



## **S.B. 25-26: 4**

**89<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Student Government Association**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session**

**Louisiana Tech University**

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Submitted by Sen. Sawyer Bufkin on the 16th of December, 2025.

### **A Bill for the Establishment of a Memorial Gym Student Lounge**

- 1. WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Tech Student Government Association (SGA) serves as the official governing body representing the students of Louisiana Tech University
- 2. WHEREAS**, according to 1.03.A.C. of the Constitution of the SGA of Louisiana Tech University, which is included in the list of purposes of the SGA reads, "To establish and execute such programs and projects beneficial to the students.";
- 3. WHEREAS**, students that are in the Kinesiology Program or that take

classes in Memorial Gym have no designated student lounge;

4. **WHEREAS**, creating a designated lounge space just for these students will support their wellness, reduce chances of academic burnout, and provide a safe environment for rest and study between classes;
5. **WHEREAS**, the creation of this lounge could foster a sense of community among students, encourage collaboration between the different groups present within the Memorial Gym, and enhance campus culture within the College of Education and Human Sciences;
6. **WHEREAS**, students within the Kinesiology Department have repeatedly expressed their desire for a more comfortable environment, and have been in support of the creation of a Memorial Gym lounge;
7. **WHEREAS**, multiple faculty members, including Department Chair Dr. David Szymanski, have explicitly endorsed this project and have pursued collaboration with students in this effort;
8. **WHEREAS**, the original computer lab was funded by a previous SGA bill, and this would be an opportunity to continue to invest in student services for Memorial Gym students;
9. **WHEREAS**, Memorial Gym is currently home to not only Kinesiology class, but to many English classes as well;
10. **WHEREAS**, the cost of furnishing the lounge, which would include 2 couches (\$1939.98), a rug (\$800), 2 standing lamps (\$300), light bulbs (\$16), a table lamp (\$179), 3 end tables (\$487.99), and a fake plant (\$61.99), would be \$3784.96;

**THEREFORE**, Be It Enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of Louisiana Tech University:

- **Section 1:** The SGA shall allocate \$3784.96 to support the funding of the Kinesiology Student Lounge.
- **Section 2:** The funding shall be distributed to cover the cost of furniture,

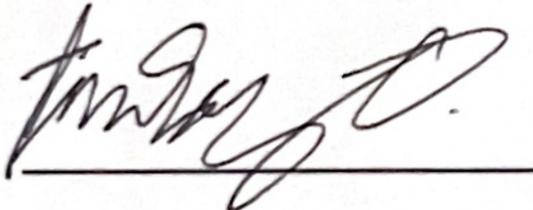
decor, and appliances as outlined in this Bill.

- **Section 3:** The Kinesiology Department shall be responsible for the upkeep of the student lounge, including keeping stock of any supplies.
- **Section 4:** The SGA logo shall be displayed at the lounge.
- **Section 5:** Any items purchased by this funding should remain within Room 219 of Memorial Gym, unless changes are deemed necessary by Departmental leadership.
- **Section 6:** The lounge should be opened by the first week of classes during Spring Quarter 2026
- **Section 7:** Any unused funds should be returned to the Student Senate of the SGA.
- **Section 8:** Suitable copies of this bill should be distributed to Dr. Jim Henderson, Dean of the CEHS Dr. Henrietta Williams Pichon, Kinesiology Department Chair Dr. Szymanski, Kinesiology Instructor Mrs. Jessica Szymanski, and any other university officials deemed appropriate.

Being proposed on the 6th of January 2026, the Secretary reports: //



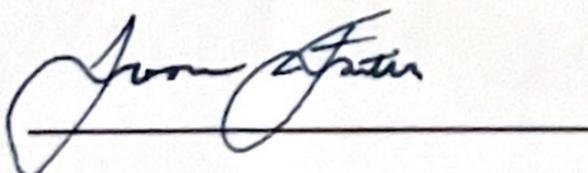
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