket?

Jackson: out of pocket.

Call: Are you looking to stay in the state after you graduate?

Ladies: No.

Chris Sellers: Where else did you look for funding.

Beverly: The grad school will not fund us because we are not presenting. The org we are in can only fund undergrads through ORF and our department denied us.

Debate.

Iseral: to reiterate, they really did check every avenue we pointed them to. They are very deserving students and they really worked with the process.

McEntire: Whether they realize it or not, these women are my constituents. They tried everything possible, and they deserve. This.

ACC: favorable passage.

SGB No 10 enrolled.

SGB No 11.

Opening. Yield. Debate. Question. Vote.

Enrolled.

SGB No 12.

Opening. Yield Debate. Question. Vote.

Enrolled. SGB No 13.

Opening. Yield. Debate. Question. Vote.

Enrolled.

SGR No 12 by Senator Killebrew.

Opening Comments.

Killebrew: this is something we have needed for a while now. It is something students have been asking for, for a long time. Ten thousand students ride the bus each day. This is something I would be excited to help them with.

McMann- What will hold them to this? Drives seem to take brakes all at the same time.

Killebrew- This would indicate the times already established with the office. This would be a physical representation of what they already have. Regarding your second question, the 15 minute breaks are included. We will basically have the times the busses run listed.

Brinks: Could we request a phone number be placed on this, for who to call when there are bus issues.

Killebrew: LSU is only willing to do so much. They are not interested in showing the routes but only the times. We are looking to have kiosks with maps at one point.

Debate.

Remson: I think we should pass this. The bus has been a problem as long as I can remember. I think this is a simple first step. I think this will help us hold the buses more accountable. This is something small that can turn in to something big in the future.

Bryant: The bus system is so confusing. It seems like there is a secret code. You kind of have to figure out through the grapevine how to use the bus... there are a bunch of random stops. We should definitely pass this.

Lopreore: Technical amendments.

Brinks: Offers amendment. I think we need to add a phone number.

Prestridge: tech amendments

Killebrew: My commitment to this does not end with this bill.

Vote. Enrolled.

SGR No 14 by Jackson

Jackson: have you heard of one baton rouge? Kip Holden supported this but it failed in the Metropolitan Baton Rouge council.

Lopreore: DO you know why it didn't pass?

Jackson Lori Burgess the rep for LSU didn't vote. Because she said she didn't know enough about this.

Brinks: point of information Burgess said she would have voted had she been in attendance. The three people who voted against it said they were afraid it would attract pedophiles and those interested in bestiality to the community. Now that she said she would vote for it, and it will be transmitted to the whole council, would it be totally ness Cary to call her out publically in front of her colleges. I

Jackson: I just mentioned her because she represents our area. I wouldn't be opposed to removing this.

Debate.

Blanco: Amend paragraph 7 (reads).

Deemed Friendly.

Brinks: Offers amendments. Deemed friendly.

Lopreore:tech amendments. Friendly.

Vote. Enrolled. Abstentions from Addison, C. Sellers and Delery.

SGR No 15 by Robertson.

Robertson: This originated while I walked to my seat at the Alabama game. I sung stair way to heaven. I wrote this to urge LSU to change policy, and the commissioner of the SEC. We also spoke with fellow students at Ole Miss and they agree Alabama is being unaccommodating. We will urge the SEC to come up with a minimum ticket requirement. We enter a contract with them, and we would be adding these stipulations in future contracts. In paragraph four you see that students were separated into four different areas.

O'malley: have you spoken to Alabama and Georgia's sg?

Robertson: No I haven't. But I may ask them to think about it.

Debate.

Hanna: On a lighter note. I Was on the stairway to heaven. The Alabama national championship 1926 flag, was stripped down by some of us sitting next to it.In the LSU students section.

O'Malley: I also support this. The million dollar band of Alabama, travels with their band everywhere. I would love to try to give them so few tickets in the students section, that their band goes to the upper level.

Brinks: DO you think some of the people with season tickets near god, would give up their seats to sit lower?

O'malley: I bet they would.

Robertson: We will talk to director McMakin about this. We are taking an issue and we are taking direct action. I ask you to do something with me for the student body that choose to travel.

Enrolled.

Legislative Office Reports:

Parliamentarian Dearmon- Hello. Two Questions. Are you allowed to ask questions of people debating a motion? (Chenevert wins candy). How many minutes do you have to ask questions? (O'Malley wins candy).

