

Student Government Association
Meeting 3/10/05
Minutes

Present—President Monk, Senator Cooper, Senator McDonald, Senator Double, Senator Vittetoe, Faculty Advisor Lillian Wooley, Secretary Barnes, Guests Ann McDowell, Corey Rice, Janae Borman, Diane Ehresman, John Cady, and Dr. Arthur Rankin.

President Monk called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

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

Motion—I move to accept the minutes as written.
Y-4, N-0, A-0

President's Report

- President Monk would like to thank all the Senators for their work, particularly Senator McDonald's work on COSBP and Senator Cooper's work on the SGA newsletter.

Old Business

- Senator McDonald explained and passed around the proposed T-shirt designs for the Crawfish boil. President Monk announced that the slogan needed work.
- Senator Cooper will have the poll ready for next week's meeting.
- President Monk had a couple of announcements about our Spring Cookout. Our advertisements for this event will be flyers and business-size cards. She asks that anyone available to volunteer for this event be here by 9:00 am next Wednesday.

New Business

- Corey Rice spoke about the Undergraduate Literary Conference in Utah. There will be 5 students attending and 1 or 2 sponsors. They will be flying to Utah.
- Diane Ihresman has contacted public affairs at Fort Polk for additional funding for this trip, although they have not gotten back any response yet.
- John Cady pointed out that the deadline causes fundraising problems.
- President Monk asked about ticket prices for airfare. The prices are \$360 individual and about \$2100 total. The deadline for registration fees is March 15th, 2005. The conference dates are March 30, 2005—April 2, 2005.
- John Cady announced that the registration fee is \$99 before the deadline and \$124 after the deadline.

- Senator Cooper asked about the benefits of this conference. Corey Rice said that personally, the conference benefits them intellectually and it helps LSUA's national reputation, which may help later students find scholarships.
- John Cady said that this is a prominent national event. LSUA is the only school from Louisiana from which students were accepted to this conference.
- Diane Ihresman said that it would help get students to come here by showing them that professors really help students. She will try to get military funding.
- President Monk asked the individual students if they could pay their own registration fees. Corey Rice said that they could.
- Senator McDonald asked what other means of funding they are trying to acquire. Diane Ihresman is looking into funding from Fort Polk. Corey Rice suggested a car wash or checking into Wal-Mart to see if they would award scholarships. President Monk suggested talking to the Dean's office.
- President Monk said that we would e-mail our decision to Dr. Rankin.
- Senator Vittetoe made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator McDonald.

**Motion—I move to appropriate \$1,000 for the airfare of the students going to the Utah Conference.
Y-4, N-0, A-0**

- President Monk presented a resolution stating to whom we will award grants. Discussion over this resolution commenced. We will vote on the resolution at the next meeting.
- Senator McDonald announced that hotel accommodations and conference room have been booked for COSBP. However, we still need to figure out a local restaurant for Sunday's evening meal.
- Senator McDonald made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator Cooper.

**Motion—I move to appropriate \$450 to pay for the conference room at Best Western for COSBP.
Y-4, N-0, A-0**

Senator Vittetoe made the motion to adjourn. Senator McDonald seconded this motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

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