

Wednesday March 12,2008

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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Allen

Andrews

Avery

Blanco

Bovillain

Breaux

Brinks

Canseco

Chandler

Collins

Cortina

Davis

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Eason

Edwards

Elliot

Foley

Gammon

Greene

Guidry

Hanna

Hathorn

Jackson

Juneja

LeMay

Lincoln

McCain

McEntire

McMann

Oaks

O'Malley

Palermo

Prestridge

Rogers

Sellers

Spell

Waller

Pro-Temp Clark

Speaker Robertson

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McInnis
Murray,C
Murray, J
Remson
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Smith
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Public Input

Vickie Barret- I'm here today to thank you. My name is Vicki Barrett and student government has been awesome in helping me with finding resources. Love and support. I was diagnosed in January, the 5th with four brain tumors, and lung cancer. Of course that changed my life immediately. Let me first say i'm a ph D student in the school of social work. It changed me life. Matt McEntire is my next door neighbor in graduate student housing on Nicholson. Matt immediately got involved in helping me. What he did was amazing. Ad What he and Cassie did was amazing. He started on working on resources to help me. What they were able to do... SG was able to help me personally with scholarships. I'm here today to thank you and say that it is people like yall that really make a difference in peoples lives. Please know this is a heartfelt thank you. I am a social worker working on my PhD. Yall have a wonderful SG that wants to get involved in student life. Today, I Want to purpose to yall.. I've talked to me professor and the Dean of Social work. We are going to start working... my dissertation has changed some and we would like to bring the school of social work and SG together. SO we can work on pooling resources and reaching out to other students on campus with special needs. We are all learning what resources are available. We are bringing in Eric Monday, SG and the school of social work so that we can learn what resources we have at LSU, and how to pool them. Thank you very much.

Vice Chancellor Eric Monday.

Motion to extend speakers time by 15 by O'Malley. 2nd Palermo.

Monday- Good evening. My name is Eric Monday and I am service as the interim vice chancellor for student life and academic services. Today is day 8. I want to introduce myself and tell you what I will be doing with students life. I am serving as interim vice chancellor. We will find a new vice chancellor but a timeframe for that has not been set... We have set a goal to build a better environment for students to succeed. We can't guarantee success but we can do the best to make that possible... Number two we would

like to open the channels of communication between Student Life and Student Leaders... Please reach out to me, to our staff and give us information on how we can serve you. We will start a program called Monday on Mondays. We will be at 459 commons from 12-1 starting the Monday after spring break and we will bring someone with us. The first Monday Cassie will be with us. The next week the bookstore, and parking... One of the major goals is to build the level of communication to what it should be... A little about me... I was SG President 13 years ago at LSU, 1995-1996. I sat in front of this body as the Student Body President.... I was not very involved, a regular student, but I got tired of reading about the problems with SG. The in fighting between the branches. I got involved in the election board, and it was the first time we brought voting machines to LSU... I then served as the Chief Justice on UCourt... Director of Finance and then student body president. I have been working in finance and administrative services and after we reach goals in student life, I will move back to finance. I am still a student. I'm not taking class this semester but I will resume me PhD studies.

Collins: How can we get info about who will be the guest at Mondays with Monday.

Monday: It will be in the rev. and posted in the Residence halls. But, Monday Cassie, then (lists).

Sleep in a Box

Nicholas Totaro: I'm here for sleep in a box. March 29, UREC fields. \$10 registration. From now until this Friday. You can register when we get back from Spring Break, but the reg. fee goes up. Please come out it will be fun and raise homeless awareness. I will be in the back until 7pm and you can turn your money in to me.

Eason: It said in the Rev it would be on the parade grounds?

Totaro: The URec is only if we have enough people sign up. Otherwise we will be on the parade grounds.

James Pfeifer

Pfeifer: I'm here to speak about SGCR 13. This resolution strips the power to fill vacancies in the senate from the college councils, after an a amount of time lapses... This would give the speaker the power to fill the senate. Not to mention give him the power to pack the senate with people who agree with him... One of the things I like about SG is that we have lots of checks and balances... Please, I know a lot of the time you skim SGCRs because it doesn't give away money, but please consider this carefully. This changes the role of speaker, and I, along with former court justices have seen this as a mediator, not a dictator. Please take a look, know that if it does pass we can fight it because it has to go in front of the students.

