

April 3, 2008 Senate
Moment of Silence
Pledge

Motion to suspend rules and move into public input.

Senator McEntire

McEntire: HI. Good news. We were blessed with another email. I was called a liar. The fact remains when we were first addressed and accused of using money, we were told a member of the exec staff, not former contacted this man. The woman had been off since 30 November and was not active at all. As it turns out the person who raised these allegations was referring to someone who wasn't on exec staff. Any there was no current member of the exec staff that made these allegations. When the allegations were made we were told that it was spent out of the exec branch. By saying this money was gone he was saying that it the President and VP has spent it.

Motion to extend time. 2nd. Objection.
Vote to extend- passes.

McEntire: Any way I didn't mention this last week because there was no scandal. I assumed the person who made these allegations must have had the memory of a gold fish. There's good news. We've been promised that was can review these calls and emails. I don't doubt Donald and Mary spoke. But why did these public servants not contact Alsfeld, King, Davies or Former finance Chair Iseral. Should we believe that a school approaching 30,000... I do however owe you all an apology. I hope and pray you can forgive us for not looking into that. And I'd like to thank him for my comparison to Ashley Bryant... I hope he could limit those comments to me. Bryant is and always will be out of his league...

General Richard

Richard- Chairmen of the TAF.

Motion to allow indef. Amount of time. 2nd

Richard: That's a dangerous thing to do. Thanks for inviting me. I applaud you all for forming a body like this. I applaud the rules. Ad I applaud you for displaying our national colors. You'd be amazed how many meetings I go to that the colors are not displayed... I open up every speech with that comment. I think its important that young men and women, hear someone who is 61 years old and his opinion. I have been the head of the tiger athletic foundation for 7 years... Also about 5 years ago it was brought to our attention that mike the tiger had foes out in the country. Certain people petitioned the chancellor to not replace the tiger when he died. We were approached to build the tiger habitat....Somewhere along the way we had a football coach who said that if he had an operation center, he would be better equipped to win a national championship... the mission of TAF is to ensure that student athletes graduate. We want the student athletes

to graduate. It is not about tickets or who wins or loses. I know you've heard that... We have 5 women's final four finishes, two football national championships. TAF is intended to reach out insure student athletes have a good graduation opp and build and improve other facilities. The football stadium drive all of this fiscally. We have borrow 162 million dollars in the last few years. We pay that debt down every month with football tickets. This is no exclusive to LSU. Gymnastics, the golf team, they have benefited from that. We were able to build a golf club house... We provide the university on the academic side approx. 2.5 to 3 million dollars a year. We try to insure that LSU, my alma mater, that we care about how LSU is viewed, how it functions and what we teach at LSU. I come from a small Cajun community. LSU allotted me the opportunity to come to the school, learn and compete with the finest educated men in the line of defense, and grow... Those of us at TAF have a purpose. Those that have graduated from LSU, all the directors graduated from LSU. My goal is to help you... With that I'd like to answer questions and hear what's on your mind...

Chandler: After all the debt is paid, do you have plans for the profit.

Richard: Do we have feature building project? Is that the question... You never pay the debit off... Today the debt is 162 million. Maybe a little less. We have plans to look at and facilitate growth in the South Stadium. I'm not saying we'll build an upper deck, we are trying to see what is possible. DO you connect the upper decks? Do you make the stadium one of the biggest in the country? Can you sell all those tickets. Do you put on a medium upper deck, no connect the sides and then have discounted tickets for public servants. DO you build another stadium club? There are 3,000 request for premium seating. We could have the same size club, pre sell the tickets and not borrow any money. 3,000 have put their name on the weighting list to spend 2,500 a ticket for the games. I'm curious, we're happy to do it. I ask why people want to play this. They say instead of using the money to go hunting or skiing we enjoy going to LSU on Saturday. The PMAC upgrade is in the works.

COLins: Where would the money come from if football went into a decline. If we sell less tickets.

Richard: You better knock on wood. What happens if we wake up and no one wants to come to the game... TAF would have to scramble, because I still have to pay the note off. I would have to tell LSU we won't do anything else until the revenue recovers. The good news is, lending agencies would still trust us, and take care of us.

Abon: I understand we get most of our funds from football, but are we getting monetary benefit from other sports?

Richard: You increase by building a state of the art facility, that entices better athletes and you have a coach or staff that build up attendance. Football you just have to keep winning to get people to attend... Soccer is increasing every year. One day it might be like in European or South American Countries. How many play golf, or attend a swim meet. The participation in these sports watching is small.

Motion to extend questions by 3 min. 2nd

McMann; You mentioned the south end zone. What about video or sound system.

