

**Student Government Association
Meeting 10/14/04
Minutes**

Present—President Monk, Vice President Nasser, Secretary Barnes, Senator Simmons, Senator Cooper, Senator Vittetoe, Jessica Double, Faculty Advisor Lillian Wooley, Dr. Olsen-Fazi, Clayton Gremillion, Brion Whitehead, Eric Gossett.

President Monk called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

- Senator Vittetoe made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator Cooper.

Motion- I move to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as revised.

Y-4, N-0, A-0

President's Report

- Dr. Cavanaugh says that the Department of Transportation is looking into getting a lowered speed zone installed on the highway in front of campus.
- Many students showed up this morning for the groundbreaking ceremony on the campus housing project.
- President Monk will have a meeting with the Faculty Senate about them participating as extra security at Battle of the Bands III.
- President Monk appointed the following members to the Student Technology Fee Committee.

VP Nasser
Senator Cooper
Brion Whitehead

- Senator Simmons made the following motion, which was seconded by VP Nasser.

Motion- I move to approve the Student Technology Fee Committee as appointed by President Monk.

Y-4, N-0, A-0

- President Monk informed the Senators that they are to work two hours in the SGA office every week. They were able to sign up for available times.

- Drinks are available in the refrigerator in the SGA office for twenty five cents each.

Vice President's Report

- Students do not like the LSUA jingle. VP Nasser will contact Missy Labourde to express students' opinion to her.

Secretary's Report

- Secretary Barnes will send out an e-mail including minutes and agendas for corrections to SGA members.
- Secretary Barnes requested that we purchase a set of markers for the SGA office to make posters and other advertisements. We will vote on this after our budget is drawn up.

Guest Speaker—Eric Gossett

- Mr. Gossett would like to meet more often with SGA to stay in touch with the students of LSUA.
- He will accept ABL's bid for food service management. They have good pricing, and have been working for LSU at Eunice since July. They will start here in January. They will have other areas besides a hotline and grill. They have better food service catering and prices. They will also have a rotating food service menu. Mr. Gossett will request that ABL install a convenience store on campus.
- Renovation plans for the bookstore will be complete by the middle of November. Renovations are scheduled to begin in January. The entrance will be where the registers currently are. He will bring plans to the next SGA meeting.
- Campus Federal will start the one card program on campus, which will allow students to accomplish many things with one card. Some examples are that students can receive their financial aid express funds in a shorter amount of time and use the card for meal plans if they want to, as well as using the card as a student ID card. The only loose ends left to this program are buying equipment and getting started.
- Mr. Gossett's office will also be renovated. A storage room and ticket office will be installed to have a more customer oriented auxiliary services department.

- Mr. Gossett asked if there were any student complaints. Mrs. Wooley does not like that there is not a salad with the lasagna. He says that when ABL starts the food service contract that they will have a nice salad bar every day.
- Mr. Gossett will send a bid out for new vending machines on campus. He will request that name brand snacks be installed in these machines. He will also ask for new coke machines with glass fronts to be installed around campus to insure that anyone buying something from the machine will know for sure what they are getting. The bid will request that the company awarded the contract sponsor student scholarships and purchase a new score board.
- Mrs. Wooley advised Mr. Gossett that classes scheduled at 12:00 o'clock prevents some students and faculty from getting lunch because the hot line shuts down before 1:00. He says that they will change that.
- President Monk has asked Mr. Gossett to use his ovens to keep the "boo-burgers" warm, but he denied the request saying that there is not enough time or room for both them and us to use the ovens at the same time.
- Mr. Gossett will hold a workshop with students to discuss plans for the new student center. He would like there to be a coffee shop area in there, although he is not getting involved yet.

Grant Proposal-- Dr. Olsen-Fazi

- Dr. Olsen-Fazi has submitted a grant proposal to SGA and a copy of the proposal to Dr. Slavant and Dr. Cavanaugh. Dr. Olsen-Fazi says that Dr. Cavanaugh thinks that it is a good idea.
- Clayton Gremillion presented many reasons why we should approve this grant. See attached copy for more examples.
 - Freshmen should be able to travel to other countries with an inter-related curriculum.
 - Schools around Louisiana are promoting French because we are losing our French culture.
 - A student needs to have only fifteen hours of French to get a scholarship to travel to French speaking countries.
- Dr. Olson-Fazi stated that LSUA has an exchange program with a Canadian University. It is for credit and has French immersion classes.