Reading, Correction, Adoption of the Minutes.

McEntire, moves to amend to reflect his presence.

Motion to adopt as amended by Blanco 2nd Clark.

Exec Officer Reports.

Jeff Noel, Director of Campus Development,

Noel- Hi. Safety week. The Monday forum was very successful. Cop day in Free Speech Plaza was a success. Any female LSU student is invited to the KD house tomorrow at 730 for a RAD express class. Should be one hour. Come in and out.

Dir Wishik-

Channel 2 news came out to interview us about Safety Week. On the 6 a.m. news this morning WAFB came out as well. Other events we will publicize is grooving on the grounds. I don't have the bands yet. LA week, also a big deal and the grid iron bash, with Kid Rock. This is a nation wide event. Several schools across the country.

Stephen Martinez- First I'm sorry you haven't heard about the newsletter lately. I wanted to send out a trial yesterday but I didn't get a chance to. If you haven't heard, it will be called the Roar. You should get another newsletter soon, maybe over the brake. Will have news, events and a section of the blog I need suggestions for the input poll. Please feel free to suggest these... If you bring your comp you will be able to pull up the legislation on our computer. I have the agendas up as soon as I get those off the computer too. And they should be there for you to review. We started the text messaging campaign for the LSU ole Miss tradition. This will b a rivalry campaign between Ole Miss and LSU... It will be similar to the tiger rag we do with Tulane. We will have a contest to name the tradition, and the item that you want to trade. We will do this through texting. The number is on the website but you can do an online submission too. I've already gotten a few suggestions.

Elliot: Would the poll be yes or no?

Martinez: I'd rather the poll be a way to get information. I'd prefer not to do safety this week.

Director McMakin- I know Parker hit on this earlier. April 4th Tiger Stadium Gridiron Bash. Concert with Kid Rock and Sarah Evans and we had the oppurtuity. To win 1,000,000 for the scholarship account. 60% attendance 30% voting via text message .90 each. We're competing against Alabama Kentucky south Carolina, let's win! We might start a facebook group. We all get a concert and if we show up, you get 1,00,000.

Rogers: can anyone attend.

McMakin- yes

Elliot: tickets?

McMakin- sold on LSUsports.net and a website. \$35

Elliot: SO it's the proceeds the 1,000,00 we get?

McMakin- Well this is a company, so they will earn money. Phenomenal concert.

Judicial Officer Reports

Hill: I'm here with Perry, Dowdy. All the JBoard candidates are great. Their excited. I'm thinking about calling an investigation into how much Donald Hodge paid for Jesus original sandals... Lighten up.

Perry: To make things more streamlined in Judicial Branch were thinking about extending to 18 branches of Sg.. ha-ha

Dowdy: We're still in need of a clerk of court. If you would like to file contact me or mark via email.

New Business

(insert)

Committee Reports

AAA- No Meeting. No Report.

Finance- O'Malley- Met last night. 630 Caddo room, all present but one, she was having a root canal. SGB No 2 passed, it was \$740 to alternative service break. Passed unanimously.

GovRel Prestridge- till trying to get in contact with southern about the joint session... neither their president or up has gotten back to me. We will do a lot with LA week that the exec branch is putting on. Each day there will be events that have to do with LA. Government day.

Palermo Hit- heard gammon. Passed unanimously.

Rules- Met passed sgr no 8

SRW- No meeting No report.

Unfinished

SGR No 8 By Gammon

Gammon- this is about safety. Its unsafe for students to park in far away commuter lots at 430pm but then walk back to them alone after dark. We want to open these at 4pm, and make sure the inner lots are open at 430 pm.

Chandler- I thought they had to open at 430?

Gammon- they are not required to.

Debate.

Questions.

Closing.

Vote.

