

S.G.A. SENATE MEETING

September 28, 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 Robert "Beaux" Martin, IV and the prayer was given by Senator Kal Savoie.

The Nicholls Student Government Association Mission Statement was read by Senator John Lombardo and Senator Regis Welch 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, Thomas Nickell, Jr., Binita Adhikari, Sherana Kerry, Adrienne Lavergne, Brittany Taraba, Aubrey "Trey" Orgeron, III, Bijeta Prasai, Peter Jenkins, Robert "Beaux" Martin, IV, Kal Savoie, Louis Raiford, John Lombardo, Brionne Jackson, Cortne Oser, Randall Edward, Gavin Johnson, Whitney Collins, Sarabeth Theriot, Devin Robichaux, Rynn Porche and Derick Lewis (appointed).

The following Senators were absent: Maggie Jones, Alyssa Daigle, Rochelle Melo, Jared Lajaunie, Amber Papillion, Michelle Bell and Clifford Cozzens.

Web Tech Mária Geerts was present.

Student Supreme Court was represented by Chief Justice Doug Arabie.

Election Commission was not represented

The following guests were present: Derick Lewis and Brittany Tillman.

The minutes of September 14, 2009 were approved as printed.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

None

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT - RYAN DONEGAN**

The E-Board met today and our meetings are going to be pushed back to 2:15 p.m.

Myself, Vice President Jennifer S. and Director Cody B. will be attending COSBP this weekend on Friday and Saturday.

Tomorrow there is a President's Cabinet Meeting at 9:00 a.m. I will be unable to attend because of class so can anyone go in my place. Is there anyone that is out of class at 9:00 a.m. that can attend the President's Cabinet Meeting? Senator Thomas N., Jr. is out of class and volunteered to attend. The President's Cabinet basically discusses whatever the university is working on. Presently, it is Fall enrollment for next year, the Academic Dishonesty Policy, the Rec Center Project update and the 2010 University Holiday Schedule. The meeting will be in the Captain's Room.

Wednesday is the President's SGA Dinner. Please come dressed nicely and show support. It is going to be at the President's house at 6:30 p.m. You should have R.S.V.P.'d by now and gotten an invitation.

I received a letter from Senator Suroj Shrestha that he had to resign and asked that I read it to the Senate.

**OFFICER REPORTS CONTINUED**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED**

21/09/2009

Ryan Donegan,  
President,  
Student Government Association  
Nicholls State University

Subject: Resignation from my position.

Dear Sir,

Please accept this letter as my formal notification that I am resigning from my position as a Senator-At-Large as of today, September 21, 2009.

Due to my class schedule on Mondays, I am and will be unable to attend the entire general senate meetings this semester. I waited for the senate to decide on a day for the meeting and hoped that it would shift to any other day, which unfortunately did not happen.

I would like to thank all the members of SGA for making my experience at SGA a great and fruitful one. I am grateful to the SGA for providing me an opportunity to contribute to the Nicholls community.

I wish a great success in every deed and future endeavors of SGA.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Suroj Shrestha

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

I have no report this week but I want to commend Senator Sherana K. on doing a fantastic job. I attended her committee meeting. She and her committee as well are doing a really good job. I encourage all of you to follow her example.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - HOLDEN LEDET**

No report.

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

We will have an ad in *The Nicholls Worth* this Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, advertising the Town Hall Meeting. Check your boxes tomorrow. There will be advertisements for you to hand out, put up on bulletin boards and in classes regarding the Town Hall Meeting.

We are still awaiting our software. We hope it is delivered to the office after this meeting.

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

**ACTION TAKEN ON OLD BILLS**

All motions have been passed successfully.

You are all doing a really great job. Senator Sherana K. is doing a really good job and a lot of you are putting a lot more effort. We appreciate everything you are doing. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come to the office.

**WEB TECH REPORT - MÁRIA GEERTS**

No report.

**STUDENT SUPREME COURT REPORT** - Chief Justice Doug Arabie

No report.

**ELECTION COMMISSION REPORT** - Vice President Jennifer Smith

The election went phenomenal. Congratulations to Director Whitney D. and to Blaine Adams for winning 2009 Homecoming Queen and King.

**SGA SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Present: Senators John Lombardo, Chair, Regis Welch, Peter Jenkins, Robert "Beaux" Martin, IV, Devin Robichaux, Randall Edwards, Gavin Johnson, Sarabeth Theriot, Whitney Collins, Aubrey "Trey" Orgeron, Jr. and Bijeta Prasai

Absent: Senator Thomas Nickell, Jr. (unexcused)

If you missed the Finance Committee meeting, please turn in your excuse.

Today we began the long and arduous process of rewriting the Emergency Loan. We decided to do two different loans, a Book Loan and an Emergency Loan. We worked on the Book Loan details today and hope to finish it by next week and begin the Emergency Loan.

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

Present: Senators Regis Welch, Chair, Peter Jenkins, Randall Edwards, Jared Lajaunie, Kal Savoie, Binita Adhikari, Whitney Collins, Louis Raiford, Mariam Matteuzzi, Gavin Johnson, Sarabeth Theriot, Devin Robichaux, Brittany Taraba

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

Guests: Derick Lewis

We reviewed four absences.

