Senate passes bill to close McNaspy bids

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At its Nov 9 meeting, the Student Government Association passed a resolution that would petition the administration to close the bids for the destruction of McNaspy Stadium.

Other business included several appropriations and the filling of vacancies.

"There's a lot of people who use this structure," said Elliot LeNormand, co-author of the bill and nursing president.

"There's no reason to tear it down. It has a lot of history."

"Yes, there are ways to use this building," said Andy Bauer of the liberal arts delegation in rebuttal. "You have to weigh the safety of this building and the security of this building with the use of this building. Personally, I'd like to see it torn down."

The issue was debated last year, when the building was slated to be demolished in June. However, there was a breach of contract and the project never reached fruition.

According to sources from the dean of student's office, the plans include to knock down the building since it is now free of asbestos. However, the track will be left in tact.

In his argument, LeNormand made mention of all the current uses of McNaspy: Yell Like Hell, youth soccer and McNaspy Music Fest.

In a roll call vote, the resolution passed by a vote of 29-1, with one abstention.

The senate amended its constitution by granting the Rules Committee the power to kill, amend and review all amendments sent before it. The senate, however, can override the committee's decision.

The amendment passed despite a word of warning from the senate chair.

"This is something the senate should contemplate with a heavy mind," said Chairman Jeff Daigle.

The SGA also passed numerous appropriations.

The College of Education appropriated $80 to help two students to attend the National Association of Teachers of Singing meeting in Arkadelphia, Ark. Twelve members going to the National Student Speech-Language and Hearing Association conference in San Antonio, Texas, received $250 from the College of Liberal Arts and $50 from the General Fund. The liberal arts delegation also allocated $200 for Preview Day.

The College of the Arts appropriated $143.60 for an industrial design convention in Houston.

The College of Nursing gave $50 to defray the costs of the nursing senior banquet, an additional $25 from the General Fund will go toward that event. The 15 students attending the National Student Nurses' Association mid-year conference received $150 from the College of Nursing and $75 from the General Fund.

The SGA took one more step this week that could lead to the destruction of McNaspy Stadium; the Senate passed a bill stating its intention to petition the USL administration to close the bids on the demolition.

And for Preview Day, the nursing delegation appropriated $50; the College of Sciences appropriated $150.

In other business, the residence hall committee passed out food surveys in the campus cafeterias on Wednesday and Thursday (Nov. 10-11). This was to get feedback on the quality of food and service on USL's campus.

New senators were sworn in to fill vacancies. Those appointed were Nicole Deshotel and Nicole Soileau from business, Travis Thibodeaux from engineering and Shreyash Kame from general studies.

Mindy Menard, senator in the College of Education, was named by SGA President Ravis K. Martinez as senator of the month for October.

In his executive report, Martinez outlined the progress of the STEP committee, including a pilot lab in the Student Union for laptop users and new labs for F.G. Mouton Hall.