Enrolled

Motion by O'Malley to suspend and move SGB 3 to unfinished business. Objection.

Debate on motion

O'Malley: Ok , I'm not trying to pull anything quick. The purpose of this bill s to allow the Exec Branch to spend money from the initiatives account. This would allow them to have stuff ready to go, right after spring break. This bill would not remove any of our oversight. This would just speed it up.

Palermo- has this gone to finance?

O'Malley- not officially. But we discussed

Guidry- is this to skip the committee

O'Malley- Yes but not because I have anything against the comittee.

Elliot- can you talk about why this is? The memo from the chancellor.

O'Malley- sure. Right now the Exec branch can not spend money because of the memo. This would allow them to spend money with the four weeks left.

Jackson- Did you know that there was supposed to be a new way for this to get done, but the chancellor didn't sign this?

Out of order.

Debate.

Blanco – I am for everything going to committee so we have time to read it. We need to hear this in committee read it carefully. We need time to ask questions. I'm not saying i'm opposed but we need time.

Jackson- this is a very complicated manner. This needs not to be rushed. Send it to rues.

Closing comments

O'Malley – I am all for sending things to committee. This is a time thing. The elections are April 2nd and i'm truing to give them the chance to spend the money.

Vote . The motion fails.

Motion to move back to new business. Objection. Vote. Move back to new business.

Motion by sellers to send 3 to finance comm.

Motion to move back to unfinished business.

Unfinished business.

SGB 2 by Prestridge

Prestridge: I apologize SGB 2 didn't get on the agenda. This bill appropriates money to alternative service break. Each year they give their time for alternative service break.

; We've gone on 13 trips at LSU so far. Two trips over winter break, one during spring break. We applied for ORF and were under funded by 200. We're going to Panama City. We are sponsored by Royal American Hospitality. And we are hosted by keep the beach clean. We've been funding last semester, and we try to have each member pay twenty dollars or less.

Brinks: what time of work?

: We're working with keep the beach clean. The could give us accommodations.

SGCR 13 by Clark.

Palermo: How much is the entire trip costing?

- This trip is probably the cheapest trip we've taken; last semester we didn't get funded. We took 5 cars last semester. The money will be specifically to the drivers.

Palermo: How much money are the people going putting up a piece?

- We've raised over 500 dollars through fundraising.

McMann: Is this group self-supervised?

- The organization has an alcohol-free policy and the surf-rider organization works with us to educate us about issues concerning ocean conservation.

Line 38, Paragraph 8: Three-Fourths (3/4) changed to majority vote.

Juneja: I want to speak in favor of this bill. They said they do the fund raising and they're always in free speech alley four hours a day. They do very good work and I encourage you to pass this bill.

Palermo: The time frame is very important. ORF will cut the funding they get because of the time its in.

Question.

ACC: I urge favorable passage on this, so I ask we help this organization with their transportation costs.

Brinks: Since we are voting for this, could you say more specifically what you guys are doing?

- We're working to pick up trash and then after that we pass out fliers and try to inspire people not to trash the beaches. They're carrying recycle bins on the beach, as well. We wake up at 6:30 a.m. and go to 4:30 p.m.

Allen: Is LSU going to be the only school there?

- No, Carolina, Appalachian State and Florida State will be there.

SGB 2 enrolled.

LO7

Questions

Debate

Question

ACC: We have awesome candidates. Urge favorable passage.

LO7 enrolled.

Motion to suspend the respond and bring SGR 10, 11, 12 to the end of unfinished business.

SGR 10

Remson: I'm up here to offer condolences to Ms. Bourke to the University of Auburn. She was killed and we'd like to send our condolences. I ask for favorable passage.

Debate
Question

ACC: Yield for favorable passage.

SGR 10 enrolled.

SGR 11

Remson: It's been almost 1 year since the Virginia Tech shootings. When we played VA Tech, Jay Darden declared Sept. 8 Va Tech day. I'd like us to declare a Hokie day.

Bryant: Is this going to be annual school holiday?

Remson: I don't know, that's why the 2008 is added to the April 18. I only see it as being a 1-year thing, though.

