The Student Government Association carried out its business quickly and efficiently Monday night, business which included overriding a presidential veto by SGA President Ravis K. Martinez.

A resolution passed last week in the senate stated that USL not accept anymore bids from companies to tear down McNaspy Stadium. The resolution stated that the stadium was of great use to students, providing an area to study, read, sleep or exercise.

Brad Bertinot, SGA Vice president, said that although he couldn't give the specific reason for Martinez's veto, did hint that Ray Authement, USL president, was against the resolution and was going ahead with plans to demolish the structure.

Martinez was not available at the meeting to answer senators' questions. Mindy Menard, an education senator, brought forth the motion to consider overriding the veto.

David King, nursing senator, stood by the original resolution, saying it was what the students wanted.

"We are here to represent the students of USL, not the faculty of USL," said King. "This is our opportunity to show how strongly we feel about this as students. I think we need to stand our ground."

Applied Life Sciences senator Nicole Falgout also agreed with the resolution.

"I think we should stick with the students' vote," she stated.

The veto override, which requires a two-thirds Senate vote, was easily accomplished.

In other business, a resolution was passed which is intended to deter crime and encourage alternative modes of transportation, such as bikes. The resolution, provides for additional bike racks "near all major buildings and dorms as well as the Student Union, Conference Center, and McNaspy Stadium.

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Arts President Aaron Hinkston, who authored the bill, said that he often sees bikes chained to handicapped signs, trees and anything else students can find.

“We should make it where they (bikes) are safe on campus,” said Hinkston.

Hinkston said that the SGA could first ask the physical plant to fund the racks. If that doesn’t work, he suggested asking every college to fund the racks that would be put up by their buildings, and the remaining racks could be paid for through the general fund.

The International Student Council will be asking the student body for an extra $.25 each semester in student-assessed fees. The referendum will be put on the spring ballot for the students to vote on.

The former ISC president, Ahmed Shams, said that the organization needs the increase because there is not enough money in the budget to cover the events that it puts on, such as Asian Night and Continental Night.

“The costs of these events couldn’t make it within our budget,” Shams explained. “We have had to ask UPC and SGA for money for events this year.”

The chimes of Stephens Hall may soon be heard through campus again as the Senate passed a bill to look into the possibility of fixing them.

Menard stated that the chimes were last working in 1987. She called the effort “workable and probable.”

A bill was passed with a 24-5 vote which will allow the Appropriations Committee to review, amend and/or kill an appropriation within a committee, however, the senate may override the decision and bring the appropriation with a two-thirds vote.

The College of Education allotted $400 to the Instructional Materials Center for the purpose of funding new and updated literature. The Center of Advanced Computer Studies will receive $150 from the Graduate School and $75 from the general fund to help with the costs of its annual Christmas banquet.