Richard: Good question. The south end zone speakers are out dated and defective. They would change with the south end zone upgrade. The northern score board will probably be replaced, with a high DEF score and video board. We hope the architect prevents something to us, go to the bank and ask for the money. We would then simply ask LSU would you like us to do that. Before we do anything we have to get permission from the athletic department, the chancellor, the board at times, the bond commission, and sometimes the board of regents. There is a lot of institutional oversight.

Remson: Could you elaborate the opp. About getting involved with TAF.

Richard: for \$10 a year you can join the collegiate club. There is a crawfish boil Friday. How can you get involved with TAF early on so that you can buy a suite years later... You get the info out to young people. Share with them that the culture is changing. When I came to LSU and left there was no TAF. When I came back to LSU only 20 million dollars had been spent from 1967 to 2001 to improve facilities. Since then 160 million has been spent. Because of this, the culture of giving back was nonexistent. We have only had a culture of giving back since 1988...

Boyd: Y'all do projects to improve and use the money from sporting events to pay them back...

Richard: We get the money from ticket sales and donations. We take out very low risk investments. We use the LSU Foundation to invest for us in a low risk market (bonds). We go out to the alums to ask for philanthropic efforts. We bear the responsibility to take good care of that money. I could make more with the stock market, but I could lose that donation to. We invest, in very low risk stuff.

McEntire: Thanks for your service to LSU. The marine core and the state of Louisiana.

Richard: Thank you. Please consider staying in Louisiana after your gratitude and get involved... I thank you first of all for being good students, inviting me, and I thank you in advance for being great citizens of this republic. God bless America.

Motion to move back to induction of new senators.

Roll Call

Y-

Abon

Avery

Blanco

Bonvillain
Boyd
Canseco
Chandler
Collins
Davis
Eason
Edwards
Gammon
Graham
Guidry
Hanna
Hathorn
Jackson
Juneja
LeMay
Lincoln
McEntire
McInnis
McMann
Palermo
Remson
Rogers
Sellers
Smith
Spell
Waller
Clark
Robertson

A-
Allen
Andrews
Breux
Brinks
Bryant
Cortina
Doescher
Eliott
Foley
Greene
McCain
Muray,C
Murray, J
Oaks
O'Malley

Prestridge
Ricci

Motion to Amend minutes to read 'one week after the amendment' by Blanco.

Motion to Amend spelling of Leonard Skinnard.

Motion to adopt minutes as amended by Sellers. 2nd.

Motion to move back to public input.

Homan: To piggy back off Richard getting involved is important. Volunteer LSU applications have gone out there are 6 exec board positions and 5 area leaders. We will have a 15 minutes interview. 2.0 gpa full time and good standing. Download on volunteer.lsu.edu

Motion to move to Judicial Officer reports

Hill- Today was election day. Nothing came our way. I'm proud of that. Let's keep it that way.

Motion to move back to Exec Officer Reports. 2nd

Executive Officer Reports

Asst. Dir Connie Boudreaux- we are complying a newsletter for this semester. Send things to me via email.

Dir Tungeraza: Hi if you look in your binder there is a finance insert.

Hanna: What was the beginning balance of sponsorship

Palermo: Can we have the beginning balance of all the accounts

Director Parker Wishik: Campaigns went smoothly. Everyone acted professionally. You did a bang up job with this. One event to close out the year is Groovin on the Grounds. We will look for volunteers later. Please send things to Connie. If you have anything that needs publicity let me know.

Dir. Webber: We've gotten a lot done. The new Greek b route ...the existing route runs past the Rec, down the back of sorority row then to CEBA. The readership has been about 10 per day. We devised a new route, Greek a in reverse, the Greek c route and it will make the route smoother. Our transportation system as a whole is not up to par. I think the main cause is CATS and the drivers. First Transit, who does Alabama's buses have talked to us about doing a new system, getting our own busses and running them ourselves. With this will come GPS. We tried this before, but it fell through. This GPS will allow you to log on to the website, see where the bus is and know when its coming. You can click and see the exact bus number. You can pick the faster route, and that is

accessible online and on your comp. This is tentative. All the pot holes have been filled behind sorority row and were working on filling them throughout campus. We working on getting more parking spots. The green houses behind miller will probably move to open up more parking spots, which will also make the area safer. Also the fence line and shop between the URec should be moved to make more room. That should come up real soon.

Lincoln: You spoke at our meeting... When does Greek c run?

Weber: the Greek c runs right now. We didn't want to take B off route this semester... we moved the trams to this route running 8am to 230 pm. Starting next semester Greek b will be of line and those busses will be used on the c route.

