



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – 12:00 PM – Acadian Center, Room 127

Call to Order Jase McDonald, President

The meeting was called to order at 11:59 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance Jase McDonald, President

Roll Call Jake Hammond, Secretary

There was 100% attendance.

Old Business:

Office Improvements Jase McDonald, President

The microwave, coffee set-up, and printer have all been put in and installed in the SGA office; the cross-sectional sofa has been ordered and will be here soon.

New Business:

Freshman Senator Appointee Jake Hammond, Secretary

Emily Fusclier and Isaiah McGee were appointed to the LSUE Student Government. Jase McDonald called this to a vote, JT Kirsch seconded the motion. After a brief introduction from Secretary Jake Hammond, the motion to appoint Emily and Isaiah was passed by a vote of:

**19 yay
0 Nay
0 Abstain**

Sophomore Senator Appointee Jake Hammond, Secretary

John Thomas Kirsch was appointed to the LSUE Student Government. Jase McDonald called this to a vote, Jake Hammond seconded the motion After a brief introduction from Secretary Jake Hammond, the motion to appoint John Thomas Kirsch was passed by a vote of:

**19 yay
0 Nay
0 Abstain**

Comments and Q&A Jeff Willis, Athletic Director

Coach Jeff Willis opens up by expressing his honor and appreciation for LSUE's student government.

He then goes into a history of LSUE's athletic program, recalling of his hire when he was 24 years old, the baseball program being recognized on the senate floor, and fundraising his initial scholarships.

CJW then says that this institution stands for excellence in all aspects of life; using Student Government and the athletic department as examples.

CJW then states we have 22 international students from 9 different states.

CJW goes into a PowerPoint presentation diving deep into LSUE athletics.

- The first slide explains region 23 as a whole
- The second slide compares winning percentages between LSUE and the other community colleges in the state.
- The third slide goes into highlights regarding LSUE athletics; including national championships and draft picks. "When you get punched in the mouth, you get back up." He then gives testimonials about Raph Rhymes, Stuart Turner, and Ben Braymer.
- The fourth slide included 2019-2020 highlights within the athletic program.
- The fifth slide included academic success within the athletic program.
- The sixth slide included the sponsorship that we have, as an athletic program, with Marucci Sports.
- The seventh slide included a Marucci video; which we are unable to watch.
- The eighth slide includes region 23 information; comparing facilities, budgets, scholarships, and coaches.
- The ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth slide compares us to Jones County CC.
- The fourteenth and fifteenth slide compares us to the lush Mississippi Gulf Coast CC.
- The sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth slide compares us to Delgado CC.
- The next three slides are from NW Mississippi.
- The next five are from Pearl River.
- The last ones are Bengal Stadium in all of its glory.

CJW then further explains how truly proud he is of this athletic program and they've been able to accomplish on such a small budget. "Without SGA, we're nowhere close to where we're at right now." "Come out and support your team; you may not be a sports fan, but be a fan of people."

Senator Gracie King asks how long he see's himself staying here.

CJW said, emotionally, that he is so grateful that he was given a chance at such a young age. He states that letting off the gas is not in his DNA and will never take this place for granted. "You have an ability to have a bigger impact on the students here than any professor or coach could have."

Ali Cristopherson asks questions regarding the athletic budget; asks what exactly this athletic fee does.

CJW says that this fee is \$18 a credit hour; states inflation causing it to go up over time.

CJW states that this is something that our sister school's do.

CJW says that, often times, schools will finance athletics without ever telling you; stating our transparency.

CJW goes on to say that athletics are the way that LSUE has made itself to the house and senate floor by athletics; stating it is brand management.

AC asks what would happen if that fee was lowered.

**CJW says, simply, sports would need to be cut.
AC asks about graduation visitors and using the sports fields for graduation facilities.**

CJW says there is no issue, as long as there is no conflict with an athletic event.

Senator Noah Beason asks about CJW's day to day life as athletic director.

CJW says it's a lot of paper work, certifications, and eligibility claims. Then, after lunch, he will transition into baseball coach.

Senator Gracie King asks for words of wisdom for students for the rest of the year.

Coach Jeff Willis:

"Do your feet hit the ground of a sense of excellence; today isn't going to wait on you"

"Life is not fair"

"We all have the same amount of time in a day; if you waste a second, you don't get it back."

"Be the best selfless version of yourself"

"Are you going to sit down when it's time to stand up?"

"Right and wrong never change"

Jase McDonald says that this is just a drop in the bucket of what should be done and he appreciates Coach Willis coming.

Food Pantry Finance BillHolden White, Senator

Jase McDonald goes over the food pantry finance bill; stating the need for resources for at risk students around campus, hurricane relief, giving back to students, and accessibility. For supplies, we will need \$9,388.48 dollars.

CJW says you could designate free game access for students who donate to the food pantry; states the important of social media in this endeavor.

Ali Cristopherson asks if Second Harvest will continue to supply the pantry; Jase McDonald responds yes.

Ali also asks how we will monitor it?

Jase McDonald then says that is not our place to monitor someone who needs it most.

Chloe and Paige then ask how practical this is?

Jase McDonald and Noah Beason say that if it can help one person, it's worth it.

Treasurer Maddie Ardoin then updated us with a \$52,000 budget.

Holden White then asks about food choices.

Jase said it is not for people that prefer the food pantry; but those who need it most.

Isaiah McGee asks about an awareness campaign

Jase said that will happen.

IM also asks about donations.

Jase McDonald said that this would work.

Jase McDonald called this to a vote; which was seconded by Noah Beason. The motion for a food pantry on campus was passed by a:

19 yay

0 nay

0 abstain vote

PJM

Upcoming Events:

Reminder: We're all taking headshots next Wednesday

There will be no makeups

Free Dress

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.