

Opening February 13.2008
Pledge of Allegiance.
Induction of new senators.

Roll Call:

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Abon

Andres

Avery

Blanco

Bovilain

Breaux

Brinks

Bryant

Canseco

Chandler

Cortina

Davis

Eason

Edwards

Elliot

Foley

Gammon

Greene

Guidry

Hanna

Hathorn

Homan

Jackson

Juneja

Lincoln

Lopreore

McInnis

McMann

Oaks

O'Malley

Palermo

Prestridge

Remson

Rogers

Sellers

Spell

Clark

Robertson

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Addison
Allen
Doescher
LeMay
McEntire
Murray
Ricci
Smith
Stuart
Tecce

Public Input

Chris Cummings- Thank for sponsoring debate. Jacob Gower is the tri-state champion in Lincoln- Douglas Debate. We were able to travel to San Diego. Thank you.

Juneja: I know you we're given the funds in the hope of opening the eyes of the administration about debate. Have you been pursuing this?

Cummings: We've been trying to get a nice packet, and present it to the administration regarding the need for permanent funding

Blanco: I know we are doing the lighting walk as a body, but I am going to do the Memorial Walk at 7:30pm. We will walk from the Memorial Tower to the apartments where the students were murdered. It is important and shed light on public safety.

Video Public Input is played.

Mosche Cohen: I'm here representing ECO. I came to let you know that ECO is still pushing it's sustainability concerns. The Sierra Club international has received words about the Presidents Climate Commitment. Nation wide, college presidents are breaking down, and explaining what steps they have taken to sustaining the environment. LSU has taken steps towards this, and we must promote this. This Presidents Climate Commitment also does an energy audit of the university. If LSU signs the PCC it pledged to change its energy consumption in a way that will help save students money. This Is a plan to go to the LSU system as a whole. Even though the chancellor hasn't pledged this, we are going forward.

Homan: I read part of the reason the president won't sign this is the cost.

Cohen: It breaks into parts. The first part...

Homan: I understand. DO you know how much it would cost?

Cohen: The first portion reporting costs nothing. The energy audit is done continually and would not cost additional funds. We do this already. The third part is where money comes in But the problem is that this is not formal. There is no one pact that each school adopts in the PCC. It would depend on what we chose, and what our goals are at the third step. Jindal told everyone in Louisiana that you should be using state funds for energy efficiently.

Reading, Correction and Adoption of the Minutes (with amendments submitted by email) by O'Malley.

Executive Officer Reports

Boudreaux- HI. The long over due newsletter will be up on the website and emailed out hopefully by the end of the week. Thanks

Tolar- We will be working with the Center for Academic Success to ut out a series of workshop on academics. First, Tuesday Feb 26, 'Midterms'. There will be one after midterms grades go out.

Parker Wishek- I am no long actin director. I am confirmed. I did want to talk about safety. I attended a safety meeting yesterday. There are a lot of offices represented today. Thanks for doing the safety walk. It's pretty cold to do it tonight.... We can't fix anything on the website right now due to a technological error. Next week I'll talk about public perception.

C.S.O. Lanius- Hi. First of all no campaigning. Campaigning and filing starts next week. We will have a ticket forum coming up next week. Banquet (no details) April 24, 6pm that's a Thursday. Inauguration April 25th (no plans). Tomorrow we are bringing back the traditional valentines kiss. In order to further your love for LSU and your significant over, 8pm under the bell tower.

Leblanc- Three applications are out. First for Diversity awareness team, faculty senate and a few exec staff positions. AIDS awareness will be publicized tomorrow free speech plaza. And we will have signs on the printers about free printing.

Judicial Officer Reports

Judge Dowie- The clerk position is still open as it has been all year. Please send interested candidate to us. Its election season. The court doesn't want to be involved. Play fair. If you need something in court, until we get a clerk you can directly email Mark Hill or myself.

Homan- is there a solicitor general.

O'Malley- is there an election board.

Defer to Gower: There is one vacancy.

Motion to Clark.

Legislative Officer Reports.

Senator Cortina explains lighting walk

Cortina: I met with facility services today. Everyone gets a map. We will split into five different groups. You will get a card, explaining how to use the facility services map. Please count off, if you're going to leave don't count off.

Motion to recess until 8:30 pm. Motion passes.

Minutes (cont...)

(Information about the walk was given)

Motion by Jackson 2nd by Bryant to move back to committee reports.

Committee Reports:

AAA: No meeting, no report.

A Brinks is present (point of personal privilege).

