

S.G.A. SENATE MEETING

October 5, 2009

**NOTE: THE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS TOOK PLACE OUT OF THE TRADITIONAL ORDER BUT THE MINUTES WILL APPEAR IN TRADITIONAL ORDER FOR THE RECORD.**

The meeting was called to order in the Plantation Suite of the Donald G. Bollinger Student Union at 4:00 p.m. Presiding officer was Vice President Jennifer Smith. The Recording Secretary was Dolly McGeever.

The pledge was led by Senator Aubrey "Trey" Orgeron, III and the prayer was given by Senator Robert "Beaux" Martin, IV.

The Nicholls Student Government Association Mission Statement was read by Senator Mariam Matteuzzi and Senator Mária Geerts read the first value of the Nicholls Creed.

The following Executive Board members were present: President Ryan Donegan, Vice President Jennifer Smith, Treasurer Holden Ledet, Director of Student Rights and Grievances Whitney Dupuy, Director of Public Relations Cody Blanchard and Secretary Dolly McGeever.

The following Senators were present: Mariam Matteuzzi, Regis Welch, Binita Adhikari, Sherana Kerry, Rochelle Melo, Brittany Taraba, Aubrey "Trey" Orgeron, III, Jared Lajaunie, Bijeta Prasai, Peter Jenkins, Robert "Beaux" Martin, IV, Kal Savoie, Louis Raiford, John Lombardo, Brionne Jackson, Amber Papillion, Cortne Oser, Randall Edwards, Gavin Johnson, Whitney Collins, Sarabeth Theriot, Devin Robichaux and Derick Lewis.

The following Senators were absent: Maggie Jones, Alyssa Daigle, Adrienne Lavergne, Michelle Bell, Clifford Cozzens and Rynn Porche.

Web Tech Mária Geerts was present.

Student Supreme Court was represented by Justice Ryan Perque.

Election Commission was not represented

The following guests were present: Dr. Eugene A. Dial, Jr., Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services and SGA Advisor, Melvin Harrison, Assistant Director of Student Union, Michael Matherne, Director of Campus Recreation, Chas Guidry writer for *The Nicholls Worth*, Brittany Tillman and Antoniece Hester.

The minutes of September 21, 2009 were approved as printed.

The minutes of September 28, 2009 were approved as printed.

**GUEST SPEAKER** - Michael Matherne, Director of Campus Recreation

I received a phone call from Director Whitney D. asking if I could shed some light on some of the Campus Rec's tentative plans to make better use of some space available in the rear of the student union where we currently have cardiovascular training equipment in the cardio room. What I have been doing this past month is look at the feasibility and practicality of moving one of the biggest weight machines we currently have in Stopher Gym, the multi-station piece. It can fit in the current racquetball court next to the cardio room. There would be some fees involved to have some people come in and disassemble it and reassemble it. I don't have those fees yet. I don't have Ms. Brenda Haskins's, Executive Director of Auxiliary, blessing on this yet.

I measured the machine and it will fit. I have been talking to a contractor to see if we can move it. I think it offers a couple of advantages. Currently, the hours that we can offer weightlifting is limited in Stopher Gym because we share that space with varsity athletics. We share that space with P.E. When there is a home game, we can't use the weight room. Coaches are leery about us using it during practice time, volleyball practice or basketball. On game day, if the game doesn't start until 3:00 p.m., by rule, we can't be in there when the visiting team is practicing. So we struggle to offer a lot of hours. Currently we offer the weight room from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. four days a week.

## GUEST SPEAKER CONTINUED

Those are the most popular times. That's 12 hours a week. If we were able to move that large machine (Campus Rec invested about \$20,000 two years ago to buy this multi-station machine with 12 stations) to that second racquetball court, it would be available 60 hours a week. That's five times as many available hours. We also would decrease student labor because we would have someone already there for the cardio room. That would be about \$1,500.00 savings per semester. We would actually be saving money on student labor and multiply using it by five fold.

