

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14TH 2007

II. WELCOME

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Wednesday February 14th 2007 by Vice President Adnan Samhan. The following senators were present: Eddie Thomas, Tulin Melancon, Cooper Cochran, Pam Howard, Tracy McCrary, Femand Garlington, Adnan Samhan, Darlene Player, Elmer Tingler, Bart Riggins and Joseph Pearson.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the meeting dated December 13th 2006 were approved.

III. COMMENTS

- a. Mike Ferrell
 - i. Please support our LSUS Athletics, they are having great seasons.
- b. Don Bloxom
 - i. Please remember to turn lights out that are not in use
- c. DeAnn Arnold
 - i. March 8th there will be a “Savings Fair” that is not just for retirement, but all aspects and products for savings. There will be door prizes.
 - ii. Open enrollment sessions begin April 3rd

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. LSU Staff Council website will have a link on our Staff Senate website
- b. Elections for a new Staff Senate President will be in the March Meeting.
- c. Civil Service Reform
 - i. There are task force subcommittees formed to discuss potential changes with civil service in the LSU System

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Luncheon Committee
 - i. Spring Luncheon date is Thursday May 10th. The committee will meet soon
- b. Brown Bag Committee
 - i. Two events have been held already with great success. We will continue to offer this service
 - ii. Please encourage faculty to join in the discussion/fellowship groups as well as sponsor the meeting
 - iii. Anyone interested in sponsoring a luncheon should contact Vicki Fentress
- c. Crisis Leave
 - i. Will meet soon
- d. Long Range Planning Committee
 - i. Had a meeting Monday the 12th with the Chancellor

- ii. All were briefed on funding issues with the state, the system and LSUS
- iii. Chancellor echoed the same frustrations that we all feel
- iv. Chancellor will be looking at the Retention and Recruitment recommendations to make sure we have implementation of the plans
- v. Chancellor agreed to present a “State of the University” address to faculty and staff in the fall
- e. Election Committee
 - i. There are 4 seats up for election this season: One admin/manager, 1 clerical, 1 skilled crafts and 1 service maintenance
 - ii. Timeline for elections: Call for nominations goes out March 1st, Nominations are due March 23rd, ballots sent out for contested seats by March 30, ballots due April 6th, results reported April 11th

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. John Irvin staff/faculty training event
 - i. Thursday April 17th at 2 p.m. will be a special session for just fac/staff.
- b. Motion to ask the Chancellor to provide release time for staff to attend the training session. Motioned carried.
- c. Tailgate Party Organization
 - i. Elmer Tingler will chair a planning committee for a tailgate party for fac/staff at a baseball home game this semester.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF SENATORS

- a. March 28th will be another Blood Drive by appointment.
- b. Massages will be given by Blue Cliff Massage outreach program for faculty/staff from 1 to 4:30 on Friday the 16th

IX. Adjournment