Finance: Just to let you know, this is how much we have. SGB No. 1 was passed unanimously (in Finance Committee).

Gov. Relations: The LSU presidential primary went very well. We had over 2,000 students get online on vote. The results are on the Reveille website. Everyone is invited to come to Free Speech Alley at 11:30 to 1 on Mondays. The more people we have, the greater chance we have to get more opinions. It's a really good thing and we have a lot of fun trying to get input. We'll have a speaker on Monday to talk about Jindal's ethics bill.

HIT: We met on Monday at 6:30. We heard SGR1 and SGR4. They were both voted unanimously by the floor. There were just a few technical amendments. I got an email from the President and an outside program has contacted ECO to try to get all unused cell phones to be recycled. For every cell phone they get, they will donate \$10 to LSU's recycling program.

AAA: I wanted to mention that on March 6 we will have a ticket forum. It will be informed to the public soon. I encourage you to come out and ask questions because it will explain how things will be done next year for football season. It's from 1-3 inside the Atchafalaya Room. Tell your constituents about it. The athletic department wants to make the process as easy as possible and reliable as possible. They want to hear what we want done with the ticket process.

Rules: We met last night and there are a couple of rules we're talking about changing.

SRW: We did not meet this week, but I want to thank everyone who participated on the walk tonight.

Unfinished Business

SGB1 by Davis: We're going to table this.

Motion by Lopreore 2nd by Hannah.

SGR4 by Palermo: I reported on this bill two weeks ago and I had a meeting with Res Life about the compatibility test. Res Life is going to come up with a survey. If students are going to be forced to live on campus, they should have the option to live with someone who they have something in common with.

There used to be a survey to better match people, but it had race, religion and other things like that. It got out of hand and res life said that this did not promote a diverse campus. I think it should be based on interests and not personal information.

Debate

Question

ACC: Favorable Passage

SGR4 enrolled.

SGR1 by Jackson: It's basically a bill to add 10-15 parking spots for students. It's our building, so I think we should be able to park in front of the union. The student spots would have the same time machines to monitor how much time each person was talking. The money in those meetings goes to Parking & Transportation. The only other parking that's being planned is the parking garage that's being built. The meter will keep time until 4:30.

Debate

Question

ACC: Favorable Passage

SGR1 enrolled.

Legislative Officer Reports:

Clark: Don't forget to do your office hours.

Bryant: If you choose to do your office hours in the Senate Office and there's no space, can you go to the Executive Branch Office?

Robertson: If there are an overbearing number of senators, then we'll make other arrangements. Next week, we'll have a speaker, so please be respectful. We'll also be debating a very important bill, so I'm giving a heads up. Senator Prestridge and I will be on Tiger TV to take about public input.

Advisor Reports:

Lowery: If you are a junior or senior with 60 credit hours, a definite major and are in the top 35% of your class, you can apply for ODK. The applications are due February 29. If you're a junior, you must be graduating next May. Also, we just got the campus report from the lighting walk and I appreciate the fun behind some of the comments, but make sure they're tasteful. We have to make students feel safe. There was also some inappropriate behavior and people got disrespectful. Just make sure that you always keep a positive light on things. Please refer to our Acting Chancellor as Acting Chancellor Jenkins. There's a hiring freeze right now, so we can't disclose information about the program.

Jackson: Was the 35% by college?

Lowery: I think it's overall class, but some things are by college so I'll get back to you.

Suspended back to Legislative Officer Reports.

Members of the Academic Calendar View Committee.

Nominations: Gammon, Palermo, Bryant, Lopreore.

Bryant: I just want to stay that academics have been my baby this semester. That's why I joined AAA. The new vice chair, Hannah, and Sen. Remson have decided to break into small groups and have two or three people in each subcommittee. I'm going to try to work with the academic calendar and when this bill was passed, I was really excited. So please consider me for this.

Gammon: I have tons of ideas and I've talked to many students in my class and have talked to a lot of people about various things. I really do have student input coming in. I'm not serving on any other committees in SG so I can put my all into this.

Lopreore: Withdraws.

Palermo: Last Spring when we came back from Spring Break, I sat in class with a lot of people who are from other parts of the state. The day before was Easter and a lot of people have to leave their families to come back to school. Immediately I met with an official at the University Registrar to talk about the possibilities of getting Spring Break moved. I've talked to a Faculty Senate member and she's going to get another Faculty Senate member to get on board with us. I've emailed Tim Fields and he told me he was really excited to see students getting interested in this.

