



# Student Senate Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2025

<b>Date:</b> 4, February 2025	<b>Time:</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Location:</b> Chem & Nat Science BLDG 100
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<b>Preparation:</b> No preparation needed at this time.	<b>Please review:</b> Nothing to review at this time.
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- Call to Order** by Vice President Hannah Habisreitinger on *February 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.*
- Moment of Silence**
- Roll Call: 32 Seats (29 Senators present, 2 absent, 1 excused absence, 17 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.**

<b>Present</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily Horton</li> <li>Anna Clare Lavergne</li> <li>Sanish Adhikari</li> <li>Blake Guerrero</li> <li>Brayden Timmer</li> <li>Kiersten Dixon</li> <li>Johnathan Fee</li> <li>Bishwo Dahal</li> <li>Kaylin Williams</li> <li>Elizabeth Moon</li> <li>Abi Clifton</li> <li>Amelia Thomas</li> <li>Laura Lee Mayfield</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakayja Dupree</li> <li>Abby Barton</li> <li>Arielle Magee</li> <li>Drake Prunty</li> <li>Hutson Hearron</li> <li>Saru Tamang</li> <li>Brooke West</li> <li>Kathryn Kamlade</li> <li>Autumn Meadors</li> <li>Kaitlyn Apperley</li> <li>Gabrielle Thomas</li> <li>Amira Morales</li> <li>Gabriel Stephan</li> <br/> <li>David Payne</li> <li>Kyle Wasguespack</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samaria Spears</li> <li>Cassidy Walton</li> <li>Hannah Habisreitinger</li> <li>Jadyn Maloney</li> <li>Kelly Lohman</li> <li>Adv. Chris Williams</li> </ol> |
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Absence	Excused Absence
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hailey Poydras</li> <li>Lawson Marchand</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landon Deshotel</li> </ol>

#### **4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes**

- a. Moved by Senator Keirsten Dixon and seconded by Senator David Payne.
  - There being no correction to the minutes, the minutes were approved.

#### **5. Guest Speaker(s)**

- a. No Guest Speakers

#### **6. Speakers of the House Reports**

- a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences
  - i. *No Report*
- b. College of Business and Social Sciences
  - i. *Senator Dixon informed the senate that she sent out an email to the Dean to schedule a meeting. She also said that she emailed Mr. Fontaine in regards to the "How To Video" for the student body.*
- c. College of Health Sciences
  - i. *Senator Dupree let the senate know that she had her meeting with Dean Bailes last week and they discussed having a Meet the College event instead of Meet the Dean. She added that they would be inviting professors and advisors from the program to come to the event as well.*
  - ii. *Dupree concluded by telling the senate that the Meet the College event will take place on March 20th from 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. in front of the HUB.*
- d. College of Pharmacy
  - i. *Senator Kamlade reminded the senate that the Pre-Pharmacy Assembly will be taking place on February 27th in Kitty Degree Nursing Building at 5:00 p.m. She added that she would like all of the College of Pharmacy Senators to be at this event.*
  - ii. *Kamlade concluded by letting the senate know that their Meet the Senators will be March 18th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in front of the HUB.*
- e. College of Graduate School
  - i. *No Report*

#### **7. Department Head Updates**

- a. Student Life and Welfare
  - i. *Senator Moon let the senate know that the Mardi Gras Ball is coming up on February 25th from 8:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. at Bayou Pointe. She added that she finalized an order with Catahoulas to have jambalaya, crawfish etouffee, boudin balls, and eggrolls for the ball.*
- b. Promotions
  - i. *Senator Mayfield let the senate know that she had a meeting last week about a Mardi Gras Ball Logo. She said she would like to get some ideas from the student body so instructed the senate to draw their own design and get their friends to draw a design as well.*
  - ii. *Mayfield let the senate know that the last day to submit their logo designs would be this Thursday by 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Office. She added the logos would be presented at the meeting she has this Friday.*
- c. Research and Judicial Affairs