Sec Chambers: You're sloppy.

Pro-Temp Delery: I won't include my opinion. We have a habit this session of constantly moving something from new to unfinished business every meeting. Things are going past committee, that is your purgative. But what you are doing is also robbing your committee from the experience of hearing legislation. I feel I need to defend the legislative process. The week is to educate yourself, fix the legislation and ask your constituents. Feel free to object from something skipping committee. Don't be steam rolled. Speak up for yourself.

Speaker Robertson: We will have a parliamentary workshop. Understanding procedure can shape the bills and the meetings progress. We will ask Parliamentarian Dearmon to keep asking her questions. Also you learn by doing. If you are confused we ask you sit next to an older senator so they may guide you. The questions on the survey about what you like most in the senate, brought back some great answers. You also noted that you wanted more legislation to affect the student body. For what you like least, some people expressed a problem with the attitude shown toward speakers at the podium. Please stay professional. We are doing great with the length of the meetings this semester. We're passing legislation about the average amount we have every year, BUT we are doing it quicker at night. We will have legislative table sits 11-1 free speech plaza on Monday. You will get an email from me later this week. We won't do sign ups, we just ask you to show up. Surprise for yall next meeting! You can have a proxy for committee meetings. They must be a senator not on your committee.

Advisor Reports.

Lowery: Quick reminders. Homecoming Voting this week. Robertson and Remson are in the kings race. Also have you seen the Forever LSU t-shirt? CSIL is selling them for \$10 s-xl and xxlxxxl \$12. Free Speech Alley and our office. The proceeds will go to student initiatives. We haven't decided yet.

Bryant: Forever LSU stickers?

Robertson: I have some in the office.

PMC:

Prestridge: Sorry I missed the beginning of the meeting. WE went on the bus trip. We do good things. It was a great success. Mckin went and I commend Lanus for planning. It went flawless on the whole trip. I think with years to come it will catch on. It serves the students better. Vote for the Student Government election.

Hanna: Real Quick, Safe Streets. Next week ECO will come and do public input. Please be on time. They deal with making campus a more eco-friendly place (bikes!). I am also getting in touch with facility services to figure out where we will place those with the steak and hammer. And we will be working on the signage. If you want to help let me or Remson know after homecoming is over. I work at the faculty club. The faculty senate has voted that regardless of how many people are in the faculty club, there will be no such thing as a wait. That means no matter how many servers there are, but if there are tables they will be sat. The faculty senate demanded that we do this. It is totally impractical if you've ever been out to eat, you would know this. Anyone who has been a server knows that you do everything in your physical power to help customers. For people who work at the faculty club, it ruins their work experience. I would like to bring it up to you and expose the faculty senate for doing this to their own students.

Breaux: That sounds like an SRW issue. We will take it up. Friday night 8pm River center Downtown, it is going down. There is an all-Greek step show, and Meg and I will represent Theta. We will be strolling and shaking. It will be the most amazing thing of your whole life. Attend and take pictures. Last week Jason Decuir spoke with us. He needs some student volunteers for the day of elections, same day as the Ole Miss game. He has budgeted funds to help compensate you for your time, read between the lines. We need GOTV help, so vote before watching the Ole Miss game.

Sita: I wanted to let you know, next Tuesday 8-930 Phi MU will host a SororiTEA. We will have tea cookies and raise money for children's miracle network. Stop in have some tea.

Chris Sellers: Concerning Palermo's bill that I think needed more clarification and I voted against... I think failing to hold a college council meeting is a travesty on the side of the college council. You get to vote on your college council. When you come to senate, you get to vote, and the same with council. I still plan on going to every college council meeting and consider it a big deal.

Bryant: I assume everyone in here has an interest in communication. A new organization has been recently approved. It's Organization for Communications Students. The only requirement to join is an interest in communication. We just kicked off this week. We will meet next week. \$5 dues. We will have cool speakers! Come see me.

Prestridge: Sita opted not to run for re-election. Because she wanted to run for president of her sorority, and she has been slated as the president of Phi Mu!

Clark: One of the major initiatives in AAA is the W policy. We are working on getting a meeting scheduled with the provost on how we can work on this.

Prestridge: Election Code Revision committee has been meeting successfully. Last Thursday we didn't have quorum but we discussed expenditures. Final meeting Sunday. GSE.

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