Questions:

Remson: We're aware that what we're trying to fix the Spring and Fall break. Mardi Gras makes the calendar what it is. What are your intentions? Make Mardi Gras longer?

Bryant: I don't think we should get rid of Mardi Gras break and Spring Break should last the same length. I definitely am not for losing either break.

Gammon: I know you have to have a certain number of MWF and TTH classes, but we'd just have to work with the calendar to figure out all the specifics.

Palermo: Good Friday throws everything out. But some time ago, we had school the Wednesday after Mardi Gras, and it worked. We'll also have to look at the Fall Calendar to look at what's going on with Fall Break and Thanksgiving. It's not going to be easy, but I'd rather us try to do something than nothing at all.

Jackson: I know Spring Break's a big issue, but what are the other big issues?

Palermo: The other two issues are Fall Break and Thanksgiving. The only reason we don't get a full week off for Thanksgiving is because of Fall Break.

Gammon: My first year, I lived with someone from Texas and she had to catch a flight on Wednesday Night and come back on Sunday to spend time with her family. It's a big deal for out of state students.

Bryant: From what I've heard about why we can't have a full break for Thanksgiving and eliminate Fall Break was because there were a lot of suicides on campus and students couldn't keep up with their school work.

Brinks: Would y'all be open to making Thanksgiving Break longer?

Bryant: Yes

Gammon: Yes

Palermo: Yes

McEntire: I've never gone to a school where Thanksgiving was any longer than Thursday & Friday.

Debate

Prestridge: I think any of them would do a good job, but Senator Gammon is really passionate about this and has talked to me about what she wants to do.

Blanco: I am also up here for Senator Gammon. She really wants this, and this will give her a chance to show her leadership in senate. She really does a good job for the students.

Remson: All 3 candidates are qualified and well-organized, but Senator Palermo deserves this because of the work he's done. He wrote the bill, he's done the research and he's very knowledgeable and up to date. The other two candidates, I'd hate to choose, but I'd have to choose senator Gammon. Senator Bryant will get a chance to work with whomever you select to make this happen, though.

PMC:

Remson, McEntire, Smith

Remson: As many of you guys now, you are already leaders. Jindal kicked off his ethics session on Sunday. Jindal will have an official on Monday to speak about an organization to give student leaders input on what's going on in the state. This is a time for change in Louisiana and the governor has stressed this countless times. It's called Blueprint Louisiana. It gives young students an opportunity to express their opinions. You're not a lobbyist, but you'll get a chance to voice your opinion to move this state in the right direction. If you're interested, find me and I'll give you some information so you can get involved. The time of the meeting is to be determined. I'd also like to give Chandler an applause for the lighting walk.

McEntire: Over the break, I watched Citizen Kane. The movie had a lot of famous quotes. So far this semester, there's been a lot of disapproval with our esteemed Reveille. I, personally, don't enjoy being called sleezy and all kind of colorful names. I do challenge each of us to consider what has been said that's inherently true. We've all campaigned on transparency. It's our responsibility to change the things that are written about or actions.

Smith: I would like to first apologize for my tardiness. There is a black history month program tomorrow. It's from 6-7 in the Magnolia Room. SG has sponsored the program.

Blanco: I just want to let you know that the vigil was really great. Acting Chancellor Jenkins was there and there was a lot of support for it. Don't forget there are two or three more opportunities for the rec forums. Colorado and I went Monday but there were no other students there.

Prestridge: How did they advertise for the forum?

Blanco: I saw it in the Reveille and I think on Tiger TV.

Remson: Go to urec.lsu.edu/forum if you can't make it to the meetings. It's the same information. Read what is being said and what may happen as a result of this proposal.

Blanco: Please tell your constituents about this.

Clark: Just a reminder if you could put your name placards In your binders and put your binders in the box.

Hannah: I'm very proud to be a member of SG this semester. We've done so many positive things and it's only February.

Jackson 2nd O'Malley - Adjourn

Adjournment – 9:45

Roll Call

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Abon
Andrews
Avery
Blanco
Bonvillain
Brinks
Bryant
Canseco
Chandler
Davis
Eason
Edwards
Elliot
Gammon
Greene
Guidry
Hathorn
Jackson
Juneja
Lincoln
Lopreore
McEntire
McInnis
McMann
Oaks
O'Malley
Palermo
Remson
Ricci
Rogers
Sellers
Smith
Spell
Clark
Robertson

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Palermo
Hanna

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Addison
Allen
Breux

Cortina
Doescher
Foley
Hanna
LeMay
Murray
Prestridge
Stuart
Tecce