Call to Order
The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by Senator Christianne Wojcik, President, at 11:01 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Staff Senators present included: Christianne Wojcik, Brooke Rinaudo, Lance Cole, Linda Wimbley, Daniel Miller, Nicki McLain, Fermand Garlington, and Kelly Wynn. Absent Staff Senators included: Rebecca Chiles, Marilyn Thomas, Pamela Corbit, Cheryl Irvin, John Stevenson, Lance Cole, and Rene McDonald.

Approval of Minutes
After the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes for the March 2014 meeting were approved with no changes. The motion was made by Senator Rinaudo and seconded by Senator McLain.

President’s Comments
- President Wojcik welcomed and recognized new senators Angel Martin and Rachel Taylor and thanked Scott Hardwick of IT Services for filling the vacant seat left by Ken Seale for the remainder of his term.
- She also recognized the incoming president, Kelly Wynn, and noted that the new officers and new senators would begin their terms at the May meeting.

Treasury Report
At our last meeting in January, Senator McLain reported an account balance of $2,693.49. Since then, we have collected $107.32 in payroll deductions and $120.00 for the baseball tailgate party. Cash outflows included two payments to The Port: $228.00 for the basketball tailgate party and $155.00 for the baseball tailgate party. The current account balance is $2,537.81.

Administrator Reports
Provost: Dr. John Vassar
- Thanked everyone involved with the preparation for the Board of Supervisors’ meeting last month. Noted that the meeting went very well.
- Several staff, faculty, and students attended LSU Day in Baton Rouge where LSU campuses joined together to lobby the state legislature on issues affecting the universities.
- SACS will be on campus beginning Sunday to evaluate the level change for the Ed.D. program. Recommendation is expected on Wednesday.

Business Affairs: Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor
- Contribution rates for LASERS is increasing and rates for TRSL are decreasing for the 2014-15 fiscal year.
- The governor has indicated that civil service increases will be funded next year, but nothing has been formally written into the budget yet. Increases would be effective in October.
- In May, the Revenue Estimation Board is meeting. They control the budget for the rest of this year and next year.

Old Business/Current Business
CFCU Finance Workshop: Reported by Senator Miller.
- Will be speaking with Andrea at CFCU to set up next session.

**Rebranding Initiative:** Reported by President Wojcik.
- Rebranding Committee from LSU will be here next Wednesday and Thursday.
- Will conduct four sessions with 10-12 persons from campus to include students, staff, faculty, and athletic students to get ideas for a new mascot. Will research Captain Henry Shreve.
- First concept of the mascot expected by June.

**Spring Luncheon:** Reported by President Wojcik.
- Invitations sent on Monday. RSVP due by next Wednesday.
- Date and time is May 1 from 12:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
- Theme is “Throwback Thursday.” Will include old yearbook and other LSUS photographs.
- New logo will be unveiled at luncheon.
- Dr. Sisson will be recognized for his service as Interim Chancellor.

**New Senator Elections:** Reported by President Wojcik.
- Angel Martin was elected to replace Senator Chiles’ seat in the Administrator/Manager category.
- Rachel Taylor was elected to replace Senator Miller’s seat in the Other Professional category.
- Scott Hardwick volunteered to fill the seat left vacant by Ken Seale.

**New Business**

**Tobacco-Free Policy:** Reported by Dr. Tim Winter, Chair of Kinesiology and Health Sciences.
- Recognized Bill Wolfe, Director of Human Resources and the LSUS Campus Police for their assistance for setting up the new policy.
- We used the same template that most institutions in the state are using. Presented a handout outlining the similarities and differences with other campuses. Our policy was developed using a supportive, encouraging approach.
- Implementation is coming in August and many support services will be offered to employees and students.
- Vaping has been the biggest issue of contention throughout the process. Was included in the list of forbidden products since the FDA has not approved it for smoking cessation purposes and it has not been studies enough.

**Senator Reports/ Committees**

**Budget Crisis Committee:** The committee has not met since the last meeting, so there are no updates.

**Comments**
- Dr. John Vassar: Announced that former Caddo Parish School Board president Ollie Tyler would be speaking at spring commencement. Thanked Senator Garlington for the slideshow.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Senator Rinaudo and seconded by Senator Wimbley.