Louisiana State University in Shreveport  
Staff Senate  
Minutes for March 23, 2012

The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Katie Simpson at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, March 23, 2012.

Staff Senators present included: Darlenna Atkins, Susan Gutierrez, Faye Lampkin, Rene McDonald, and Anthony Washington

Staff Senators represented by proxy: Daniel Miller – Evelyn Brazzell, Barbara Tillman - LB Standokes

Staff Senators absent were: Cindy Armstrong, Don Bloxom, Rebecca Chiles, and Alex Mitchell

President’s Comments
President Simpson said that its time for next year’s election. The election for a new President should have been done at the March 11th meeting, but will now take place during the meeting in April. A list will be compiled showing senators who are leaving after the current year.

Guest Administrator Reports
Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, reported on the electrical problem the campus is suffering. The campus suffered a power outage on March 22nd due to a failure of our primary electrical feed. This cause the campus to switch to our backup electrical feed. The backup electrical feed is now expected to fail. SWEPCO is not at fault. The responsibility falls on the university. In order to fix the problem, the entire campus will have to be shutdown. The plan is to shutdown the campus the week of April 2nd. The students will be on Spring Break that week. Staff members are asked to turn off computers, clean out office refrigerators, and sign up for the Emergency Beacon. Accounting Services is working on a plan any problems with the upcoming April 5th payroll. Any alerts will be pushed out on the Emergency Beacon and on Facebook.

Old/Current Business
The Executive committee met and created a resolution opposing the LSUS and LaTech merger. The committee wanted to the resolution to be based on facts known about the merger and to leave out any unknown areas. The final resolution was sent out to staff senators.

The floor was open for any discussion. Faye Lampkin motioned to accept the resolution as written. Rene McDonald seconded the motion. The resolution was approved.

New Business
President Simpson will send the resolution to Chancellor Marsala and Diane Howell to distribute to alumni. Other possible recipients include the Governor’s office and local legislators.

Comments from Guest
There were no comments from guests.

Adjournment
Darlenna Atkins motioned to adjourn, Faye Lampkin seconded the motion. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.