



*General Assembly Meeting Minutes
Spring Session
March 13th, 2018
Live Oaks Conference Room*

General Assembly Attendance:

Executive Board: President Felps, Vice President McKenna Kuzma, Executive Secretary Devon Deville.

Senators: Barr, Walls, Dixon, Hemphill, Hamilton, Sampson, Benham.

- **Senator Benham enters assembly at 2:55 pm**

Advisor Attendance:

Haylee Malone

Guest Attendance:

Kimberly Nijoka

Tracy Lacaze

I. Call to Order

President Felps calls the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

II. Executive Report

A. Welcome

B. Roll Call/Quorum

- a) Roll call yields 8 of 13 voting members; Quorum is established.

C. President's Report

- a) **Student Relief**- Kimber Nijoka presents her need for student relief. She needs \$500.00 for travel, a poster, and registration in order to give a presentation in ornithology on the subject of Screech Owls. Mrs. Nijoka exits the assembly, and Senator Hamilton moves to approve the relief, and VP Kuzma seconds the move. The motion passes with **8 ayes, 0 nays, and with 0 abstentions.**
- b) **NSLS Relief**- Senator Hemphill presents NSLS's need for relief in the amount of \$46.00 to purchase an official president's shirt top for the current NSLS president to be worn at the induction at the executive board retreat on April 26th and future events. Senator Walls moves to approve the relief, and Senator Hamilton seconds the move. The motion passes with **7 ayes, 0 nays, and with 1 abstention.** Senator Hemphill abstains.
- c) **Report of Executive Action on Relief**- President Felps explains to the assembly how executive action was taken in order to approve time sensitive relief applications due to a failure to establish quorum during the previous week. The relief applications were for \$100.00 for NSLS to furnish snacks during a meeting, \$240.00 for Rotaract to furnish snacks for International Women's day, and \$500.00 in Student relief for lodging to Mr. Smith in order to present a research paper in Utah. VP Kuzma moves to approve all three, and Senator Barr seconds the move. The motion passes with **8 ayes, 0 nays, and with 0 abstentions.**
- d) **Crawfish Boil Cost Estimate**- President Felps explains the cost of the Crawfish Boil event, and explains that due to weather the crawfish will be more expensive this year. Executive Secretary Deville moves to approve the \$16,000 for the event, and Senator Hamilton seconds the move. The move passes with **8 ayes, 0 nays, and with 0 abstentions.**

- e) **Speaker of the Senate Position**- President Felps explains that since Senator Morris is not currently attending school that the Speaker position is open. He opens floor for nominations. Senator Hamilton nominates himself. Senator Dixon seconds the nomination. VP Kuzma nominates Senator Barr, and Senator Barr accepts the nomination, and seconds. Both nominees exit the assembly. **Senator Benham enters the assembly.** VP Kuzma speaks on behalf of Senator Barr, and Senator Dixon speaks on behalf of Senator Hamilton. President Felps ask that hands be raised in favor of Senator Barr, and then for Senator Hamilton. Senator Hamilton receives **2 hands**, and Senator Barr receives **4 hands** thereby, receiving the position of Speaker of the Senate.
- f) **Relief Fund Resolution**- President Felps reads the new Relief Fund resolution to the senate assembly. VP Kuzma moves to approve the resolution, and Senator Sampson seconds the move. The motion to approve the resolution passes with **9 ayes, 0 nays, and with 0 abstentions.**
- g) **Fee Breakdown Review** – President Felps explains the student fee breakdown.
- h) **Yearbook Fee Breakdown**- President Felps explains how the purchasing of the Yearbooks is accomplished, and how it is not practical or beneficial. Students pay \$2 a semester in a fee, and when \$22,000 has built on with the fees the yearbooks are ordered, in which it takes around three years to actually receive the yearbooks. There are packages of yearbooks of the year 2015, in which no one is taking. VP Kuzma moves to nullify the fee, and Senator Hemphill seconds the move. The motion to nullify the Yearbook fee is approved with **9 ayes, 0 nays, and with 0 abstentions.**
- i) **Children’s Center Fee Resolution** – President Felps explained to senate assembly how there is a flat fee of \$7.50 per student each semester to fund the Children’s center. President Felps passes the Children’s Center Fee Resolution around to be read by the assembly. The original Resolution that established the fee of \$7.50 was written and approved by the Student Government at LSUA in the year 1998. President Felps then reads the new resolution which proposes to nullify the children’s center fee. President Felps explains that the Children’s center fee currently only benefits less than 3 % of the total student population. President Felps also states that the original resolution was carried out due to the Children’s center not being able to support itself monetarily, and twenty years later this is still the case as every year had ended in a deficit. President Felps explained that this an unfair fee on the student body, and should be nullified. Senator Hemphill moves to approve the resolution nullifying the Children’s Center fee, and Senator Benham seconds the move. The motion passes with **6 ayes, 2 nays, and with 1 abstention.** Senator Walls abstains due to being undecided.
- **Benham exits at 2:48**
 - **VP Kuzma exits at 2:50**
- j) **NLS Relief Apps Withdraw**- Mrs. Lacaze withdrew two separate relief apps each costing \$100.00 dollars.
- k) **Office Supply Funding**- President Felps moves to approve \$300 in order to purchase office supplies for Student Government. Senator Hamilton seconds the move. The motion passes with **7 ayes, 0 nays, and with 0 abstentions.**
- l) **Approval of Minutes**- Senator Hemphill moves to approve prior minutes, and Senator Sampson seconds the move. The motion passes with **6 ayes, 0 nays, and with 1 abstention.** Senator Hamilton abstains due to not having looked over minutes.
- m) **Approval of President’s Report**- Senator Hamilton moves to approve president’s report, and Senator Sampson seconds the move. The motion passes with **7 ayes, 0 nays, and with 0 abstentions.**

III. Adjournment- Senator Hamilton moves to adjourn, and Senator Dixon seconds the move. The motion to adjourn passes with **7 ayes, 0 nays, and with 0 abstentions** at 4:05.

Minutes transcribed by Executive Secretary Devon Deville.