Technical Amendments are made.

Debate:

Prestridge: Like I'd brought up, Line 19 I think to change it to "reflect" or "remember" rather than pray.

ACC: Sorry for the horrible grammar; Favorable passage.

SGR 11 enrolled.

SGR 12

Remson: The grammar is bad on this one, too. This is, though, a resolution for UNC Chapel Hill. The biggest technical amendment is line 17, paragraph 3.

Technical Amendments Made

I move to strike the words through prayer in line 28.

Debate

Elliot: I just don't think we, as a body, should write bills to memorialize things.

Jackson: My amendment is to strike through slain and put in taken from us.

Allen: Just in response to Senator Elliot's comments, anything we can do to express ourselves, we should do that. Just keep that in mind when you're preparing to vote.

Question

ACC: Favorable passage. After Hurricane Katrina and Rita, others schools did much of the same thing for us.

SGR 12 enrolled

SGCR13

Pro Temp Clark: Right now if you have a vacancy in the senate, it's filled by the college council. It's become a problem because some college councils hardly meet. With this, the Speaker will make a legislative order to appoint someone and the senate will approve it.

McIntire: What, precisely, constitutes sufficient approval of the student senate?

Robertson: We can amend it to read 2/3 of the student senate.

Prestridge: Can you tell us what the vote count for this in the rules committee.

Clark: There were 2 abstentions and an aye.

Clark: Right now college council presidents are the only ones who can lead appointments.

Easton: Are you really set on the speaker choosing this?

Sellers: How can the speaker get more names into the appointing process?

Robertson: We look at all the vacancies and forward them to college council presidents. Some college council presidents haven't really taken the time to feel appointments.

Debate:

Prestridge: I like the idea of this bill, but I think that this may not be the best way to go about it. I don't like the fact that the speaker can just choose who they want to be in this senate. The speaker will most like just choose who they know. The way it works right now, whomever is in charge next year will crack down on this. I don't think this is the best way to go about it.

Breaux: Point of clarification, all vacancies must be advertised according to the Pfeifer Act.

Palermo: Under this Pfeifer Act, there has to be 3 types of advertisements, but they're all internal. We need to branch out of SG to get more people involved.

Cortina: I think we're going about this in a really long way. The Speaker may/may not know people in our colleges. I feel this is overstepping the college council. It's our job to relay the messages.

Breaux: I move we table this bill for one legislative week.

Objection.

McIntire: All I want to say is that those of you who have an active college council don't have to worry about this. Unfortunately, for people like me and senator Guidry, our college council hasn't met since Donald Hodge resigned. The elder statesmen on campus are underrepresented. I would have never known grad students could be in SG had it not been for former Speaker Pro-Temp Hebert. I move we change it to a 2/3 approval by the senate.

Sellers: I'm lucky enough to come from a college council that fills up two rows. If we don't pass this, we may never fill certain seats.

Jackson: There are some college councils who never meet, but every college council will be full next year. I just don't think this is a good bill. I urge you to vote the bill down. Vet School senators should represent students from their college.

Sellers: Do you think some representation is better than none?

Jackson: It depends.

Secretary Chambers: As long as I've been secretary/undersecretary there have been vacancies.

Robertson: I sent out an email showing the proper way to appoint someone.

Easton: Back to what Cortina was saying, I know they're some college councils that aren't active, but I don't think it would be fair for the speaker to appoint students outside his/her college. I would prefer to see the president of the college or the senator who resigned to propose a name.

Elliot: Senator Jackson has said that each college council should be able to pick who they want, but on a reasonable basis, I think if we pass this it'll send messages to college councils that if they're going to act ineffectively then they won't have the right to appoint. Maybe they'll start meeting after this.

Remson: I have two things. I would like to say that when I was a UCAC senator, we did not meet. And if we did, it wasn't told to the senators. I did everything in my power to get meetings started, but if you can't get the president to listen or to get people to show up, then there's a problem. This bill should pass. Maybe then you'd send a message to get people to do something about these vacancies. The amendment I would like to offer is to change line 39.

