

## August 31, 2006

<b>I. Executive</b>	<b>Senators-At-Large</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Denitra Dennis Shay Paschal Ebonee Rhodes	Jessica Adams Nicole Goad Joseph Hayes Alisha Howard Judy Lane Audrey Moore Melissa Rose Mikea Scott Keytrick Washington	Mayte Pino

### **II. Executive Reports**

- a President Denitra Dennis welcomes all 2006-2007 senators and thanks them for their attendance of the first meeting.
- b Vice President Shay Paschal welcomes the 2006-2007 senators to the first meeting of the year. She also reports that she will have committee assignments ready for next meeting.
- c Secretary Ebonee Rhodes requests that everyone fill out a Profile Biography for the website and remain after the meeting for a brief period to take pictures.

### **III. Old Business**

- a None

### **IV. New Business**

- a. Fall 2006 SGA Plans- President Denitra Dennis provides senate with new ideas including: a designated for smokers where they will not feel alienated, healthcare for students, ways to decrease book prices for students, a full week for Thanksgiving Break, and the ability of the UCA to place students records on hold although they are not affiliated with LSUS. Senator Alisha Howard believes it would be a great idea to have a place designated for smoking where students can feel comfortable. President Denitra Dennis also adds that there should be one area per building. Senator Melissa Rose also believes that this is a good idea because students continue smoking in non-smoking zones. President Denitra Dennis additionally states that healthcare should be optional to all students. Senator Melissa Rose

also agrees and adds that healthcare is very important since all students are not offered insurance by their jobs. Senator Alisha Howard recommends that we issue a student survey to see if any students would be interested. Senator Nicole Goad states that she has added a group on facebook to trade books.

b. 2006 Committee Assignments- Vice President Shay Paschal states that she will assign each senator to two committees. President Denitra Dennis recommends that all senators reference the bylaws which list the committees and their charges. Vice President Shay Paschal requests that senators inform her if they are passionate about a particular committee.

c. President Pro-Tempore Nominations- Vice President Shay Paschal explains that President Pro-Tempore presides over meetings in the absence of the Vice President. Vice President Shay Paschal opens the floor for nominations. Vice President Shay Paschal nominates Senator Joseph Hayes. Senator Joseph Hayes accepts the nomination. Vice President Shay Paschal opens the floor for voting. All senators vote in favor of Senator Joseph Hayes for President Pro-Tempore.

d. Transition from Blackboard to Moodle- Vice President Shay Paschal announces that in Spring 07' LSUS will transition from Blackboard to Moodle and encourages all students to familiarize themselves with the new service. Vice President Shay Paschal also expresses her concern that she is unsure where the money previously allocated to Blackboard will go since Moodle is a free service. Senator Melissa Goad adds that Moodle should be fairly simple to operate.

## **V. Announcements**

a SGA will be present at Kick- Off Kaos to recruit additional senators and inform them of the benefits SGA offers. She encourages all senators to wear their SGA shirts.

b Kick- Off Kaos will substitute for the scheduled meeting next Thursday.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Senator Mikea Scott motions to conclude the meeting and Senator Keytrick Washington seconds her motion. With a unanimous vote the meeting is adjourned.