Dir McMakin: I want to remind you, no gridiron bash. Spring game still on. Support the defending national champ LSU tigers.

Asst Dir Martinez: Roar. Did you get it? That was the roar. SO I sent out the Roar. Its our newsletter. That will go out Sunday. Like the content listed it gives you detailed accounts. If you notice, at the bottom of every newsletter there are links and full articles descriptions about each link. Click the link. That's going out. I was at Spring Invitational I signed up some freshman for the newsletter. It will be in the CSLI newsletter that goes out to every student org. A lot of people should know wars going on in SG now. If you haven't gotten the newsletter. Sign up online. Sg.lsu.edu/theroar. We're looking into putting a tracker on the website to see which spots are busiest. Next text messaging for Ole Miss rivalry ends this weekend. We will cut of the the phone. So far I have more than 160 suggestions. Most, the top two are battle for the rice and magnolia bowl. It may be one of those two... I got an email that applied to you too. Next week, this month is national financial literacy month... presentations at 9am 11am 1m 3pm... Roadtrip nation, is coming to LSU next week. It helped students find their careers in life through entrepreneurs. They will show videos and director you on entrepreneurship. Next week...

Elliot: The ole miss rivalry... how will we pick.

Martinez: the suggestions will be sent to the athletic dep. At both schools. It will most likely be the top ranked suggestion. This was agreed upon by the athletic foundations...

Elliot: they still have the final choice?

Martinez: technically yes. We will make sure student input is considered. I don't think the athletic department will ignore us.

Gammon: have you been in contact with your counterpart at Ole Miss. Do you know the top names at LSU?

Martinez; Not yet. We put on the suggestion drive on our own. The Ole Miss students could submit to us. They had no way to take these suggestions.

Commissioner Gower: Elections went well today. No problems... Everything went smoothly. If you have complaints please come and tell me email me or call. When I write down what I did this year, I need to know how it went... We owe computing services a debt of Gratitude. Rodriguez was very helpful. He helped Dixon with mardigras mambo and everyone with homecoming... We owe him a debt of gratitude and he has been very helpful. Tomorrow 6-8 election announcements. If it rains ill announce by 3 or 4 o'clock. It would be room 2 in locket if it rains. Limited seating, so please arrive promptly. I think it will be a nice program...

Sellers: When you register for the elections, there name was definitely on the ballot?

Gower: The election code says if its 3 days to the election, its too late to quit. It was a pleasure serving all of yall.

Lanius: I'd like to thank you for not wearing campaign stuff in the office... I have to admit. With the voting for the award. We did the process for the Ensminger incorrectly. You will nominate, on the basis of dedication, at east two terms in SG, you must be present for the last spring organizational meeting to be nominated...Its very honorable to get the award. All three branches, If you have questions, ill step outside, ask me. Don't just nominate anyone. Thanks.

Sellers: Ok so a college council president is ok?

Lanius: yes. But please selection someone with distinction

New Businesses

Motion by sellers to enroll sgb no 8, 9

Motion to move sgb 7 to end of unfinished business. 2nd.

Sellers – sgb#7 it's the 1500 to the place. The only reason I'm pulling this one is that this department is setting up their budget this week and this will affect the department's budget.

Q – Elliot – if we don't pass this they won't get money?

A: this shows we're interested in it and the department will be more likely to match this

Blanco: I'm confused

Sellers: the bill hasn't passed yet, and they're doing the budget this week.

Blanco – its really not to show interest then? Its to get the funding. You said you were bringing this up to show interest, but now

Sellers – next week this budget will be made. What they set aside now, they know they have now.

CO – that's why he wants to pull it out of committee

Sellers – this bill will directly affect students, this is not a now or never thing

Debate

Blanco- I think when there is this must confusion this is another reason to go to committee. If the point is to show interest, it should go to committee. All bills submitted at the same time should get an equal chance.

Clark- Chief of Staff Leblanc said if this doesn't go to the floor tonight, they will be able to budget their money.

ACC

Sellers: I respect Blanco. She said writing this shows interest. I wrote this because they asked for the money. I researched since then, but they need the money.

Motion passes

Comm. Reports.

AAA- Hanna- We met last night around 730. We discussed two pieces of legislation and discussed our W policy legislation. We may, depending on further conversation put this off until the fall.

Finance-Sellers- Did not meet this week. We just got a whole bunch of legislation Tuesday 630 Caddo Room.

Gov-Rel-No meeting no report

HIT no meeting no report

Rules- no meeting no report.

SRW- no report.