Director Whitney D. indicated that some students are racquetball players. I am an old racquetball player from the 80's. We have been taking a log on how many people use the racquetball court a day and we have an average of 6 to 8, so usage is down. I would like to move forward to explore this option. Like I said, this is in the very preliminary stages. We still need to see the costs, but what I wanted to do is get a little feedback from you to see if I am going in the right direction. We spent a lot of money on this machine, right at \$19,500.00. If we could offer five times as many hours to have people use it, would really make me happy. I understand we have racquetball players. I need you to give me a little guidance and I will take that into account when we make our decision.

**COMMENT:** Senator Peter J. asked what are the average numbers of people a day that use the room. Mr. Matherne said 42 a day.

**COMMENT:** Senator Aubrey "Trey" O., III asked how does it save money on student workers. Mr. Matherne said we currently have students who lock, unlock and monitor the weight room area while we are open. We would eliminate that position. I would like to get out of Stopher Gym altogether. It's hard to manage when three different areas share that one space. I would like to put everything we have in one place where recreation can manage it, where only recreation personnel have keys, so we would save money on student labor. I am not necessarily asking permission to do it, but what you think about things is very important to me and I would like guidance in whatever you have to say.

**COMMENT:** Senator Randall E. asked if just moving that one machine would be closing down the rest of the weight room up there. Mr. Matherne said yes. Senator Randall E. said then that whole place would not be there upstairs any more. Mr. Matherne said yes.

To give you a little history on how that place evolved, a lot of that equipment belongs to P.E. It wasn't very long ago that Recreation didn't have access to it at all. Physical Education was very protective of their balcony. Throughout the years, we have invested time and labor to make it look better. Believe me, it is incredibly better than what it was five years ago. If I had my druthers, I would move us out of there altogether and have cardio on one side and fitness on the other side, a one-stop shop until the Rec Center is completed.

**COMMENT:** Senator Aubrey "Trey" O. asked where would they put the benches and bars and dumb bells. Mr. Matherne said he knows who owns that and they may give that to Athletics. Senator Aubrey O. said as a student alone, he would have no access to that at all. Mr. Matherne said there are some hours available in Chabert Hall in the athletic weight room. I am not sure what those hours are but they are not far from what Campus Rec offers. I know the coaches and the varsity players use those hours.

**COMMENT:** Senator Peter J. asked if there are any other places on campus. Mr. Matherne said he has been trying for two months but cannot find a place where there are already people in place, where we already have student labor, that is already a place to go for fitness. People are already going in there for the cardio room. You will have the cardio side and the strength side which is not unusual.

## GUEST SPEAKER CONTINUED

**COMMENT:** Senator Louis R. asked if he could give an update the Rec Center, the Rec Center Committee or anything of that nature. Mr. Matherne said he knows the capitol outlay projects are managed by the Administration in front. He is the Director of Recreation and manage what we have. I don't think it is a terrible time to start getting that Committee to meet more regularly. We haven't had anything to meet about in probably three years but I know there are some good things coming down the pipe. President Ryan D. said he can shed some light on this later because it was discussed at the President's Cabinet Meeting.

**COMMENT:** Senator Brittany T. said maybe it is best not to close the racquetball courts if that is going to cause some problems. What would it take to take out those carpeted stairs in the actual workout center and put cubbies for people to place their keys. Perhaps you can put the weights in that little area. Mr. Matherne said the machine is probably as large as this rectangle. It is a pod with six different machines on the side, a connecting bar. It is going to take every bit of racquetball space and the stairs aren't that large. If cubbies are something that people would like, I am sure we wouldn't have a problem putting them in.

**COMMENT:** Senator Rochelle M. said she thinks the hours for the cardio room and racquetball need to match the hours posted online. Also, I think the hours should be placed on the window.

**COMMENT:** Senator Kal S. said it was recently mentioned at the Town Hall Meeting that we could possibly take the game room and set it up as a study center. Someone mentioned the study center would not be used because we have the library. Could we possibly turn the game room into a work out room? Mr. Matherne is not sure. Senator Kal S. suggested discussing it.

