The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Katie Simpson at 2:02 P.M. on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

Staff Senators present included: Cindy Armstrong, Darlenna Atkins, Don Bloxom, Rebecca Chiles, Daniel Miller, Alex Mitchell, and Barbara Tillman

Staff Senators absent were: Susan Gutierrez, Faye Lampkin, Rene McDonald, and Anthony Washington

Since there was not a quorum at the last meeting, minutes from both the September 21, 2011 and October 12, 2011 meetings were approved as written (Cindy Armstrong motioned to approve, motion passed).

President's Comments
President Simpson has a meeting today from 3-5 PM with Eva Klein. Eva Klein & Associates has been employed by the Community Foundation of Shreveport/Bossier, Committee of 100 and the Regents to review and make recommendations regarding how to best meet the unmet needs in the Shreveport/Bossier Metro Area with regard to undergraduate and graduate programs, including doctoral programs. The scope of Eva Klein’s work has been enlarged over the previous agreement reported in the newspaper which only mentioned the possible merger of institutions. There are 14 attending from the Faculty/Staff Senate, but President Simpson is the only one from the Staff Senate (mostly academic).

Treasury Report
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 $2,669.26 in the self-generated Staff Senate Support Fund. The grand total of Staff Senate Support Funding is $2,692.42. There are no other fiscal matters pending at this time.

Guest Administrator Reports
Dr. Paul Sisson, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, reported that Eva Klein is going to be hired by the Community Foundation of Shreveport/Bossier. There is research into the possibility of a merger between LSUS and Louisiana Tech in Ruston.

Bill Wolfe, Director of Human Resources, hoped to have a date picked for the holiday luncheon so that service award nominations could be discussed.

Old/Current Business
Holiday Luncheon:

The date scheduled with the UC is December 9. This is a Board meeting date, so the Chancellor will probably not be able to attend. President Simpson asked if we wanted to look at an alternative date or move forward. The day before, Thursday, December 8, was chosen so that the Chancellor can attend.

We are brainstorming on the menu with a Cajun Christmas theme. Food suggestions were [shrimp] gumbo or corn and crab soup, [chicken/sausage] jambalaya, corn, green beans, salad, crab cakes, and bread pudding for dessert.

Don Bloxom said that Facility Services would help with door prizes.

We will be teaming up with Dianne Howell and Kimberly Thornton for a toy drive. Toys will be delivered to the children at LSU hospital on Tuesday, December 13 at 2 PM. Please let President Simpson know if you would like to help deliver the toys.

New Business
There is no new business to report.
Senator Reports/Committees
Don Bloxom reported on the energy-saving lights recently installed in the parking lots. The project was funded by the Obama stimulus package, so it did not cost the University. There were $80,000.00 worth of street lights installed, and the street lights will save more than 50 percent. Rebecca Chiles discussed the safety aspect: officers are better able to view others at night. Cindy Armstrong complimented Alex Mitchell on the efficiency in which the street lights were installed. Don Bloxom added that we are very close to the installation of a new heating system in the library. There are no university funds for this project; they are all from Baton Rouge.

Comments from Guest
None

Adjournment
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 P.M.