Prestridge: All college councils should have access to list serves.

Remson: Every student is on a list serve. Every college has a list serve. I can't think of any other way. This is why I've put it in the form of an amendment.

Clark: I deem this hostile.

Remson: It's open to changes.

Easton: Would you also be open to adding to the list serve?

Remson: The reason I'd say no to this is because if they're a functioning college council, they should have no problem with vacancies.

Jackson: I think we should pass the list serve idea to the Pfeifer Act.

Bryant: How would you enforce a list serve for the president of that council?

Remson: This is the whole problem with this whole referendum. This would be a more formal thing to be bound by this constitution.

Rogers: Can you just send an email to the advisor of the committee if the president doesn't respond?

Remson: You can have resort to any efforts you must. But I'm going to withdraw the amendment.

Juneja: I would like to preface this amendment by saying that if it does pass, it would be a great idea to read this. (Offers amendment on line 38 – insert attempt to contact last candidates...). I don't think someone should be able to win a position, put it on their resume, and then withdraw the seat. Especially when there are good, worthy candidates. This will give good people a chance to serve in this senate.

Elliot: What's the procedure if there was an uncontested seat?

Juneja: The speaker of the senate would appoint. But the option is giving first to the people.

Guidry: Multiple Candidates?

Juneja: Send them emails at the same time.

Debate:

Clark: I think we should vote this amendment down because there are too many “what if” questions.

Prestridge: I think this amendment is a good idea, but I am still against this bill.

Easton: I was talking about advertisement with the director of communications, and we’re relying a lot on list serves. There are other ways of advertisements we should look into.

Parker: There are other ways to communicate outside the realm of email. Broadcast emails are becoming almost obsolete. A college council opening would warrant screensavers on desktop computers. Also, things could go on bulletin boards.

Elliot: Do we have to specify every bit of advertising in the bill? Can we say ‘advertise’

Parker: Yes. That would be appropriate.

Jackson: I am very against the bill, but in favor of the amendment. Pass the amendment.

Authors closing comments of the amendment.

Juneja: Good point. The person that ran doesn’t have to go to the senate before anyone else. It just says that the candidate must be contacted. These people took the initiative and showed passion. They need to individually be notified.

Vote of amendment. Amendment passes.

Debate on SGCR No 13

Guidry: Strike the speaker, and legislative order, to a resolution I would add, that any one could bring someone before the senate, to have them appointed.

Stand at ease....

Robertson: That suggestion would not be germane. There is no piece of legislation that can do that... (reads). AN appointment must go through a legislative or executive order.

Debate.

O’Malley- I’d like to insert, ‘after the college council has been notified,’ This way the speaker couldn’t wait 13 to tell the council.

Motion to amend SGCR 13, line 39 'pass... after the college council president has been notified,'

Friendly.

Debate on SGCR No 13.

Prestridge: I like the idea. I like trying to fill the body with as many people as possible, but this isn't the right way to do... I think we agree that college councils next year need to be meeting and doing their jobs. Vote down the bill

Avery: I'm in favor of this It's clear that college council needs work. And that people are working on them. This bill gives them every opportunity to fulfill their duties. But it gives the senate to give the students representation.

Allen: Were going back and forth on this. This is a referendum. It will be placed on the ballot, and let the students have a say. Pass favorably, put it on the ballot and let them choose what they will do.

Jackson: I agree with Allen and Avery. Intentions for this a great, but this isn't the best way to do it. It's really sketch.

Authors Closing comments.

Clark: When it comes down to it. It's not logistically possible... some of the suggestions, like college councils meeting at one time is not practical. I know my college council can ONLY meet at 8 in the am. We need to pass this and let students decide what they think. Its not fair to a student, if they really want to get appointed, not to have a chance. Who's to say that some of the college councils will be better in later years.

Vote

Enrolled.

Motion by Abon to move back to Induction of Senators. 2nd.

Induction of new senators- Graham.

Motion to move to legislative officer reports.

Sec Chambers- submit bills properly.