Vice President Jennifer S. thanked Mr. Matherne for his presentation. President Ryan D. said the SGA will speak to students who frequently use the weight room and will definitely get back to him.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - RYAN DONEGAN

We had one resignation which reads as follows:

Dear SGA:

Working as a Senator for the past year has been a genuinely rewarding experience. I have been very busy this past year as the Student Programming Association president, and do not have enough time right now to fulfill my duties fully as a Senator of the college of Arts and Sciences. I hope you understand why I am resigning as a Senator.

Sincerely,  
Maggie Jones

This past weekend, myself, Vice President Jennifer S. and Director Cody B. went to the COSBP meeting. We set our incentives for the year at this meeting. Most of the incentives involve the Tucker Commission.

Some things we looked at are:

- Textbooks - you can now write them off on your taxes.
- UL actually pre ordered their textbooks and will put them on sale on a tax free weekend so you can get taxes off. That is something COSBP is looking into as well.

President Ryan D. referred to paperwork on the Tucker Commission which he distributed to the Senate earlier.

**OFFICER REPORTS CONTINUED**  
**PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED**

I will explain what the Tucker Commission is. Under Governor Jindal, they created what is called the Tucker Postsecondary Education Review Commission to study the governing facilities funding operations and allotted programs of Louisiana public colleges. Last year with the budget cuts, this is what this is all coming down to. This is going to review every institution in the State of Louisiana, deciding the fate of Nicholls and every college in Louisiana that are four-year institutions. That meeting is October 26 and 27, 2009 and public opinion is allowed. Students are allowed in the meeting. We are going to have a bus trip to the Tucker Commission. This is extremely important. Nicholls will be openly discussed. No students have been going to these meetings. We have had one COSBP member at these meetings. What they are talking about is our concern so it is only fair that students should be there. We are definitely having a bus on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The E-Board is going up on October 26<sup>th</sup> but if we can get a bus both days, we will. I will be bringing this up again at our next SGA meeting. We might have a special meeting because we don't have a meeting next week. I think we can all agree it is pretty important that we are there. The way I am going to get people at this meeting is to invite all the Senators. I am sending a letter out to all the Business Deans to select five people to go. I really want this to be well informed people who are going. You are going to have a chance to speak. You will be representing Nicholls. There is about 100 plus pages of material to go through already so that will be coming up on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMENT:** Senator Louis R. asked where the meeting will be held. President Ryan D. said in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**COMMENT:** Guest Brittany Tillman asked who will it be opened to. President Ryan D. said he will send a letter to all the Deans and will be opened to anybody who would like to come, but the people who are coming will have information so they can educate themselves about it. I want it to be controlled. It is not a protest at all.

**COMMENT:** Dr. Dial said he would be happy to give talking points of information that can be distributed to whoever is going so if they ask questions about Nicholls, like how many students we have, about student programs and economic things, whoever is there can have that information.

If you know some people in your class that are passionate about it, please let me know their names. The bus sits 57 passengers. Also, to go along with that, it was brought to our attention at COSBP that the university puts out the Community Impact Study and Nicholls has one that shows how much impact Nicholls has. Legislators apparently believe those numbers are not completely accurate and kind of fluffed by the universities. So we are going to put together our own survey through the University Research Center and students can be questioned about how much they spend per day in the community, how much they spend on campus, etc. We are going to have students take the survey. We will have a sample of exactly how accurate those numbers are and in my opinion, they will be a little more than the previous survey. I need some help coming up with that survey. We are working with the other schools, but it has to be an unbiased survey. Whatever information we would like to get from the students, they will be able to say first hand what exactly they pump into this community. Dr. Dial's office will provide some questions for that too.

Town Hall Meeting - thanks so much for coming. We had about 5 guests and 25 officers attend. I think it was successful and hope it will build up in time.

Quality Achievement Awards - I voted on that.

Sodexo - We had a Sodexo meeting today. They are getting together goals for the next year and students' concerns are really heard at that meeting. They are doing a really good job on that.

Also, there is a President's meeting this Thursday for anyone who is the President of any organization. It's with Dr. Hulbert so please come to that at 3:00 p.m. Thursday in the Plantation Suite.

