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# Senatorial Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 52<sup>ND</sup> STUDENT SENATE

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BATON ROUGE, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

DEPARTMENT OF NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS

DIRECTOR CAROLINE POCHE

- NON TRADITIONAL STUDENT WEEK, ATTENDANCE PRETTY GOOD AND GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE INTERESTED IN JOINING SENATE AND COLLEGE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR EMILY WOOD

- INTERVIEWING FOR SPEAKER SERIES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE IN STUDENT GOV TALK ABOUT WHAT SKILLS THEY'VE TRANSFERRED INTO THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIFE
- ENCOURAGING PLASMA DRIVE

DEPARTMENT OF PHILANTHROPY

DIRECTOR JADA MOORE

- BREWSTER SPEAKING (AD) SHOUTOUT TO DEVIN AND ANGEL FOR FOOD PANTRY FUNDING HELP

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT

DIRECTOR DALLIN BROUSSARD

- GROOVIN WITH LAST YEAR BEING CANCELLED AND THIS YEAR IS UNCERTAIN SO GROOVIN MAY BE DIFFERENT POSSIBLY VIRTUAL OR SOMETHING SMALLER. PERHAPS A DRIVE-IN CONCERT

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN MANN

- TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO VOTE
- PSIF FUNDING FOR NEW ORGANIZATION

**STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT STONE COX**

BOARD MEETING DIDN'T MAKE A DECISION. TALKED WITH BUILDING CHANGE COMMITTEE BUT DID NOT SHARE SUGGESTED NAME CHANGE BUT SHARED LEGISLATION FOR PROCESS. MET WITH HOMECOMING TO TALK WITH UPDATES ON THAT. STILL WORKING WITH BATON ROUGE ON SOME REFORM FOR BR CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

**JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORTS'**

CHIEF JUSTICE NICK FOSTER

- OPINIONS WILL BE OUT ON ONEDRIVE SOON. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS REVIEW UPDATES. NONE BC WORKING ON OPINIONS. WILL SEND OUT EMAIL. WANT CONSTITUTION OUT SOON. MAY HAVE TIME FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS TO BE ON FALL BALLOT

**BLACK CAUCUS OFFICER REPORTS**

PRESIDENT ALAYSIA JOHNSON

Retreat this week. Next week working on outreach and having first event next month via zoom on how orgs can get funding. Actively still working on initiatives towards outreach and inclusion. Looking into athletes and how to support them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SGCR 26  
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Charlie Stephens As An Assistant Director Of Governmental Relations

Sent to Rules

SGCR 27  
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Joseph Lambert As A Senator For UCFY

Sent to Rules

SGCR 28  
Senator Menon

A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Jacob Ellis As A Senator For The Graduate School

SGR 3  
Senators Menon and Asberry

Sent to Rules

A Resolution to Protect and Support the Health and Employment Rights of Resident Assistants

Sent to SLDCO

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

SENATOR COLE

MET TODAY LOTS OF IDEAS FOR INITIATIVE. EXEC SENATE COHESION FOR SURVEY ABOUT ONLINE CLASSES. ALSO SURVEY FOR PLUS MINUS CLASSES. GET HEADPHONES FOR COMMUNAL STUDY SPACES ON CAMPUS

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

SENATOR TAYLOR

TALKED ABOUT INITIATIVES WITHIN BA. FINANCE PORTIONS FOR WEBSITE. AMENDING BUDGET BEFORE NEXT WEEK

CAMPUS AFFAIRS AND SUSTAINABILITY

SENATOR QUADIR

INSURANCE SIGNAGE, WATER FOUNTAINS, BUS STOP SIGNAGE, CROSSWALKS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS, BRAILLE INITIATIVE WORKING WITH EXEC AND GOT MEETING WITH ADMIN HOPEFULLY SOON, MASTERPLAN TO MAKE ACCESSIBILITY UP TO CODE

STUDENT AUXILIARIES AND SERVICES

SENATOR BRIGNAC

WENT OVER UPDATES AND REPORTS. COORDINATE PLANS FOR EMAILS AND TALK ABOUT WHO TO CONTACT. WATER BOTTLE RECYCLING, STUDENT EMS SERVICE, HEALTHIER VENDING OPTIONS