Pro- Temp Clark: Tonight is your last night to submit office hours. (lists)

Speaker Robertson- Sorry for not being on time. I was at the URec debate.

Open the floor for nominations for Student Required Fee committee.

Jackson nominates Hodge.

Palermo nominates Cortina.

Abon nominates Jackson.

Elliot nominates Palermo declines.

Hanna nominates Remson.

Motion to close nominations by Clark. 2nd Bryant.

Cortina: I don't really have anything prepared to say, but I think it's really important as a senator that I represent my constituents. I will definitely do my best to talk to people in free speech alley and to do research about different alternatives to raising these fees. I really want to see us taking progressive strides in our university. I'm an LSU ambassador and we advertise for a lot of things. I get to recruit to students and I want us to be competitive, but wisely.

Hodge: I will work to institute the policy of student government. I was the first person to serve on this committee and recognized its inherent problems. The biggest irony is that when I was on this committee, I wrote a resolution that was passed unanimously and signed by the president. How have we gone about enacting this policy? We haven't. If we have a policy and we do the opposite, it says a lot about the government. There are no grad students on this committee. This is a 5 week appointment, and I'm ready on day 1. I've reviewed budgets and I've seen wasteful spending. We have fee increases because we waste money. I've fought for this since fall 06. And this is why I resigned from this body. This is why I'm asking you to place me on this committee.

Jackson: I ask people not to vote for me.

Remson: I ask people not to vote for me.

Breaux: Through your experiences, how will you be able to best serve these students on day 1?

Hodge: I've heard their voices and I'm ready to enact their voices, which haven't been.

Cortina: I have not talked to administrators, however I have been very informed. I think my experiences have helped me to become knowledgeable. I've been working with incoming freshmen, so I know what they need and what we need as a university.

Remson: (To Hodge) Do you want to abolish this committee as a whole?

Hodge: This committee needs to be reformed, either through the student senate or a student referendum. In the past when I sat on this committee, we looked at proposals and procedures. I believe in compromise for the students.

Elliot: The Student Health Center and Rec fees, were you for them?

Cortina: I supported them only because I see what other schools have offered and to compete with other schools, we're going to have to raise fees. Money loses money over time. I think that fee raises are necessary at times.

Hodge: I don't think the amount they were raised was necessary. My issue is that the fee increases aren't moving at the right levels. I would have said no to the current proposals. I was on the committee when it first began during the summer 06. My term ended spring 07

Prestridge: This is not a very popular thing within the student body. As reps on the committee, do any of you know how you'd implement reform?

Hodge: You come to the senate after you've instituted the fee increase. I think for them not to get student input before is wrong. I think the structure of the committee is wrong. I think there is some popular interest on the committee and our voices aren't always heard.

Cortina: I don't have any ideas about reform, but if I was on this committee, I'd represent the senate as well as my constituents. Sitting on this committee is not me representing myself; I'd be representing the students. We're all apart of that and this is my purpose.

McIntire: I would like to clarify something...the rock-climbing wall, Pilates, etc., I'm paying for it. How will you, as a member of this committee, differentiate between the stuff we don't know and what's being forced down our throats?

Cortina: Do we need plasma screen TV's? No, we don't. My whole thing is that when we take students on this campus, there are deciding among other schools that have great amenities to offer.

Hodge: The question everyone should is "is this necessary?" Can we keep up with inflation costs? I think that in terms of deciding what level of fee is necessary, we need to determine whether what we're providing is adequate.

Remson: Wasn't the purpose of the committee created so that every time the university needed something they'd have to go to a student vote?

Hodge: The people that run the union, Rec center, etc. need input about votes. The idea that students are going to be against a fee is a falsity. There's no evidence that students are just going to fail fees. I think that whenever you see a 66% fee increase for the UREC in one year, it's a shock. Reforming the committee would help these proposals because you'd get more student input.

Debate

Limited to 1 minute.

Hanna: I'm a little disappointed that only 2 people from the student body wanted to take on this job. I just want to make it a point that as much as I appreciate former senator/grad school president Hodges appreciation for what's going on's on campus occurrences, I don't think we should let someone who's given SG a black eye to serve.