- Kal Savoie - Senate Meeting, August 31, 2009 (excused)
- Binita Adhikari - Judiciary Meeting, September 21, 2009 (excused)
- Aubrey "Trey" Orgeron, III, Finance Meeting, September 21, 2009 (unexcused)
- Robert "Beaux" Martin, IV - Senate meeting, September 21, 2009 (excused)

We also reviewed the fact that some people are starting to exceed absences. If you have any questions about how many absences you have, please see me after the meeting.

**SGA SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

**Social Events: (Homecoming/Christmas/Mr./Ms. Nicholls/Banquet) Committees**  
**Homecoming/Christmas Committees** - Senator Thomas Nickell, Jr., Chair

In Senator Thomas N., Jr.'s absence, Vice President Jennifer S. thanked Senator Kal S. for helping with the Homecoming Display. It was greatly appreciated.

I would like to announce that our new Social Events Chair is Senator Gavin J.

Senator Gavin J. said we are going to hold a meeting tomorrow to look at your schedules. For now we will just go with you guys.

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

No report.

## SGA SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

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

Present: Senator Sherana Kerry, Chair, Rynn Porche, Brionne Jackson, Gavin Johnson, Bijeta Prasai and Cortne Oser

Guest: Director of Student Rights and Grievances, Whitney Dupuy

In our meeting on Tuesday, we discussed the trash problems at La Maison, the insect problems in the dorms and the broken machines in Zeringue Hall.

We also had a few suggestions for parking. Some people suggested we use the golf carts as shuttles and meet at certain points at school like Gouaux and Peltier where most of the classes are in those two buildings.

Also, we had a suggestion that housing should advertise fees and prices on time to give students ample time to pay and possibly getting more windows in Financial Aid open.

The next day we also had a response from Lisa Grubbs about certain concerns we had from students. We passed out a few of our Campus Improvements goals for the semester.

So far, the goals are eliminating insect problems in the dorm and the resolution was that it was resolved. Lisa Grubbs said the exterminator will spray more often in the dorms so she said as soon as students see a problem they should report it immediately.

The second one was to eliminate the trash pile in front of La Maison. She also stated that Housing has hired more student workers to clean up around the apartments and to fix the broken washer and dryers in Zeringue. She said that Housing has contacted the vendor and the vendor will replace or repair the machines.

To open more windows in Financial Aid for the long lines is a work in progress.

More parking spaces, we are still working on that at the moment.

The main issues in the dorms are the parking. Housing will work as fast as they can to respond to all the maintenance issues.

Possibly giving printers in dorms for the computer labs. We are still discussing that and have to talk to the right people for getting printers in the dorms.

As far as internet connection at Peltier Housing, a stronger connection, we are still working on those.

### Legislation

No report.

## UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Student Organizations - Senator Peter Jenkins

We met last Thursday and I was elected the chair person. We will be working on setting up a meeting within the next 3 weeks to discuss revisions to the Student Organization Policy Manual.

### Scholarship Committee - Director Cody Blanchard

The committee will meet tomorrow to determine who will get scholarships.

## SGA AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

F0910-022

I move that the Senate approve Ryan Donegan's appointment of Derick Lewis for the position of University Senator.

1. Mariam Matteuzzi
2. Louis Raiford

Question: Move into vote

Passed For-20      Against-0      Abstained-0

## DISCUSSION PERIOD

Vice President Jennifer S. said the first thing on the Agenda is the Town Hall Meetings.

President Ryan D. said our first Town Hall Meeting is going to be this Thursday in the Bayou Suites at 6:30 p.m. If you have any topics you would like to discuss, please be prepared. It is going to be in the form of open forum so students will be encouraged to come and talk. If you know of anyone complaining around campus, please tell them to come to the Town Hall Meeting. This is their chance to directly tell us if they have a problem.

Vice President Jennifer S. reminded everybody that for Town Hall Meetings, it is in the Corollary that you are required to attend. Go back to your college and your classes and inform students that they can voice their opinions about things on campus.

Vice President Jennifer S. said we need to discuss possible community service projects. At the E-Board meeting, we tossed around a few ideas. One of the ideas was to do a fundraiser but the community service project would be perhaps getting in touch with the Mayor, picking out a date when we can go out and do a visible street cleaning. Go to Canal Boulevard and try to get other organizations involved on campus because obviously they rely on more than one. Try to get them to participate to kind of promote SGA and Nicholls to try to clean up the community.

Vice President Jennifer S. said we thought the next one would be a Dodge Ball Tournament to raise money since the Kickball Tournament with SEALS was so successful. They do that at other universities with different organizations so we are going to look into that and get more information. If you have any ideas, we would like to talk about it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Binita A.                    There will be a Tech Fee Committee Meeting tomorrow. I will be unable to attend that meeting. If anybody can attend that meeting for me, please see me after the meeting.

Peter J.                    If there is anyone here that was unable to come to the Student Organization Committee meeting, please see me after the meeting.

John L.                    Circle K. will be meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 216 Peltier. The dues are due on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They are \$35.00 a year which isn't bad when you consider it is a service organization. So please think about joining.

Regis W.                    The Barbeque Pit was used Saturday. It will be used tomorrow by St. Thomas Aquinas, also on October 18<sup>th</sup> and also on October 29<sup>th</sup> by GSA. Once again, if you have any questions about absences, please see me after the meeting.

Jennifer S.                    The Circle K club is a service organization. It is similar to the Key Club and organizations like that. You join and do service hours for other people.

The following were sworn in by Vice President Jennifer Smith:

Rynn Porche, Senator of University College  
Derick Lewis, Senator of University College

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.