**OFFICER REPORTS CONTINUED**  
**PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED**

**COMMENT:** Senator Regis W. asked if there were any sample surveys. President Ryan D. said Northwestern is putting out a survey. I will get it from their President. We would like it to be the same so that every university has the same questions going around. Right now we are trying to develop it together so I need questions from you that would be most pertinent to that survey. I am not sure how we will distribute it to the university but I want to have some numbers when we go to that meeting. I want to show them that economic impact is not fluff. We will have another number to show exactly what people say they are doing in the community.

**COMMENT:** Guest Brittany Tillman said she went to another meeting today where students want to know how their money was impacting the community. Will that be an issue once you find out? President Ryan D. said yes. Once we get the information and it is really good and it shows that Nicholls is putting such an impact on the community, everyone needs to know that, Legislators, *The Nicholls Worth*, the local newspaper, everyone.

**COMMENT:** Justice Ryan P. said he understands we need to be somewhere on the same criteria as other colleges but we also need to remember these are also colleges we are competing against.

**COMMENT:** Guest Brittany Tillman said maybe we can give this to the presidents of these student organizations and have them completed at their meetings. They can turn it back into the SGA office. That way, it will reach a lot of people in organizations.

The way we are thinking about it now is that it will be online. It is also going to be distributed through classes because I believe it is unrealistic to get the whole student body to take it. The next best thing is to do a large sample size of very diverse students. I think the best way to do that is with all of you in different colleges, you can distribute it to your classes. That alone would give us a good sample size along with online and organizations.

**COMMENT:** Senator Mariam M. said like the teachers' reports where they have to list their classes, couldn't we just do that and make it a mandatory thing that students do. Considering that it will have a huge impact on them. President Ryan D. said he needs to talk to the department that approves surveys in schools. He needs to see what their criteria are and to see if Nicholls is going to approve it. So I can't really answer that until I talk to them.

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT RIGHTS & GRIEVANCES' REPORT - WHITNEY DUPUY**

No report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - HOLDEN LEDET**

No report.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS' REPORT - CODY BLANCHARD**

- We have no ad in *The Nicholls Worth* this week
- The software has arrived
- The Town Hall advertising campaign went very well
- Student Organization flyers advertising Free Copying and Free Advertising will be available under your mailboxes for distribution so please pick some of those up.
- I am in the process of acquiring an SGA Blackboard site titled: "SGA: Your Voice Heard". All students enrolled in Nicholls will be on that site so we can reach them through a venue used more than email.

**OFFICER REPORTS CONTINUED**

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS'S REPORT CONTINUED**

**COMMENT:** Senator Mariam M. asked when do we publicize the hours the attorney will be on campus. Director Cody B. said whenever we have free ad space but usually other things are more pertinent. The SGA doesn't have the money to put that out every single week in an ad.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JENNIFER SMITH**

Thank you for everyone who went to the Town Hall Meeting. It was a great turnout. Try to tell your classmates to go so we can have more participation.

**ACTION TAKEN ON OLD BILLS**

All motions have been passed successfully.

**WEB TECH REPORT - MARIA GEERTS**

No report.

**STUDENT SUPREME COURT REPORT** - Justice Ryan Perque

No report.

**ELECTION COMMISSION REPORT**

No report.

**SGA SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee** - Senator John Lombardo, Chair

Present: Senators John Lombardo, Chair, Regis Welch, Amber Papillion, Louis Raiford, Randall Edwards, Rochelle Melo, Devin Robichaux, Kal Savoie, Sarabeth Theriot, Bijeta Prasai, Whitney Collins, Brittany Taraba and Aubrey "Trey" Orgeron, III

Guests: Vice President Jennifer Smith, Treasurer Holden Ledet and Senator Mariam Matteuzzi

Today we interviewed one motion about buying popsicles for the Rocky Horror Picture Show and found it unfavorable.

We also finished the Book Loan and now we are working on the Emergency Loan.