Remson: We are electing someone to serve on this current committee to approve/disapprove of these fee increases. I'm rising up for a vote for Chandler Cortina. I think Hodges negative connotations would do the students a disservice. I think the main purpose is to debate what's at hand.

O'Malley: I stand up in favor of Cortina. My dad always says it's how you say it, not what you say. Mr. Hodge doesn't always say things in the most positive light so people could listen to him. I don't think he'd have that ability.

Jackson: Grad school has no representation right now, so let's put a grad student on there right now.

Elliot: Senator Remson and O'Malley said what I wanted to say. We know administrators won't listen to Mr.Hodges. Cortina is in favor of making facilities on campus better.

Breaux: The fact is that Donald Hodge is going to challenge those people. We've had too many rubber stamps in student government. He's going to do the right things for the people. If you don't believe it you need to ask somebody.

Remson: All of you are leaders in this room and some of the things that are done on this committee will benefit these students. Maybe not now, but 15 years from now. All senator Hodge is looking to do is to abolish the committee.

- Question: Breaux
- Do you not feel that a person serving on this committee should serve the students of today?

Remson: Yes, but I don't think we should support someone who just wants to abolish this committee, which has a purpose.

- At any point during Mr. Hodges address, did you or did you not hear him he wasn't going to abolish the committee?

Remson: He has a very negative image towards the committee.

Jackson: How do you think Pilates classes being free affects an accounting degree?

Remson: I think they will indirectly affect the degree.

Hanna: I would like you to keep your vote to yourself. I'm in favor of Hodge because as radical as some of his beliefs may be, I think he researches extremely thorough. I think this would help him to better serve the students.

McIntire: I would like to just try and be the voice of sanity. This is the best campus in the state of LA.

Graham: From what I've heard today, the student body does not get represented. I think Hodge would better serve the students.

Rogers: I'm in favor Hodge. You can ask him a question and he'll know how to reference it. I think he knows the most about what's going on and as a student, and 92% of students are on financial aid.

Easton – does the financial aid include TOPS?

Rogers: Yes.

Elliot: He came into this senate body and raised a big stake about funds he felt were misspent. He didn't research all this fully. Every time he finds something he thinks is wrong... he's not diplomatic.

Palermo: I understand what each of you are saying for Hodge. I know how much Donald has students' opinions in mind.

Abon: I'm trying to put myself in the shoes of the basic student. If I was a regular student, I'd rather have someone not in SG to represent me. Therefore, I'd like to urge support for Hodge.

Hodge: I live in reality and I know people don't like controversial statements. I will promise you one thing: I will do what SG should have done all year long and implement this.

Cortina: I want to represent the students accurately and fairly and be very vocal about what's going on.

Cortina will serve on the committee

Rogers: I would like to inform all senators that there is one thing I've wanted to do as a senator. Ever since I got here, I felt like students weren't informed about what was going on on campus. What I want to do is send mass emails about what's going on in various organizations. This should increase campus involvements. I really need help with this so if you want to be on this committee let me know.

Cortina: I just wanted to say thanks and I will represent the students well on this committee. If I don't, please call me out. But please help me out.

Bryant: I just wanted to talk about the tags that were on our binders. You never know when you're going to be caught in an emergency.

Prestridge: Sorry for the lack of free speech and public input. The audio on the camera didn't work. And also easy streets. We spoke about disability awareness. We spoke with the office of disability services and their administrators. They are of the opinion that our school is accommodating to students with a disability. I also want to agree with Bryant about senate staff checking grammar. Let's do a better job when we turn them in, and when the staff gives them one final check, let's keep them clear.

Motion to extend time by Jackson.

Prestridge: It's clear we all need to keep our college council in line. Contact your college council president and try to keep them more accountable. I think we can all agree next year we will have college councils more accountable. Also I want to apologize for laughing at the use of the word slain. I wanted to inform you that at SROW this past weekend, that Allen, Cortina and I attended we had a moment of silence. Also I'd like to say please keep the blog more subjective. I don't think you need to go to the point of ripping people's personal souls apart to prove your point. Fritcher has invited me as a member of media board to visit the LSU Reveille office. Maybe I'll blog it.

