



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 12:00 PM – Acadian Center, Room 127

Call to Order.....Jase McDonald, President

Meeting was called to order by President Jase McDonald at 12:01 PM. Secretary Jake Hammond seconded the notion.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Jake Hammond, Secretary

Absent Senators are as follows: Madison Bourque, Mallory Cyriaque, Abby Touchet, Brianne Cormier, and Ali Christopherson.

Old Business:

SGA AttireJase McDonald, President

Jase McDonald stated that our sweatshirts and shirts are ordered and should be in sometime next week. Dr. Kyle Smith then showed the final design.

Water FountainsJase McDonald, President

Jase McDonald said that the water fountains will be ordered in the next couple of days and our director of maintenance said they will be easy to install.

CAT5 Charity Softball GameNancee Sorenson, Chancellor

Chancellor Sorenson reviewed the Goodwill game between our softball team vs. the Cat5 disaster relief team. We are excited to announce that there was a \$20,000 check made out to the LSUE foundation by Cat5.

Dr. Tom Galligan, our interim president at Louisiana State University, will be on campus next week and will be looking to meet with all students!

Chancellor Sorenson then asked the Student Government of LSU-Eunice to gauge the results of having election day off; as we are one of the only campuses that approved it.

Chancellor Sorenson then announced contracting for free mental health services on campus.

Dr. James Robinson then stressed the importance of voting and even encouraged to early vote.

New Business:

LSUE Police UpdateCaptain LaLonde, LSUE Police

Captain LaLonde introduces himself and briefly goes over his history on the force. Captain LaLonde then encourages us to work together to prevent crime. He then encourages everyone to notify the force on any suspicious activity. Captain LaLonde then goes into force improvements since he has gotten here; stating that we now have forty surveillance cameras on campus. In the future, he and his team are looking to establish an emergency operations committee for ALL departments on campus. They are also looking to have all LSU campuses meet together to know how they can help each other out; as we are one family. A lot of this training was put on hold due to the cyberattack and COVID-19; however, they are looking to continue to push this forward and start working with SGA.

Secretary Jake Hammond asked how many are staffed in the security department. Captain LaLonde then stated there are five current members on the security force; however, they are looking to add 1-2 more members to the force. Captain LaLonde also stated the Eunice PD also responds; as we are in city limits.

Budget UpdateMaddie Ardoin, Treasurer

Maddie Ardoin stated that SGA started \$73,000 and we have spent \$17,778 on various campus improvement projects. We now sit at \$55,222.19 and are looking to do more with it.

LaVetCorps VA Presentation Kenneth Manuel

Their mission is to take care of and empower veterans and their families. Mr. Kenneth Manuel (KM) then said a lot of vets want to come back to school; however, they often don't know where to start. Their mission is to help and serve our nation's heroes. Mr. Kenneth then speaks briefly on AmeriCorps and their partner, Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs. JBE has actually embraced the LaVetCorps plan. While we may not have as many veterans at LSUE, some schools close to Marine and Air Force bases would have a lot more. Navigators serve as peer counselors and advocating for the good of veterans and their community. Mr. Kenneth then stressed the importance of SGA's role in spreading the word about their cause. KM then says the rate of suicide for veterans is twenty-two a day. KM goes into program testimonials to explain that this program works.

Funding Request from OutReach (\$300Roman Vidrine, OutReach

Roman Vidrine (RM) states the importance of getting organizations involved to make sure they don't diminish due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They are asking for \$300 to go to an escape room in Lafayette as a group.

Jase McDonald called to a vote, Jake Hammond seconded the notion.

The notion was passed by a:

13 yay

0 nay

0 abstain

Upcoming Events:

Miss LSUE Pageant, October 28 at 6:00 PM in T-102 C

Captain LaLonde then asked Student Government to consider donating to Toys for Tots; which is a group he and their Police Fraternal Chapter are working with.

Dr. Kyle Smith then went over a video we are debuting at the Miss. LSUE pageant; celebrating all past Miss. LSUE winners.

Reminders: **Please write legislation!**

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Jase McDonald at 12:46 AM.