

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 11TH 2006

II. WELCOME

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday October 11th 2006 by President Rita Lott. The following senators were present: Eddie Thomas, Ed Robbins, Tracy McCrary, Rita Lott, Tulin Melancon, Cyndi Olson, Fermand Garlington, Viki Fentress, Adnan Samhan, Nicki Lafitte, Darlene Player, Eddie Thomas and Joseph Pearson.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the meeting dated September 13th 2006 were approved with a change in spelling.

III. COMMENTS

- a. Dr. Stuart Mills
 - i. Presented enrollment statistics
 - ii. Presented statistics on most popular academic programs: Biology is top.
 - iii. LSUS is working on increasing graduate programs
 - II. Master of Public Health with LSUHSC is in progress for approval
 - III. PhD in bioinformatics is in approval process, partnership with LATECH and LSUHSC.
 - IV. Master of Educational Leadership is in the approval process
 - iv. SACS accreditation:
 - II. Our accreditation lasts until 2015
 - III. As part of our assessment, the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) is being implemented.
 - v. LSUS has 3 Endowed Chairs
 - vi. Over 10% of LSUS Faculty are supported by endowed programs
 - vii. Property and Facilities
 - II. The TC and Science buildings have been refurbished
 - III. UC and Bronson Hall need to be refurbished/renovated
 - IV. LSUS is acquiring land for future growth.
 - viii. LSUS Statistics:
 - II. 75% to 80 % of faculty have doctorates
 - III. We have a well managed campus
 - IV. We get much more effort than we pay for
 - V. We get many community members to teach courses for us.
 - ix. Discussion
 - II. The question is asked, "What can we do as staff to help recruitment/retention?"
 - III. LSUS needs scholarship money
 - IV. We need money for recruitment

- V. Need to offer more academic programs
- VI. We are trying to increase online programs slowly as technology increases
- VII. Question: Why do we not fund things like the leadership academy and the TLTC program

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- a. There will be proxy forms on the staff senate website if you cannot make a meeting.
- b. President Lott is trying to find a permanent residence for the staff senate file cabinet
- c. President Lott wants to have a one on one meeting with each staff senator.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. The Long Range Planning Committee will meet October 24th
- b. October 28th, the Holiday Luncheon Committee will meet.
 - i. The theme for the luncheon is "Let it snow"
 - ii. Door prize letters went out
 - iii. Canned food drive will be part of this event again
- c. Crisis Leave committee will meet later

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Please help fill the open positions:
 - i. One Clerical
 - ii. One Service Maintenance
 - iii. One Technical Paraprofessional

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF SENATORS

- a. The Rec Survey will be coming in your emails on October 30th. Please complete the survey. It is important for the future planning of rec at LSUS.
- b. Mike Ferrell
 - i. The holiday season is coming. Please watch offices, handbags, valuables. Holidays are a time when thieves are looking for opportunities. Be careful. Please make sure emergency numbers are by each phone, and be aware where the emergency phones are on the perimeter of campus.
- c. DeAnn Arnold
 - i. Director of Univ. Police interviews are occurring. There are some good candidates.
 - ii. DeAnn is serving on the steering committee for the "Agenda For Change" committee of the system. She is seeking an agreement to ensure teleconferencing takes place for the committee meetings.
 - iii. October 30th is a retirement fair. Watch your email for info.
 - iv. ING is offering a new LSU403B plan. Information will be emailed to you.

- v. We will be starting background checks on all new hires.
- d. Red River Radio is in its Fund Drive
- e. Thanks to Dr. Mills for attending the Staff Senate Meeting

IX. Adjournment at 2:52 pm.