

**Student Government Association
Meeting 1/27/2005
Minutes**

Present- President Monk, Senator McDonald, Senator Cooper, Senator Double, Secretary Barnes, Faculty Advisor Lillian Wooley, Special Guest Elizabeth Beard, and Special Guest Dessie Williams.

President Monk called the meeting to order at 4:44pm.

- Senator McDonald made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator Double.

Motion- I move to accept the minutes from the previous meeting with appropriate changes.

Y-3, N-0, A-0

- President Monk appointed Senator Double as official timekeeper of SGA meetings for the Spring 2005 semester.

President's Report

- President Monk welcomed everyone back for the Spring 2005 semester.

Secretary's Report

- Secretary Barnes announced the procedure for making corrections to the weekly minutes. She will e-mail out a draft of the minutes to members of SGA by 4:30 Monday afternoon. She expects any corrections to be e-mailed to sga@lsua.edu by no later than Wednesday at 4:30. After approval, the minutes will be put into a binder, which will be available in the SGA office.
- Secretary Barnes informed senators that they must perform two office hours per week.

Budget Report

- The Budget report is available in the SGA office for senators to look over. The report shows that there is enough money available to hire a media secretary.

SAC Meeting

- More women need to participate in the Intramural Basketball League.
- The LSUA Mardi Gras Parade has been moved to Friday due to inclement weather. It starts at 12PM at the Children's Center. It would be nice to have more entries.
- The Student Organization Fair will be on the grassy area off from the quad this year. There will be a live band performing for this event. Organizations are allowed to provide hand outs, food, etc. This event will be held on February 16th 11AM-1PM.
- The Loyola Leadership Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th. The departure time for this trip will be announced at a later time. There are 14 slots available on a first come, first serve basis. LSUA will provide transportation and money for the registration fee. Anyone interested should register with Dan Purvis as soon as possible. The main feature for the Loyola Leadership Conference is a keynote speaker followed by several, smaller symposiums. Student will need money for meals on the way down and on the way back
- The next Student Activities Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23 at 1PM.

Writing Center

- Student Services can give partial funding for the writing center, but without SGA's funding, LSUA would not be able to have a full writing lab.
- The primary focus of the writing center would be on lower level composition classes, but it would be open to students at all levels.
- The staff of the writing center will mainly be student tutors who will be recommended by professors on campus.
- The writing center will not be equipped to help students on science publications, but it can act as a liaison with the science faculty to get help for upper level science students.
- The following motion was made by Senator McDonald, which was seconded by Senator Double.

Motion- I move to fund \$3, 000 to the Writing Center for the Spring 2005 semester.

Y-3, N-0, A-0

- Dessie Williams suggested that we request a follow-up report from the Writing Center to evaluate the use of SGA's money.

Old Business

- President Monk asked where Multicultural Affairs would purchase the meat for Jim Stacy's presentation of "Black Leading Ladies."
- Senator McDonald had reservations about the religious aspect of Raymond Cillier's presentation. Dessie Williams informed us that his presentation is focused more on history and culture than religion.
- Senator Cooper made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator McDonald.

Motion- I move to accept the proposal as printed to pay \$2, 000 for the presentation of Raymond Cillier.

Y-3, N-0, A-0

- Senator McDonald suggested beef instead of pork for the meat of choice, so as not to offend anyone.
- Senator Double suggested calling caterers before appropriating any money to this cause.
- President Monk tabled discussion of Dr. Olsen-Fazi's request for \$3,000 for the Students for International Relations Organization.

New Business

- Vice President Nasser turned in his letter of resignation.
- Senator Double made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator Cooper.

Motion- I move to accept Vice President Nasser's letter of resignation.

**Y-2, N-0, A-1
Motion passes.**

- Senator McDonald would like to participate in the Loyola Leadership Conference.
- Due to the resignation of VP Nasser, President Monk asks that all senators report to her any item they would like to see on the agenda.
- Senator Double suggests that SGA walk in the Mardi Gras Parade instead of decorating a float. She also suggests that Identity and SGA walk together, because members are involved in both organizations.

Announcements

- President Monk asks that senators ask fellow students for their suggestions on improving LSUA's campus.
- Senator McDonald reiterated his idea for the ringing of the bell to signify the start of a new semester. He asks that senators ask around to see whether or not students would support his idea.
- Dessie Williams suggests that it be presented in a non-offensive manner considering that the bell ringing was used in the past on slave-holding plantations to show the start of a new work day.

Senator McDonald made the motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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