- i. *Senator Thomas informed the senate that she is still working on the Sign-Up Genius for the Mardi Gras Election polling stations. She added that nominations will be closing on February 14th.*
      - ii. *Thomas let the senate know that they should be very knowledgeable of the governing documents. She added that with Spring Elections coming up, she will be conducting Midterm Check-Ins with Secretary Spears for senators that want to return next Fall.*
- d. **Academic Enhancement**
  - i. *Senator Lavergne reiterated to the senate the Meet the Senators event dates and times. She encouraged the senate to tell their friends about the event so they can have more participation.*
  - ii. *Laverne let the senate know that herself and Senator Moon came up with the idea to possibly host a Midterm Plate Smashing event since they did not get to do it last semester for Ace Your Finals.*

### **Executive Board Reports**

- e. **Treasurer**
  - i. *Treasurer Walton let the senate know that there will be two RSOs coming to represent for a scholarship at the next senate meeting.*
- f. **Secretary**
  - i. *Secretary Spears let the senate know that she put the updated February Event Calendar and an Access Link Form in the GroupMe. She added that she will have both of those documents available for the senate in the SGA Office.*
  - ii. *Spears concluded by letting the senate know that they are limited to using two volunteer events from the Student Development Website as service hours for the semester. She added that there have been events put in place by SGA to get their service hours so that is why there is a limit.*
- g. **Vice President**
  - i. *Vice President Habisreitering reminded the senate that HAWKS Committee meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. She added that if any senators are interested in joining in place of their office hours then to reach out to her.*
  - ii. *Habisreitering concluded by letting the senate know that senate expectations will be more strictly enforced.*
- h. **President**
  - i. *President Maloney congratulated the senators that were nominated for Mardi Gras Court. She added that she did reach out through email yesterday to the senators that were nominated, asking for their CWID and GPA.*
  - ii. *Maloney encouraged the senators that were nominated to have that information back to her by Friday at 11:59 p.m. She added that the Dining Committee will have their first meeting this Friday @11:00 a.m. in the SGA Office.*
  - iii. *President Maloney let the senate know that Browse the Bayou will be February 22nd. She added that she will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius soon.*
  - iv. *Maloney told the senate that she reached out to Dr. Fields about the Awareness Bench and she said that there will be more information to come on this.*

i. Advisor(s)

- i. *Advisor Williams let the senate know that Executive Assistant Kelly Lohman won 1st Place in the ULM's Got Talent Competition. He encouraged the senate to congratulate her when they saw her.*

**8. Old Business**

- a. Executive Assistant Approval
- b. Mardi Gras Court Nominations
- c. Athletic Fee

**9. New Business**

- a. No New Business

**10. General Discussion**

- a. Vice President Habisreitingger let the senate know that the Referendum that was brought before them last week was deemed invalid by the RJA department due to procedural errors. Vice President Habisreitingger and RJA Department Head Gabrielle Thomas went through the errors that they caught within the document in further detail.
- b. RJA Department Head Gabrielle Thomas informed the senate that herself and Vice President Habisreitingger the last day that the Referendum can be sent to the UL System Board is this Thursday. They added that if there are any senators that are very passionate about this matter and are inclined to write another Referendum the right way, they will guide them through the proper procedure to get this task done.
- c. Vice President Habisreitingger then told the senate that if the senator/senators are able to write the Referendum by tomorrow then they will be able to call an emergency legislation to vote on the motion. She added that the vote will determine if the Referendum will be passed onto Athletic Director John Hartwell to take to the UL System Board for further review.
- d. Senators were interested in taking on this task. RJA Department Head Gabrielle Thomas let the senate know that since senators did show interest, President Maloney will have the authority to call for a Special Meeting tomorrow to vote on the motion. She added that this meeting will be taking place on zoom but senators are allowed to join in-person.
- e. President Maloney called for a Special Meeting to take place tomorrow, February 5th on zoom.
  - Senator Magee moved to have the Special Meeting tomorrow and Senator Dixon seconded.
  - By a roll call vote, the motion passed. Special Meeting will be held February 5th at 7:00 p.m. via zoom and in-person upstairs in the conference room at the Student Center.
- f.

**11. Meeting Adjourned** by Vice Hannah Habisreitingger at 7:59 p.m., by way of motion by Senator David Payne and seconded by Senator Johnathan Fee.