Allen: SROW brought 36 members to a conference last weekend. With lots of big schools we participated in presentations and took FIRST place among 46 presentations. I'm honored to say I was part of this group and I've been invited to represent LSU in Boston next year. We also got outstanding grad student for Chris Landry for the entire southern region. Also about the blog... yes we get elected to do this, but I know I'm a good person and I come with the best of intentions. I come here, I take notes and for me and my friends to read a blog, and get questioned if we just joke around. That's not ok with me. I didn't need to be berated and beaten down. Thank you *geaux tigers*.

McEntire: If I might how much time do I have...

Motion to extend time to 5 minutes by Prestridge.

McEntire: First I want to thank each of you for the reception you gave Mrs. Barrett. Last week former senator Hodge raised some questions. I walked out of the building with Hodge about this last week and I promised him that I would speak with Leblanc. Sunday night I spoke to Leblanc and Alsfeld for an hour or two. I'd like to report to you that this had nothing to do with SG expenses. We didn't spend anything. This was an accounting error. We will have the money back. But there is no story. I was pleased to learn this, but then I recalled that Hodge told us that this came from a member of exec staff. I can't speak for King or Alsfeld, but any member of SG who would go behind our back, and outside of the body, should not serve this body. Because Hodge was not serving in their capacity as a reporter or attorney I would think he would tell me.

Hodge: it was Mrs. Mary James.

McEntire: She is not a member of exec staff. I appreciate the response. I thought since this matter was dealt with publicly it required a public response. There have been other attacks made on our exec staff. I have been known to exude youthful exuberance. I have always tried as Lincoln put it 'not to put a thorn in the bosom of another man'. If Alsfeld and King have anyone to be mad at it's me. When you call the President and VP petulant children and tell someone that they keep a door open that they don't want you to walk through. Before they heard about my neighbor, before I apologized, they both gave me their time and attention. Their good people, and deserve far more credit than they have been shown.

Remson: first I'd like to thank everyone for participating in capture the flag. Senate won. We spend many nights in this chamber debating and last night served as a reminder to me that I serve SG to work the students but also to work with people and have a good time. I guarantee you that's something I'll remember for a long time....

Hanna: Thank you for Prestridge for apologizing and clarifying for laughing/ I had to write this. Over the past couple weeks I've become more and more livid. There are two things that I've learned in life keep our integrity and I don't contradict myself... Apparently when I spoke on the success of the calendar academic. Remson then gave a speech on the little things. Let me reiterate. When I got up here to talk about the academic calendar the point was to encourage students not be intimidated by the administration. I was told no one would care. I know a whole college that would care! The college of education has to miss a week of their spring break. Or students who live out of state must meet time in school or fly out at midnight. But what do I know I'm just an egotistical, elitist senator.

Oaks: Saturday is the shamrock st. patty day parade. KD is raising money for our philanthropy. Please buy a ticket.

Beaux: A lot of you got up and talked about a certain someone who does a certain thing every week. I do enjoy reading it. There is a difference between blogging and reporting. Bloggers have no limitations between what they can or can not say. They have no requirement to be objective. Realize that that is the right of the blogger. It is an outlet of opinion, and it's their right to blog. Most blog readers are 40 years old white females. Realize there is a difference. And someone can blog about you, or talk about you after they leave the room. From MC 3506 Mann.

Juneja: I appreciate what Whitney said. I had an issue about the blog at first, and wrote a note on facebook. One of our teachers berated a girl in class and got embarrassed. But if you have a problem, talk to him. He might not want to be yelled at in person. I spoke to former Senator Hebert, and he made me feel better about it. Be polite, but voice your opinion.

Robertson: ON Friday, I looked in to the accounts, as former finance chair. We met with accounting services and came to the conclusion that three charges to the initiatives accounts, were incorrect.... (quotes numbers)

Motion to adjourn until March 26, 2008. 2nd.

Roll Call-

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