STUDENT LIFE, DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SENATOR PUDER

NOT MANY UPDATES, WORKING WITH SAS FOR FOOD PANTRY, MINDWISE TABLETS DECIDING ON LOCATIONS AND GET IT ALL FINALIZED

RULES

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE MENON

ALL APPOINTMENTS PASSED NEARLY UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **SGCR 14-18, 22-24**
- **QUADIR PASS BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT SECONDED BY RABY**

SGCR 14 Senator Menon	A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Mckenzie Connelly As A Judicial Aide For The University Court
SGCR 15 Senator Menon	A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Lindsey Harrell As A Judicial Aide For The University Court
SGCR 16 Senator Menon	A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Kennedy Simon As A Judicial Aide For The University Court
SGCR 17 Senator Menon	A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Madison Menou As A Judicial Aide For The University Court
SGCR 18 Senator Menon	A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Thomas Bryan As Chairperson Of ORF
SGCR 22 Senator Menon	A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Jayda Jefferey To PSIF And ORF As A Student Representative
SGCR 23 Senator Menon	A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Tyler Mculough To PSIF And ORF As A Student Representative
SGCR 24 Senator Menon	A Concurrent Resolution To Appoint Gabrielle Fontenot To ORF As A Student Representative
SGR 2 SENATOR LANDRY	A Resolution To Approve The Graduate Student Bill Of Rights  General student bill of rights passed and in governing documents. Graduate students are both advanced scholars and employees of university. Grad students have unique issues like fees. There is demonstrated need for clarity for what grad students rights and responsibilities are in

respect to grad school and university. Grad student organization spent past few years drawing this up. Finishing up when left campus last semester and cleared GSA last year and this years and made it through SLDCO and will go to faculty senate if this passes. Pretty thorough.

**Quadir** is there a plan for implementation?

A lot of this has been drawn up in coordination with grad school administration. At very least if something comes up in the future we have proof of rights

Motion to suspend rules and pass by unanimous by Quadir seconded by Brou. Passes Unanimously

SGR 1  
Senators Green and Puder

A Resolution To Show Student Support For A More Gender Inclusive LSU Homecoming Court Application And Selection Process

**Scott** unbiased chair report passed unanimously with a few amendments by Landry

**Green and Puder** Opening Comments- collab with campus life and homecoming committee wanted opinion and support on these changes for homecoming. Changes of gender composition and requirements for outreach. Heard great constructive criticism. All changes are recommendations to homecoming committee of what we would like to see as students and NON-BINDING just suggestions. Rodgers of homecoming committee brought this to Puder. Made some changes because didn't like everything on it somewhat out of date.

Homecoming committee wanted to be more gender inclusive and for non binary students. Works for a lot of people but not for everyone. Almost exact setup at Tulane and Perdue. Yield to Johnson- we will either be inclusive or not. Make it so more people feel included in LSU tradition. Trying to be more inclusive to diversity and not just limited to race. Encourage more students to feel more included in homecoming court.

**Brou-** Series of questions. Are we switching to one or two votes? Still two votes still 2 people winning

No regard to sex or gender theoretically could be non diverse court. Any precautions to that?

Final 6 go through interview process with faculty and in theory will probably still make it balanced. Also in committee one of the amendments made stuck the line for requirement of gender. Board can still decide this is this representative of what student body looks like.

**Loy-** How are we going to make sure that there's not a majority on the court?

This is changing rules of how people operate and are selected. This just changes on paper requirements. Goals of homecoming committee is same as our to represent the student body. They are also looking for this to be a more inclusive process. If this ends up going to be not diverse things will go back to normal really quickly. Probably not what going to happen. Getting rid of half boys half girls. Reception would be pretty poor if

not equal. Originally in legislation no regard for sex or gender and that was taken out so people who select homecoming court can keep it from being heavily male or female. Want court to be more inclusive. Wont apply this for court to be less inclusive. That's on part of the committee not us.

**Quadir-** Concerns about diversity on the court do we currently have a system in place about race to include diversity on the ballot

- No

**Amendment- Friendly and adopted**

4A. the winners of the Homecoming vote shall be officially titled as "Homecoming Royalty," both collectively and individually. Each winner may also use the title "Homecoming King" or "Homecoming Queen" as appropriate and if desired by the winner in question.

