The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Katie Simpson at 2:01 P.M. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

Staff Senators present included: Cindy Armstrong, Darlenna Atkins, Faye Lampkin, Daniel Miller, Alex Mitchell, and Barbara Tillman

Staff Senators absent were: Don Bloxom, Rebecca Chiles, Susan Gutierrez, Rene McDonald, and Anthony Washington

Minutes from the March 14, 2012 and March 23, 2012 meetings were approved as written (Daniel Miller motioned to approve, Alex Mitchell seconded the motion, motion passed).

President’s Comments
President Simpson thanked the Staff for their help to get the power back on. She also attended yesterday’s Faculty Senate Meeting in which the Commitment Plan was discussed.

Treasury Report
Treasurer Daniel Miller reported the balances of the Staff Senate’s account.

The Staff Senate Support Fund(s) currently have a net balance of $2,672.11. Since our last Staff Senate Meeting we have collected $116.66 in payroll contributions. There are no further transactions pending for Staff Senate Fund(s).

Guest Administrator Reports
Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, thanked IT and Facility Services for their help to get the power back on. If the main power line fails, you can usually switch to a second one – but that one also failed. The cost was about $450,000, but the University can write that off as an insurance claim but will still be on the hook for about $2,000. The budget has been frozen, and we do not know if there will be another cut but it is a possibility. Salaries, etc. have been committed thru June 30, so everything has been frozen. We do not have the numbers in yet for next year’s budget. One of the voting members is out due to medical reasons, so they may vote via technology. We will have a 10 percent tuition increase and pass the Grad Act once it is finalized. The penalties of not passing the Grad Act are losing the 10 percent tuition increase and autonomies to get things passed without going thru Baton Rouge. There is a $1 million deficit, and it is down largely due to enrollment. We need to recruit and retain but are losing state support, and retirement costs are going up. In good news Pilots Baseball is #1 in the nation, so cheer them on. Also, please take the ethics training.

Kristin Fiser, Associate Director of Human Resources, reminded everyone that the ethics training deadline was been pushed to April 17 and service awards will be next week.

Old/Current Business
The resolution in response to the LSU Shreveport/Louisiana Tech merger study passed and has been submitted to Dianne Howell in Alumni and the Chancellor. President Simpson asked for approval to send the resolution to the legislators and LSU System Administrators, and approval was granted.

New Business
For the election of the President for the 2012-2013 year, the timeline is as follows: President Simpson nominated Daniel Miller who declined, Daniel Miller nominated Alex Mitchell who declined, Cindy Armstrong nominated Katie Simpson who declined, Cindy Armstrong nominated Faye Lampkin who declined, Darlenna Atkins nominated Barbara Tillman who declined, and then President Simpson re-nominated Daniel Miller who accepted.

Senator Reports/Committees
Elections are coming up soon, so we may need to have an emergency meeting once the EEO groups are compiled. We are also looking at the possibility of changing when the nominations and monthly meetings take place. Cindy Armstrong and Alex Mitchell asked to move the May meeting to Wednesday, May 16 to allow for time to complete the elections on a condensed schedule, and that was approved.
Comments from Guests
Amanda Hayes of Campus Federal Credit Union reminded about the brown bag lunch on Wednesday, April 25. There was an announcement in the safety newsletter, and President Simpson will send out an email.

Adjournment
Darlienna Atkins motioned to adjourn, Faye Lampkin seconded the motion. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M.