SGR No 13

AOC

Palermo- There are some amendment in committee. It should reflect to allow students travel time home from Thanksgiving. Finally the committee is finished. This is the first half of our finished project. They suggest we end classes on Wed at 12:30 of thanksgiving. This will give students time to travel home. We have to make sure this can happen. The Registrar is ok with this. A half day, like this will count as a full day, and still meet requirements.

Boyd: Classes end at 12:30? What if you are still in the class

Palermo: Most classes M,W,F end at that time.

Hanna: Good question we will look in to this.

Eason: Point of information. We do not schedule 1130-1 classes.

Debate.

Elliott: add urge.

Questions.

ACC:

Palermo: please pass.

SGR No 14

AOC

Palermo: This one is the hot topic. I received an email today. The registrar had to hold off the calendar as long as possible. This would effect the 2010-11 calendar. We need to get students opinion about this. We have a facebook group with over 400 people. I sent a letter to the editor, that I wanted to run in the paper... it was promised to me to run today but didn't. Hopefully it will be in tomorrow. Lsucalendar@gmail.com is the email account suggestions should be sent to. Since this didn't run... the change would move spring break to the week after Easter. We considered having a half day on good Friday, but that isn't plausible.. The committee agreed on this... Within this next week I want to get as much student opinion as possible.

Motion to table SGR No 14 for one legislative week by Remson. 2nd.

SGB No 7

AOC

Sellers- This is my first bill. Its one of the four bills dealing with initiatives. It's our job to spend this money. Leblanc can explain that. It's our job to write bills to spend this money. This is 1500 to CADGIS. Their doing a new map online... This new one, the have been working on for three years. It will include bus routes and have the technology to keep up with new technology like GPS buses.

Elliot: The new map is the Beta map?

Sellers: yes, but its not a full version.

Elliot: Were giving money to expand the Beta map.

Sellers: Right. The Beta map right now is just a test map. Its like a goggle map. It looks more professional. The current map isn't very functional. It will have emigrated technological options.

McEntire: I'm fine wit giving the money. I was under the impression that we couldn't write money from initiatives... There is no condition, we can get this out of initiatives right?

Leblanc: According to the rules an Executive Order could not spend this money, therefore it must be legislation. We left this in committee last week to clarify. Senate writes bills to spend initiatives, just like this. Its like a regular bill.

McEntire: I was under the impression that different memos say different things.

Leblanc: The most current memo refers to legislation, meaning the senate does it. The current memo says senate does it.

McEntire: is there precedent.

Leblanc: We do it every month. Usually in the beginning of a new administration, we find out what offices need money. We held these off to figure this all out.

Debate.

ACC

Sellers. Urges favorable passage.

Legislative Officer Reports

Pro Temp Clark: nominations for Ensminger. Please be reminded this lifetime achievement.

Palermo: are these down out loud?

Clark: yes.

Motion to open floor for nominations. 2nd.

Blanco nominates former Senator Delery.

Gammon nominates Remson.

Palermo nominates Robertson

Blanco nominates former Senator Iseral

Elliot nominates Hanna

Mcentire nominates Prestridge

Remson nominates Weber

Mcentire nominates Leblanc.
Chandler nominates Palermo

Motion to close floor Sellers. 2nd

Advisor Reports

Eldridge- April 9th volunteer LSU deadline. Is everyone getting SGV1 emails.

PMC

Remson- Sorry I missed committee reports. But thanks to the AAA committee. We met out objectives. TAF Crawfish boil Collegiate Club, you get points. \$10. I encourage you to become a part of the club

McEntire- I jut wanted to say, that today is one of those days... I'd like to thanks Robertson McMakin Oaks and Bates they've run excellent campaigns. Thanks to the Rev for reporting everything. I thank you for your services to this university.

Eason- Relay for Life. All night teams

Hanna-thanks for a clean campaign.

Elliot- I work for the LSU foundation. I need to find a replacement for myself.

O'Malley- I have a little nostalgia. Moving Forward this year was cool ill sign the contract tomorrow. Pluckers.

Motion to adjourn 2nd

Roll Call

Y-

Abon

Avery

Blanco

Bonvillain

Boyd

Canseco

Chandler

Collins

Davis

Eason

Edwards

Elliot

Graham
Guidry
Hathorn
LeMay
Lincoln
McEntire
McInis
McMann
O'Malley
Palermo
Remson
Ricci
Rogers
Sellers
Smith
Spell
Waller
Pro-Temp Clark

N-
Gammon
Hanna

A-
Allen
Andrews
Breux
Brinks
Bryant
Cortina
Greene
Jackson
Junejay
McCain
Murray, C
Murray, J
Prestridge
Speaker Robertson