**Judiciary Committee** - Senator Regis Welch, Chair

Present: Senators Regis Welch, Chair, John Lombardo, Peter Jenkins, Randall Edwards, Brittany Taraba, Kal Savoie, Binita Adhikari, Rochelle Melo, Whitney Collins, Louis Raiford, Mariam Matteuzzi, Jared Lajaunie, Sarabeth Theriot, Derick Lewis, Devin Robichaux and Amber Papillion

Absent: Senators Thomas Nickell, Jr. (unexcused) and Clifford Cozzens (unexcused)

We reviewed three motions that were approved.

We reviewed two absences:

- Thomas Nickell, Jr. - Senate Meeting, September 21, 2009 (unexcused)
- Kal Savoie - Social Committee Meeting, September 29, 2009 (excused)

One person resigned from the Judiciary Committee and one resigned from the Senate.

## SGA SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

### Social Events: (Homecoming/Christmas/Mr./Ms. Nicholls/Banquet) Committees Homecoming/Christmas Committees - Senator Gavin Johnson, Chair

Present: Senators Gavin Johnson, Chair, Rynn Porche and Cortne Oser

Absent: Senators Alyssa Daigle (unexcused), Brionne Jackson (unexcused), Jared Lajaunie (unexcused), Aubrey "Trey" Orgeron, III (unexcused) and Kal Savoie (excused)

Last Tuesday we had a regrouping. We discussed a community service project but decided it's not one of our jobs, so we are focusing on the Christmas Party for now. I want to remind everyone who signed up for this committee that meetings are at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the SGA Senate Room.

### Meet the SGA/Communications Committee - Senator Rochelle Melo, Chair

Present: Senators Rochelle Melo, Chair, Randall Edwards, Louis Raiford, Mariam Matteuzzi, Sarabeth Theriot, Whitney Collins, Peter Jenkins, Regis Welch, Devin Robichaux and Kal Savoie

We discussed SGA sponsoring the following events:

- The motion with the Rocky Horror Picture Show on October 29<sup>th</sup>
- Possibly giving away Scantrons and candy at mid term - October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Possibly doing a Papa John's Pizza giveaway at a basketball game
- Different ideas for Family Day, including a spacewalk and a pick-a-box gift
- Giving away ribbons on Veterans Day

### Campus Improvements Committee - Senator Sherana Kerry, Chair

We didn't meet last week but this week we will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room.

### Legislation

No report.

## UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Technology Fee Committee - Senator Brittany Taraba

The committee met last Tuesday, September 29, 2009

- They received the charge for the year and everybody was handed their information packets.
- We revised them and approved budgets for the year
- We revised and approved the constitution which we just approved in the Senate
- We are meeting again in October, time to be announced, as per the constitution, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and to get any updates
- Proposals to receive any Technology Fee money are due the beginning of February 2010

## SGA AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

F0910-023

I move that the Senate remove Thomas Nickell, Jr. from the Senate for having four or more unexcused absences.

1. Regis Welch
2. Peter Jenkins

### Discussion:

Senator Regis W. said Tuesday he emailed Senator Nickell about the situation. I requested he place his excuses in my mailbox by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. This way I would not have to file the motion. I didn't receive any excuses so I filed the motion.

Question: Move into vote

Passed For- 21     Against-0     Abstained-1

F0910-024

I move that the SGA approve the attached Constitution for the Technology Fee Committee.

1. Brittany Taraba
2. Regis Welch

### Discussion:

Senator Brittany T. said she would run through it really fast and highlight the things that changed. Nothing technically changed because the John Folse Culinary Institute is no longer its own college. It falls under University College. Things that were worded "six academic colleges" changed to "students represented by each of the academic colleges" because there is current talk about moving it back into its own college.

We also changed some of the wording about representative facultywise who can be on the Committee and ex-officio members. We allowed them to have a designee in place if they are unable to attend the meeting. We specifically assigned that the secretary is going to be the Administrative Assistant for Academic Computing. Although it has been that way, it has never been officially stated in the constitution. We just clarified that.

Question: Move into vote

Passed For- 21     Against-0     Abstained-0

F0910-025

I move that the SGA sponsor a table on October 29<sup>th</sup> for the Rocky Horror Picture Show. The table will have information promoting the work that the SGA does around campus. This will be a volunteer event and no one will be required to attend.

