

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8TH 2006

II. WELCOME

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday November 8th 2006 by President Rita Lott. The following senators were present: Eddie Thomas, Ed Robbins, Tracy McCrary, Rita Lott, Cyndi Olson, Femand Garlington, Viki Fentress, Adnan Samhan, Nicki Lafitte, Darlene Player, Elmer Tingler, Cheryl Crain and Joseph Pearson.
- b. Guests who signed in: Mike Ferrell, Pamela Howard, La'Dustieya Moham, Kim Thornton, Diane Howell, Cooper Cochran, Marilyn Saunders and Robert Lewis.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the meeting dated October 11th 2006 were approved.

III. COMMENTS

- a. Kimberly Thornton and Diane Howell
 - i. Homecoming 2007
 - II. After many years, Homecoming is back and will be February 21-24. The theme is: "Sail Away With Me" and many activities are planned including: Movies "Pirates of the Caribbean (I & II), Rec Contests, Student Organization Contests, Homecoming Dance, Homecoming 5K walk/run, Men's and Women's Basketball Games and a lot more.
 - III. The Alumni are sponsoring "Love LSUS Style" as part of Homecoming. It is a contest of the 1200 Alumni that have met and married at LSUS. 7 winning couple will submit their stories which will be part of the dance decorations. The Alumni are excited about being a part of bringing back Homecoming.
 - IV. Staff Senate would like a representative on the committee and will be appointing someone to serve.
 - b. Mike Ferrell
 - i. The Division of Administration has submitted a proposal to change the civil service merit increases to once a year on July 1, instead of periodically throughout the year. If approved, this change will not affect the merit increases each individual earns, but will only affect when that increase will occur.
 - ii. LSUS Kiwanis invites all interested to join this service organization. Kiwanis performs community service for various charities and organizations in the community. They meet every Wednesday at Noon in the University Center for lunch. If you are interested, membership in the

organization is \$35 per month and includes all lunch (meals) and dues. If interested, please contact the President, Mike Ferrell.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. President Lott attended the LSU Staff Advisors meeting in Baton Rouge. They discussed use of the CPTP training program which is being implemented at LSUS. Watch for further information about the opportunity staff have of improving their computer skills through this training program.
- b. LSU Staff Council website is being worked on and will be up soon.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. The Long Range Planning Committee
 - i. Met October 24th.
 - ii. Discussion of the committee meeting centered on the future of LSUS and future plans as well as student retention, marketing and recruitment and undergrad programs. Minutes of the meeting are on the staff senate website.
- b. Holiday Luncheon Committee
 - i. Met October 26th
 - ii. Menu and decorations plans were finalized
 - iii. Good door prizes have been secured
 - iv. November 20th is the deadline for getting money in.
- c. Crisis Leave committee will meet later
- d. Election Committee will meet in the Spring
- e. Motion to create a Brown Bag Luncheon Committee. Motion approved. VP Samhan will appoint a chair and assign committee members to the committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Senators
 - i. Cooper Cochran
 - ii. Pam Howard
 - iii. Both staff members unanimously approved to serve on the Senate
- b. Outstanding Service Awards
 - i. Changes have been made to this award and process
 - ii. The LSUS Foundation has increased the amount of money available. There are 3 awards per classification of \$250 each.
 - iii. The selection committee is made up of a staff member from each division, one staff senate rep, staff senate president, faculty senate president
 - iv. Nominations can be made in writing or online.
 - v. Please nominate your fellow staff members that you think deserve this honor.
- c. University Committees

- i. The senate leadership will identify those university wide committees that exist and ensure that there is staff senate representation on each committee.
- d. Staff Activities
 - i. The brown bag luncheon committee was formed and will organize these events.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF SENATORS

- a. Thanks to all who participated in the Recreation Survey we had almost 1,000 respondents from the LSUS and LSUHSC campuses which include faculty, staff and students. A final report from the consultants will be given in February.
- b. Please invite your fellow staff members to the Holiday Luncheon as a good time is had by all who attend.
- c. Please support LSUS Athletics, the women's and men's basketball teams are doing very well at the start of the season and the women's soccer team won the conference this year.

IX. Adjournment at 2:50 pm.