

**Our Lady of the Lake College
Student Government Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Jan. 13, 2006
Administration Conference Hall**

I. Call to Order:

President Christine Blanchard called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

II. Welcome to Guests and New Members

President Christine Blanchard extended a welcome to the following in attendance:

Miranda Andrews, Jennifer Cutrer, Renee Ledbetter, and Shawn Gordon.

III. Communications by the President

Senator Jonathan Pendarvis was named Senator of the Month for his outstanding work with the SGA Scavenger Hunt activity.

IV. Role Call

A. Present: Officers: Christine Blanchard, Lindsey Barbier, Annalee Starks
Senators: Aisha Paul, Bibi Ramos, Eli Konieczka, Kristi Tortorich, Nicole Del Castillo, Rusty Hood, Ronnie Mohr, Shelly Choppin, Samantha Summers, Kelly Fefel

B. Absent:

Christine Forbes (accepted into PA Program)

Raymond Robert (resigned)

Jennifer Duvieilh (excused)

Kimberly Hansen (excused)

Leah Powell (unexcused)

Melanie Kabel (graduated)

Ron Emrick (excused)

Sandy Farbe (resigned)

Angela (Nikki) Langlois (resigned)

Cassie Andermann (resigned)

Amy Porche (resigned)

V. Report of the Secretary and Treasurer

Minutes of the November 30, 2005 meeting were approved by majority vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Annalee Starks announced that funding for the student organizations under the umbrella of SGA would have funds "frozen" if they did not comply with the requirements of organizations in GOOD STANDING. She once again reiterated that monies made by the student organizations must have deposit slips approved by the Dean of Students and be deposited in a timely fashion into the respective accounts.

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Treasurer Report for January, 2006:

ACHE	4000	250.00
Rad Tech	4001	3,706.11
BSM	4002	453.19
CSF	4003	55.83
CLS	4004	1,209.09
M&S	4005	250.00
PTA	4006	2,826.44
LPN	4009	1,225.00
Resp TH	4010	0.00
Surg Tech	4011	250.00
Nursing	4012	3,279.82
AFFS	4013	250.00

VI. Senator/Officer Positions

There was a proposal for removal of Senator Eli Konieczka from office due to his missing several events. At that time, Senator Konieczka was allowed to address all present. He stated that his absences were simply due to poor time management procedures on his part, and that he sincerely desired to be allowed to remain as an Arts and Science Senator for SGA. Senator Konieczka was asked to leave the room so that discussion could take place. After the discussion, Senator Rusty Hood moved that he be allowed to stay, and the motion was seconded by Senator Kristi Tortorich. The motion carried and Senator Konieczka will remain as Senator.

VII. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Publicity and Promotion

Vice President Lindsey Barbier announced that all organizations should report events to the P&P committee for display on the SGA website.

b. Service Learning

Senator Kristi Tortorich reported that she and Senator Samantha Summers would be present at the Service Learning Committee Meeting to be held January 20, 2006 in the Nursing Conference Room. An item on the agenda that both she and Senator Summers would be verbally participating in would be the up-coming Faculty Workshop meetings for Service Learning (if approved by the Faculty Senate).

VIII. Old Business

a. Welcome Week

President Christine Blanchard announced that Gumbo would be provided for the Welcome Week celebration for all students – to be served and furnished by the Jambalaya Shoppe at the Science Building on Tuesday, January 17th from 12 to 2.

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b. New Student Orientation Recap

President Christine Blanchard reported that many senators participated and helped make the four-day NSO (January 4-7, 2006) a smashing success.

IX. New Business

a. Spring Elections

President Christine Blanchard announced that Intent to Run for Office Forms may be procured from Dr. Simpson. The Spring Election will be held on March 27-28, 2006, and the Election Results will be announced and posted on March 29, 2006. She reminded everyone in attendance that guidelines for students interested in running for office are included in the By-Laws which are posted under Important Documents on the OLOLC SGA Website.

b. Spring Leadership Conference – April 1-4, 2006 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Simpson announced that plans are being made to pay for the advisor, 4 executive officers, and 2 senators to attend this exemplary training conference. She explained that an essay contest was being held to determine the 2 senator attendees – and that forms are available in her office. All forms will be reviewed and final decisions will be made by February 10, 2006. Completed forms and essays need to be turned in to Dr. Simpson by noon on February 10, 2006.

c. New Standing Committee-Event Chair

President Christine Blanchard named Kristi Tortorich as the new Chair for this volunteer position. Kristi will assist the Executive Board and the SGA Advisor in all activities forthcoming for the Spring 2006 semester. This position will involve overseeing and working with the event chair on many of the events to be held this spring.

d. Organizational Funding

Senator Samantha Summers representing SNA requested more funding (an additional \$1,000.00) for seven people to attend the NSNA Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on April 5-9, 2006. Discussion then followed, and several senators asked for a detailed breakdown regarding the additional fees requested. It was decided that the SNA Proposal be “tabled” until the February 10, 2006 meeting.

Because of various questions regarding funding for student organizations, President Christine Blanchard reiterated the statement contained in part C, under ARTICLE IX Budget of the By-laws (both parts 1 and 2). It was announced that future requests from student organizations for funding would follow the procedure that is contained in that section of the By-Laws – to effectively save time in SGA

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meetings as well as to fund the requested amounts to the organizations in a more timely manner.

e. **Spring Activities**

- 1) President Christine Blanchard announced that cake and punch would be served at the Feb. 10, 2006 SGA Meeting to bid farewell to President Michael Smith.
- 2) President Christine Blanchard announced that plans are now underway for a Crawfish Boil to be held on March 17, 2006 to welcome the new President, Dr. Sandra Harper. The event Chairperson will be Senator Ronnie Mohr.

X. Announcements:

President Christine Blanchard announced that all officers and Senators would wear the blue SGA shirt to the February 10, 2006 meeting.

XI. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Senator Kristi Tortorich to adjourn the meeting. There was a second made by Senator Rusty Hood. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.