1. Peter Jenkins
2. Rochelle Melo

### Discussion:

Senator Peter J. clarified something said earlier, that this is not a GSA event. There are about ten or fifteen campus organizations putting this on, all with equal amounts of work to put it and I guess we can all sort of agree in some way that the SGA needs to promote itself a lot more. We can do that in this way.

Question: Move into vote

Passed For- 20     Against-1     Abstained-2

## DISCUSSION PERIOD

Vice President Jennifer S. said we will discuss the results of the Town Hall Meeting. I yield the floor to President Ryan D.

President Ryan D. said he has a list of the topics that were discussed in the Town Hall Meeting:

- Dyslexia Support Group (to get it started)
- The Weight Room (Michael Matherne just spoke about that)
- The storage spaces or office spaces for organizations in the game room

## DISCUSSION PERIOD CONTINUED

Senator Regis W. said some time during this week he is going to look into some of the social groups for Dyslexia. Vice President Jennifer S. asked if he wanted to be the "go to" person for the support group. Senator John L. said he stayed after the meeting and spoke to Wesley Porche about it. He will get with Mr. Porche to help him with that. President Ryan D. said he can head that and Vice President Jennifer S. said Senator Regis W. can help with that.

Senator Mariam M. said study space was mentioned, but it is actually office space that is needed. A few organizations really need space to store things and a place to get business taken care of.

Senator Sherana K. said everybody says to get rid of the game room. Should we ask Michael Matherne if it makes money? Vice President Jennifer S. said he doesn't have any authority over the game room. It is Francisco Chacon who is the Director of the Student Union who would have more information about it. If you like, we could ask him to come to the next meeting.

Senator Peter J. said the game room is losing money. We have a contract with a company that provides games for it. We get half of whatever is spent in the game room but leaving the equipment on all day long, we are losing money. Francisco has been trying to push the organizational work space since he has been here but he needs student support. While I was working for him this summer, he had me scout out the university for different plausible rooms, areas that organizations can have work space because almost every major university has a space where organizations can use. Whether it is just sitting around in different areas, talking so other different organizations can hear what you are discussing. It let's you collaborate on something you can make even better. He had me look up information analyzing whether organizational student work space can really help the university. It helps retention and recruitment so it would be a real benefit to have this.

Senator Rochelle M. said the game room is in the Student Union. The Student Union in and of itself is the campus living room. Most people on campus living in the dorms have different recreational space and areas. I have walked through there plenty of times and I generally see people using their facilities so I don't understand why we would want to take something from them when they have the support of a library and they have other rooms and functions. We have a T.V. area, we have lounge stuff, we have food, we have vending machines and we have a game room right next to a pizza place that all fits perfectly.

Senator Mariam M. said she would like SGA to invite Francisco to discuss what his plans are because we don't even know if we can knock out those walls to do what has been suggested. Without totally eliminating the game area, if you can picture in your mind glass windows that you can see the student organizations working on things. On the outside of that, people playing some kind of video game on a large screen T.V. or something like that. It is just an idea right now. So the game room shouldn't be the main focus. We should allow Francisco to come in and explain what he has planned. Then we should be able to look for other spaces for student organizations to have a designated location to meet and take care of business.

Senator Sherana K. asked if every single organization on campus needs their personal office when there is the Lafitte Room and the Bowie Room. I am in SEALS and we have to meet at South Babington. At the Town Hall Meeting somebody said you can rent a room in South Babington. It's just that every group wants an office, not at their expense, so they are not going to purchase a room at South Babington. If every other group wanted their own meeting room, they should go to South Babington and use the set up we already have.

