

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES
12 SEPTEMBER 2007

II. WELCOME

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday September 12th 2007 by President Adnan Samhan. The following senators were present: Alex Mitchell, Bart Riggins, Pam Howard, Barbara Kase, Darlene Player, Cyndi Olson, Tulin Melancon, Nicki McLain, Viki Fentress, Femand Garlington, Elmer Tingler, Cooper Cochran and Adnan Samhan. Absent were: Deloris Wright, Jeff Englade and Tracy McCrary.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the meeting dated May 9th 2007 were approved.

III. COMMENTS

- a. Don Bloxom, Director of Facility Services introduced a new Assistant Director, Jimmy Dillard who is responsible for custodian and grounds. Welcome to LSUS.
- b. George Carroll reported on his efforts to organize faculty/staff only blood drives. If you are interested please contact him at george.carroll@lsus.edu.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Joseph Pearson has been appointed as the Staff Senator to fill a vacant position. He is also appointed to serve again as Staff Senate Secretary without objection.
- b. President Samhan and Darlene Player met with Katherine Pace from the Ag Center. They were introduced to a "Character Counts" development/training program that is being offered at the LSUHSC and may be something that we could bring to LSUS.
- c. A committee was created to do an assessment of the needs for training on the Integrow information system. Tulin Melancon was appointed as chair of that committee. Anyone interested in giving feedback or helping with the committee can contact tulin.melancon@lsus.edu
- d. Annual Faculty/Staff Fish Fry is Friday October 12th. Help is needed to set tables and chairs and other duties. Anyone interested show up on the mall by 12:30 p.m. to help. Also remember that the table contest is going on so be creative and compete to win. Look for emails to come for further info.
- e. President Samhan met with Joe Hayes, the Student Government President and offered the senate's willingness to work with him.

V. TREASURY REPORT

- a. Last year Staff Senate spent, \$2350.
- b. 23 people had signed up for the staff senate support fund last year
- c. This year as of the last payroll, 43 people have signed up. Anyone interested in participating in the Staff Senate Support Fund may contact nicki.mclain@lsus.edu.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Committee Updates

i. Brown Bag Luncheon

II. Each event has been very successful. Everyone is encouraged to participate. If you are interested in hosting a luncheon please contact Viki Fentress at viki.fentress@lsus.edu.

ii. Shared Leave Committee

II. This committee will get together soon

iii. Tailgate Committee

II. This committee will meet early spring to plan the tailgate event.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Holiday Luncheon

i. Cyndi Olson is appointed the Chair of the Holiday Luncheon Committee. Help is needed to make this a success, anyone interested in helping with this event should contact, cyndi.olson@lsus.edu.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF SENATORS

- a. Please contact those on your representation list. The list will be sent out monthly, new hires will be hi-lighted. Please make a special effort to personally welcome the new hires that are assigned to you.
- b. Bart Riggins suggested the senate look into having more trainings like the one we had with John Irvin last spring .
- c. Continuing Education is bringing John Irvin back to campus this semester for paid training. Those interested in attending the 3 hour training should contact their director or department supervisor to see if they are willing to pay for you to attend.
- d. The senate is interested in having the faculty/staff massage event happen again. Joseph Pearson will head that effort.
- e. Viki Fentress announced that 40th anniversary events will be occurring the next couple of weeks including the celebration dinner. Seats are still available.
- f. The university has rolled out a new ID Card called the Pilot Card. Faculty and Staff should come to the UC to get their new card. Please know your PID number when you come.
- g. The Pilot's Mascot will be revealed at Midnight Madness in October along with the athletic teams. Watch for this exciting event.
- h. If you are having errors in compass updating your information contact Human Resources.
- i. Student enrollment is about even with last year, but no final or official information will be available until after the 14th day.

IX. Adjournment