The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Elmer Tingler at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Staff Senators present included: Cindy Armstrong, Alicia Atkins, Darlenna Atkins, Becky Berry, Don Bloxom, Roderick Blue, Terry Byrd, Chelsey Chance, Rita Lott, Tulin Melancon, Alex Mitchell, Rene McDonald, Elmer Tingler and Roger West.

Staff Senators absent were: Bridget Verret and Anthony Washington.

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

**President’s Comments**
President Elmer Tingler has not attended another meeting concerning budget crisis. At the end of this meeting, he is passing the gavel to the 2010-2011 Staff Senate President, Chelsey Chance. President Tingler thanked the Senate for a good year.

**Treasurer’s Report**
Treasurer Chelsey Chance reported that the Staff Senate Support Fund had a balance of $1,725.55. Roger West motioned to approve the report. The motion carried.

**Guest Administrator Reports**
Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, reported on the current budget situation. The State Revenue Estimating Committee is meeting to discuss the current statewide budget shortfall. There is a $319 million shortfall for the current fiscal year. LSUS has not yet received any news on the 2010-2011 budget. There is a current spending freeze on campus. Vice Chancellor Ferrell did not have any new updates on the status of furloughs. He did report that a new telephone system would be installed in early May (the centralized equipment is being replaced and not telephones).

**Current/Old Business**
President Tingler reported on the smoking ban survey. Staff Senators surveyed their constituents concerning the proposed smoking ban. The results of the survey were as follows: 34 for banning smoking on campus; 35 against banning smoking on campus and 18 neutral or no stance. Don Bloxom moved to forward the results to the SGA. The motion carried.

**Senator Reports/Committees**

- **Tailgating Committee** – Elmer Tingler reported that next tailgate is April 30th for a LSUS baseball game. The Port will cater the meal. The fee is $5 and will cover meal and admission.

- **Spring Luncheon Committee** – Chelsey Chance reported that the Spring Luncheon is Friday, April 23, 2010. Emails were sent to current employees on campus. Invitations were mailed to retirees.

- **Election Committee** – Tulin Melancon reported that still a vacancy for a staff senator from skilled/craft. Incoming senators for 2010-2011 are Katie Simpson, Administration; Barbara Kelly, Other Professional; Faye Lampkin, Clerical; Bart Riggins, Technical.

**New Business**
Senator Rita Lott presented information on bingo as a potential fundraiser. SUSLA, Southwood High School, Parkway High School and others have a night where they benefit. She will discuss with Glenda Erwin.

DeAnn Arnold was asked to collect and tally the secret ballots voting for Staff Senator of the Year. The winner will be announced at the Spring Luncheon.

**Other Comments**
Don Bloxom commented on facility services efforts to save money. He asked everyone to please turn light outs. He also updated the Senate on the completed stand-alone heating unit project in HPE and the lighting retrofit project.

Mickey Diez updated the Staff Senate on LSUSs efforts in admission and recruiting. Laura Weego updated the Staff Senate on the technology enhancements and use of technology within Admissions.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.