Senator Peter J. said South Babington was one of the places I looked into. Somebody said that Chi Alpha has the office space. They actually had to work out a lengthy contract with the university to allow them to use it because they have to use those for presidents. The library is another place we looked into. There is no plausible space in the library for this. Either the small rooms that are being used or it is larger than are actually being used. The workspace for studying is not going to infringe on going to the library and studying. It's just that the union is the living room of the campus. We are all trying to get members into our organizations and we have only a glass wall separating us. All it takes is to walk in and join. Every university that has organizational work space, has it in their union. It is one of the most visible things in their union. With the games, I understand

## DISCUSSION PERIOD CONTINUED

people don't want to give up the games, that is why part of the plan Francisco comes up with, we had gaming systems available for use where they can come in with a huge T.V., play whatever game they have and then we have gamers that come into the union with their own T.V. All they have to do is bring whatever gaming system they have.

Vice President Jennifer S. said our questions need to be addressed to Francisco because he will definitely know the specific details.

Dr. Dial said he thinks Francisco is trying to get us to think about how we use the space in the Student Union. He is looking at everything, not just the game room, he is looking at the racquetball courts, the space that opened up when Career Services moved out, all the office spaces. It has been twenty-two years since anybody stopped and said we have organized this in the best way we could for the students so I don't think it is bad to examine all possibilities. I don't think anything is set in stone because they are just starting the process and there will certainly be a lot of dialog from the students.

Vice President Jennifer S. said we will ask Francisco to come to the next meeting.

Senator Brittany T. said until we resolve this whole thing, the Student Life office has a copy machine for student organizations to use. There's the conference room that is generally open and empty all day long. You can reserve that room. There is a fax machine, a computer in that work room and a phone in that work room. Until we find a student organization spot, that is what that office is there for. It is there for you to work and communicate and meet. I know that NPHC has their meetings in there and they use that one all the time. I think they are the only ones that take advantage of it. There is space there currently. People just don't think of it.

Senator Mariam M. said the NAACP stores their stuff in the SGA office. I have a huge project coming up next semester where I am going to have to store a lot of things. Being a new organization that doesn't have the money for it, we are doing a community service project and where am I going to put this stuff. I do realize that at the Student Life office I can use the copier and do whatever it is I need to do. As a Senator though, I speak to other presidents of other organizations that also don't have space to store things or a designated place to meet because sometimes the room is booked. There are times when you can't meet at the same time that we can book that room with the Student Life Department. I think we need to be more open minded about storage and office space.

Senator Sherana K. said we say the snack bar area is the living room of the school and people come in there all the time. Well, you don't need a game room for people to come to the living room of the school. They can see you in the snack bar area, there are T.V.'s in the snack bar area. I don't think we need to purchase any more T.V.'s to play games when there is a T.V. room in the dorms and the majority of students who live on campus have T.V.'s in their rooms. I don't think we need to purchase any more T.V.'s on campus.

Vice President Jennifer S. said the Discussion Period has lapsed and thank you for your concerns. We will try to get Francisco to come to the next meeting so have your questions ready and try not to be repetitive. If a group of you want to get together and come up with questions, go to the committee meetings and they will help you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

John L.                      Circle K will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at 216 Peltier.

Peter J.                      Food Advisory is having a meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Brittany T.                    One of the Senators who was on the Technology Fee Committee removed themselves due to some time conflicts and we really need one more Senator on there. If you are interested, please see me after the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

Regis W.                   The Parking Appeals Committee will meet Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Plantation Suite.

Since next week is the seventh week and mid-term and half of the semester is gone, we expect all absences for the first half to be turned in next Thursday. None will be accepted afterwards.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> I expect to review the Constitution, Corollary and Bylaws with the Judiciary Committee. Everyone is welcome to attend.

At the moment I am currently working with Dean Mauldin on possibly fixing the floor in Powell-White Hall to make it a little safer. The smoking policy, he said there was a problem with that, especially in front of his hall. We are looking into that. He also told me that this was the first time he ever spoke to a Senator from the College of Business so if we have one dean who feels that way, we may have another.

Lastly, I congratulate Senator Mariam M. for what she said last week at the Town Hall Meeting.

Ryan D.                   For the Tucker Commission, you can go online and tell them what you think. I encourage all the Senators to do that. It is [www.laperc.org](http://www.laperc.org). You can actually go there and tell them your feelings about what they are doing. You can also review some of the meetings they have had already. I can't stress enough how important this is.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.