- Senator Cooper thinks it would be good to have more culture involved with LSUA.
- Dr. Olsen-Fazi says that programs like this can put a school on the educational map.
- Dr. Olsen-Fazi will also write another grant to bring back dying cultures and languages to develop and preserve French culture in Louisiana. This will include putting more French on the curriculum. There is already a new French professor on the Faculty.
- Mr. Gremillion says that the program will also be open to other languages, including Spanish.
- President Monk reviewed the grant proposal and informed Dr. Olsen-Fazi and Mr. Gremillion that grants should contain a specific amount requested for a specific purpose. She also said that we will look over and discuss this proposal and respond by next Friday.

Discussion

- President Monk says that the budget confusion is cleared up. There is \$73,000 in the account at the moment. President Monk says that Dr. Cavanaugh insists on setting \$20,000 for emergencies. We must decide how to adjust the budget, whether we should designate more for us and give the rest to other organizations, or whether we should set a smaller budget for ourselves and give the rest to other organizations.
- Senator Cooper believes that it would be good to fund the International Relations proposal, but we need more demonstration for \$3,000. They need to show how they will use the money.
- President Monk reminded SGA members that we do not have as much money as was originally thought, and that we do not have to give them the entire \$3,000.
- Jessica Double suggests that we should set a certain day to look over, discuss and vote on all proposals at one time. She also says that we should have blank pages on proposals to write notes.
- Mrs. Wooley says that we can ask that proposals be revised.
- Senator Cooper would like a written example of use of funding to demonstrate the integrity of the program.

- VP Nasser says that if Dr. Olson-Fazi is writing another grant from which she hopes to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars, then our \$3,000 will seem like nothing. We do not want to waste our money.
- President Monk believes that we should not fund one credit class without funding all of them.
- Senator Cooper will work up a packet which would allow everyone to vote on their likes and dislikes.
- Mrs. Wooley would like to know whether this will be a one-time funding or whether they will come back year after year for funding. She also states that many of the proposals only benefit a small amount of students.
- Senator Cooper says that this program has a large span and will dip into many pockets. We need to look at how effective our money will be when making a decision about this.
- President Monk says that we should focus on independent programs and not departments. We must use our money for a specific purpose, and not let the departments decide how it should be spent.
- Jessica Double suggests that we start a Forensics Team. The one that used to be together on campus was a big success.

Old Business

- Battle of the Bands fees and applications are due Friday, October 15. As of October 14, five bands are registered. Senator Simmons and VP Nasser will send out faxes and make phone calls to fill the three remaining spots.
- President Monk passed around copies of the Battle of the Bands T-shirt designs. The colors will be black with orange or purple, however, there may be problems with purple showing up on the black material of the shirt. Jessica Double suggested that we use green for the spider web background. President Monk suggested orange for the rest of the design.
- President Monk turned over the issue of the organizational fair over to Brion Whitehead.

New Business

- Mr. Whitehead would like to hold an Organizational Fair and have candidates come out and talk, such as Jock Scott, and Tisha Blakes.

- Advertisements will get more people to come out and participate. Having a cookout on campus will get students involved, although the secretaries on campus must have a designated area away from the candidates.
- President Monk asked whether we should involve the organizational fair with Battle of the Bands. For the cookout, Mr. Whitehead would like there to be chicken, but President Monk says no. Whether or not to have hotdogs as well is a maybe.
- Mr. Whitehead will set up posters on Friday for every candidate. Parties will send representatives.
- VP Nasser made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator Cooper.

**Motion—I move to involve the political fair with
Battle of the Bands.
Y-4, N-0, A-0**

- Family Trick or Treat night will be held Thursday, October 28, from 5 to 6:30 pm. Organizations will pass out candy to children. Parents will be charged \$3. LSUA will provide all the candy, but the organizations will pass it out. All extra proceeds will be given to the participating organizations, although President Monk says that we should not accept the money because we do not need it.
- Senator Cooper made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator Vittetoe.

**Motion—I move that we should participate in Family Trick or Treat night without
accepting any money.
Y-4, N-0, A-0**

VP Nasser made the motion to adjourn. Senator Vittetoe seconded this motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.
Minutes prepared by Jessica Barnes
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