The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Katie Simpson at 2:06 P.M. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

Staff Senators present included: Darlenna Atkins, Rebecca Chiles, Faye Lampkin, Daniel Miller, and Barbara Tillman

Staff Senators absent were: Cindy Armstrong, Don Bloxom, Susan Gutierrez, Rene McDonald, Alex Mitchell, and Anthony Washington

President’s Comments
At the Holiday Luncheon, there were 147 people total: 37 members of the Staff Senate Support Fund, 110 paying attendees. President Simpson thanked everyone who helped (Darlenna, Rebecca, and Don) and asked for any comments or feedback. Bill Wolfe said that Human Resources could help with passing out nametags for the Spring Luncheon.

During the Eva Klein meeting, the associates asked about programs that are needed in the area (requested data). The people of Northwest Louisiana are the “client,” so they are not necessarily looking out for the best interest of LSUS. They are trying to determine what the best option is, and there are looking at three possibilities: (1) merge with Louisiana Tech in Ruston, (2) collaboration with other schools, or (3) grow LSUS. We are supposed to have a recommendation by the beginning of next year.

Budget Update: we have been told to expect mid-year budget cuts; will probably be given an amount for our campus on Friday; will have to submit a plan for cuts ASAP.

President Simpson read a thank-you note from Dianne Howell in Alumni Affairs. It was thanking the Staff Senate for helping with the toy drive.

Guest Administrator Reports
Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, reported that the state is $40 million short because the money is needed to go for grades K thru 12. If there is a shortfall, the Governor has 30 days to react. The Revenue-Estimating Committee is meeting today, and the Board of Regents will receive notification of what the cuts to higher education are by this Friday. There will be greater autonomy on restricted employment, the ability to purchase IT equipment, and for contracts. In addition, buildings were added to the baseball and soccer fields because of a surplus from the Bossier Parish School Board. We now have locker rooms for all teams except tennis.

Bill Wolfe, Director of Human Resources, reported that Human Resources would be disseminating an employee satisfaction survey (a 20-25 questionnaire) partly driven by SACS. The survey is tentatively set for January 13, and the results would be provided to the Staff Senate.

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

We have a balance of $23.16 in the Campus Federal Support Fund and $2,284.31 in the self-generated Staff Senate Support Fund. This is the net effect of pending expenses from the Holiday Luncheon. The grand total of Staff Senate Support Funding is $2,307.47.

- The cost of the Holiday Luncheon was $1,553.11
- We collected $1,050.00 from attendees
- Those supporters contributing via payroll deduction absorbed the slack

***for the next Staff Senate-funded event, we need to exhaust the Campus Federal Account first

Old/Current Business
There is no old/current business to report.

New Business
Amanda Hayes from Campus Federal Credit Union spoke about how Campus Federal is a credit union for the campus and seeks to provide educational opportunities. She and President Simpson discussed the possibility of a brown-bag-type fellowship luncheon in which financial planning is discussed.
Minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting were approved as written (Rebecca Chiles motioned to approve, Faye Lampkin seconded the motion, motion passed).

Comments from Guest
None

Adjournment
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.