

**Student Government Association
Meeting 2/17/05
Minutes**

Present- President Monk, Senator Vittetoe, Senator McDonald, Senator Cooper, Senator Double, Secretary Barnes, Guests Dessie Williams, Basemah Sihan, Diana Nemeh, and Ian Fontenot.

President Monk called the meeting to order at 4:37pm.

- There are no minutes to approve from the meeting of 2-10-05. There will be two sets to vote on during the meeting of 2-24-05.

President's Report

- President Monk attended an enrollment management meeting, the purpose of which was to get more high school students on campus.
- Students are needed on campus to help with Open House, which will be held on April 23.
- President Monk and Senator McDonald talked to Missy LaBorde about her opinion of moving the Crawfish Boil. She believes we should keep it as scheduled.
- For next week's meeting, President Monk asks that the Senators look over and score the proposal from the Biological Students Organization. The BSO will give a presentation next week, and voting members will discuss the proposal and return a vote.

Old Business

- The Crawfish Boil will be left on Wednesday, April 6, from 11am to 1pm.
- Dessie Williams suggests that SGA try another experimental event during the evening to judge campus participation for night events.
- Senator McDonald suggests holding a raffle to offset the high price of crawfish this year.
- Senator Double suggests getting sponsors to donate prizes for this raffle to cut the cost of it to SGA.
- President Monk suggests that we could give the money from the raffle to organizations who participate.

- Senator Double suggests that we could buy a landmark to place on campus, which would include the date and SGA.
- President Monk asked for the Senators' opinions about whether or not we should include other organizations for the combined Donated Raffle and Crawfish Boil.
- Senator Double believes that we should invite them to participate, but inform them that business may not be very good if they decide to sell items. They might not make any money, but they would get some exposure to the campus community.
- Senator McDonald suggests that we could set up tents and charge organizations for space in the shade provided by the tents.
- Senator Cooper stated that such events would raise the profile of organizations on campus.
- President Monk suggests holding one event at a time.
- Senator Double had the idea to let organizations choose their own table, one of which would have a prize assigned to it, in order to get organizations involved.
- Adding to this idea, Senator McDonald suggested that we could hold a booth decorating contest, and give out many different prizes in different categories to help draw out organizations.
- Senator Double suggests giving out free tickets to organizations. Senator McDonald suggests giving free tickets to members of the administration or department heads, in order to encourage them to interact with students.
- Senator Vittetoe suggests that we could set a Louisiana theme for the organizational booths.
- Senator Cooper believes the primary theme for the booth decorating contest during the Crawfish Boil should be crawfish.
- Senator Double suggests having a Louisiana theme, but with an emphasis on crawfish.

Poll Ideas

- Senator Cooper posed the poll question, "Would you like to see the Paper Tiger out more often?"
- President Monk asked the Senators to come up with more poll ideas. She put Senator Cooper in charge of getting the poll ideas together. She asks all Senators

to look on SGA's office door for posted notes about what to do during their office hours.

New Business

- President Monk announced that LSUA has an official graduation ring. Missy LaBorde along with Jostens would like to hold an unveiling ceremony. They would like SGA's support to help raise the profile of this event. We could hold a BBQ/ Spring Cookout.
- Senator McDonald stated that He and President Monk would like to do a T-shirt giveaway to create publicity for the new ring. Senator McDonald had the idea to create "Lord of the Ring" T-shirts.
- President Monk stated that Missy LaBorde will ultimately be in charge of advertising the unveiling of the ring.
- Senator McDonald suggested that we pair the mascot and alma mater contest with the ring unveiling. Missy LaBorde thought this was a very good idea.
- President Monk asked Senators their opinion of sponsoring the cookout and ring unveiling. They were in favor of it. Price will be discussed at next week's meeting.
- Dessie Williams suggests that we let the religious organizations on campus know in advance the date and time of the Spring Cookout/Ring Unveiling to avoid conflict with their meeting times.
- President Monk and Senator McDonald would like to set up a meeting with Dr. Cavanaugh to pitch the mascot idea to him. Senator McDonald requests that all active SGA members attend the meeting to show our support of the project.
- Senator McDonald announced that Missy Laborde liked the idea of the bonfire during the evening on campus. We will include a question about student opinion of it on our poll.
- President Monk announced that anyone interested in running for an SGA office needs to have his or her petition ready to turn in on April 6, by 4:30. The Election Board will verify the names on each candidate's petition, and the GPA of each candidate.
- Senator McDonald suggests that we add a second event during elections, perhaps a debate at the fountain. Senator Cooper thinks that an Open Forum for students to ask questions of the candidates would be a good idea. It would get students involved with SGA Officers.

- Senator McDonald says that we should get department heads to talk to students that have demonstrated leadership potential about getting involved with SGA.
- Senator Cooper suggests that we should print up informational flyers about things SGA does to give to faculty for them to distribute in their classes. Senator McDonald added to this idea by saying we could go out during lunch one day and pass out flyers and tell students what SGA does and is all about.
- President Monk believes we should pass out student opinion poll flyers. Senator Cooper suggested that we could also put flyers where students normally congregate.
- Dessie Williams suggests getting Mark Brown to come and talk to SGA about how he got such high student involvement.
- President Monk followed Senator McDonald's suggestion and set the time for canvassing and handing out the poll for Wednesday and Thursday, March 2 & 3.
- Senator Vittetoe was approached with a student complaint that the cafeteria does not stay open late enough for night classes. Senator McDonald stated that when the cafeteria gets outsourced, the hours will probably change. President Monk said that Eric Gossett is going to try to come to our next meeting. She suggested that Senator Vittetoe bring that up to him then.
- Senator Double announced that "Landscape of the Body" opens on 2-18-05, this Friday night. The show times are Friday (2-18) at 7:30 pm, Saturday (2-19) at 7:30 pm, Sunday (2-20) afternoon at 2:30 pm, and the next weekend, starting with Thursday (2-24) at 7:30 pm, Friday (2-25) 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm, Saturday (2-26) at 7:30 pm, and Sunday (2-27) at 2:30 pm. Ticket Prices are \$3 for students. She asks that everyone please try to attend at least one of the shows. Many People have put a lot of work into this project. It is rated R, so please that into consideration.
- President Monk received a copy of LSUA's student service philosophy. She says that Dr. Cavanaugh would like our opinion of it. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Senator Vittetoe made the motion to adjourn.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jessica Barnes
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