Louisiana State University in Shreveport
Staff Senate
Minutes for March 9, 2011

The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Chelsey Chance at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

Staff Senators present included: Cindy Armstrong, Alicia Atkins, Darlenna Atkins, Don Bloxom, Roderick Blue, Susan Gutierrez, Barbara Kelley, Faye Lampkin, Alex Mitchell, Bart Riggins, and Katie Simpson

Staff Senators absent were: Becky Berry, Rene McDonald, and Anthony Washington

Minutes from the February 9, 2011 meeting were approved as written (Don Bloxom motioned to approve, motion passed).

President’s Comments
President Chance reported on new updates about the budget. There was a Board of Supervisors meeting Friday, March 4th. The main issues were the proposals for UNO athletics to change to D2 and approval of LSU coaches’ salaries. The salaries are from self generated funds.

There was not a Council of Staff Advisors meeting on March 4th. The meeting will try to be rescheduled for a later date in March.

President Chance met with Dr. Marsala about several issues. The Chancellor had no objection to the support of LOUIS resolution. The Chancellor and Vice Chancellors had previously met and discussed the proposal of a change in the workweek. There has not been any approval for changes. President Chance resent all documents from the Workweek Evaluation Committee and the Staff Senate’s resolution to the Chancellor. The President of the Faculty Senate and the SGA are discussing the academic week with their affiliates.

Treasurer’s Report
Secretary Darlenna Atkins reported the balances of the Staff Senate’s account.

Staff Senate Support Fund has a balance of $2,153.26. It increased by $126.99 which was made through payroll deductions.

Guest Administrator Reports
Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, reported on several items. The Soccer coach resigned from his position. His replacement Mike Aguilar, previously a coach at Byrd High School, will start next month. The LSUS men basketball teams won their conference. The women’s basketball team also did well in their quarter finals performance.

There hasn’t been any new information pertaining to the budget. Universities should know more after the upcoming Executive Budget meeting. The Revenue Committee acknowledged that there were additional revenue for the current and next year. Civil Service will suspend merit increases again statewide for the 11-12 year.

The state legislation is considering allowing state institutions the ability to increase tuition.

Open Enrollment is scheduled for the week of March 14th. There has been no notice of the rate as of yet.

There will be a power outage on April 22nd, which is Good Friday. The university is already closed that day.

Carla Clark, Head of Access Services and Systems, wanted to thank the Staff Senate for their efforts with the resolution. She will be talking with Faculty Staff Senate.

Old/Current Business
President Chance reported on the drafting of the support LOUIS resolution. The executive committee used the information collected from the Noel Memorial Library and from the Faculty Summit she had previously attended. The Board of Regents did contact Sarah Zimmerman, the Director of Louis, in attempts to restore $500,000 of the funds but not the entire amount. The hope is for LOUIS to become a line item on the House Bill. Barbara Kelley motioned for the approval of the resolution as written. The motion was carried.
New Business
It is time for the election of a new Staff Senate President and Senators. Katie put together a list showing senators will be leaving after the current year. The Human Resource department will send Katie a list with the number of employees in each category so we can adjust the number of Senators needed. The nomination of Senators will be done through email. In this meeting, Senators have to elect a new President. President Chance opened the floor for nominations.

Katie Simpson nominated Cindy Armstrong whom declined.
Don Bloxom nominated Alex Mitchell whom declined.
Cindy Armstrong nominated Don Bloxom whom declined.
Alex Mitchell nominated Katie Simpson who accepted nomination.

With no other nominations, Bart Riggins motioned to elect Katie Simpson as President. The motion was carried.

Katie Simpson will take position as President during the May meeting.

Senator Reports/Committees
Elections – Staff Senate Elections will be conducted during the month of April. The new Senators will take their seats in May.

Luncheon – The Spring Luncheon committee met Tuesday, March 8th @ 9:00am. They discussed date of April 28th for the event. The committee will check the availability of the Port, UC, and the Chancellor. The idea for a Country Fried theme with fried chicken and all the trimmings as the menu was concluded. Any dietary request will be asked on the sign-up form.

Comments from Guest
No comments

Adjournment
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.