**Debate**

**MacDowell-** Don't see how improvement over currently system. Old system allows for opportunity for all to be included in. New system does not

**Quadir- what groups referring to be represented?**

Current system guarantees one man one woman or another gender be represented where new system does not confirm.



**Asberry-** These are recommendations. It helps include people who don't conform.

**Quadir-** understands concerns about diversity and facts about recommendation is important. Homecoming court is representation of us and that's what comes into play when we elect these people. Should we start confirming representation from each group or just let students vote for who represents us best. Encourages homecoming court to be more diverse. At the end of the day its about equality

**Carter smith-** provides more representation and acceptance

**Parker-** Could you as a trans person not win it now?

**Carter-** yes, but resolution makes it more inclusive to nonbinary people

**Landry-** did have a trans male on the ballot a few years ago

**Mcdowell-** would approving the resolution give you a better chance

**Carter-** there is no space for nonbinary people, should be based on merit not gender

**Green-** If seen as good change it will stay if it is negative will not happen next year. Been successful at other school.

**Puder:** Just to be more inclusive, Smith explained well with description of Gender. Urge favorable passage. Yield to Johnson

**Johnson-** I would rather be judged by my character than my gender, speaks to the gender norms we have fallen into as a school

**Asberry**- motion to pass by favorable passage  
Objection by MacDowell  
33-10-7 the resolution passes

LO 11  
Speaker Martin

A Legislative Order To Appoint The Standing Committees Of The Fifty Second Student Senate Of Louisiana State University

Senator gupta is now vice chair of academic affairs

Landry move to pass unanimous consent second by Puder. Passes

No objections, it passes

LO 12  
Speaker Martin

A Legislative Order to appoint Angel Puder as a Senate member to CIVICS (Committee on Increasing Voting and Improving Civic Service)

LO 13  
Speaker Martin

A Legislative Order to appoint Harris Quadir as a Senate member to CIVICS (Committee on Increasing Voting and Improving Civic Service)

Quadir- motion to pass LO12 and 13 by unanimous consent seconded by Puder. Passes unanimously

**LEGISLATIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**COMMUNICATIONS- BASSE**

SENATORS OF THE WEEK POSTED ONLINE. MEETING WITH GRAPHIC DESIGNER OF COMMS. FORM FOR SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS. SUBMIT AND POST WILL BE UP

**DEVELOPMENT STAGGS**- MENTEE PROGRAM STARTING UP SOON,

**DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING ASBERRY**- WORKING WITH LSU DINNING FOR CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR MRS. JOYCE. PROGRAM FOR WHATSUP SG IN THE WORKS

**DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH ELKHAN**- MADE A SPREADSHEET, FIRST SO POINT DUE ON OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

**SARGENT AT ARMS LANDRY**- SENSITIVE TOPICS DOES NOT MEAN WE ALL HAVE TO BE ON THE SAME SIDE, EVERYONE SHOULD REPRESENT THEIR OPINIONS, CONSENSUS IS NOT FAVORABLE IF IT IS NOT ACCURATE, AMENDMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED, THINGS MUST REMAIN CIVIL BUT EVERYONE SHOULD SELF-ADVOCATE

**SPT MENON**- DUE DATES WILL BE CORRECT BY THIS WEEK, EMAILS HAVE A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION, SPEAKER MARTIN HAS MADE AN EMAIL TEMPLATE FOR CONTACTING ADMIN, GET YOUR IDEAS OUT THERE BECAUSE SENATE MOVES FAST

**SPEAKER MARTIN**- TEMPLATE IS IN THE GUIDE TO SENATE FOULDER, FIRST INITIATIVE CAN BE SCARY AND WE HAVE ALL BEEN THERE,

#### APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
  - a. SENATOR PUDEUR
  - b. SENATOR QUADIR
2. PARKING APPEALS
  - a. SENATOR SCOTT
  - b. SENATOR QUADIR
  - c. SENATOR BROU
3. STUDENT MEDIA BOARD
  - a. SENATOR STAGGS
4. PSIF
  - a. SENATOR MULEY
  - b. SENATOR TAYLOR

#### ADVISOR REPORTS

#### PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

#### ADJOURNMENT