

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES
JANUARY 11TH 2006

I. WELCOME

- i. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday January 11th 2006 by President Rita Lott. The following senators were present: Vice President Pam Corbitt, Willie Mae Thomas, Adnan Samhan, Jelisa Freeman, Cyndi Olson, Femand Garlington, Eddie Thomas, Ed Robbins, Wally Derleth and Secretary Joseph Pearson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ii. Minutes of the meeting dated December 14th were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- i. President Lott thanked everyone for coming. She also asked all present to make every effort to serve on a committee.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Baton Rouge Trip

- i. The system wide staff consortium which serves as an advisory council to the Board of regents is becoming active again and is looking for a staff representative from LSUS. The next meeting will take place on February 2nd at 8:30 am. The staff senate will review procedures for electing a representative from LSUS. President Rita Lott will travel to the Board meeting in February.

b. Committee Updates

- i. Crisis Leave Program
 - II. No current report.
- ii. Staff Senate Scholarship
 - II. No current report
- iii. Sponsored Training
 - II. DeAnn Arnold and Joseph Pearson put together a survey that was distributed to find out what the needs and wants of LSUS Staff are. When results are analyzed a report will be given to the senate with recommendations. Special thanks to DeAnn Arnold for all of her help with the survey. Anyone that wants to serve on this committee should contact Joseph Pearson.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election Committee

- i. March is the time for elections for Staff Senate. Joseph Pearson was asked to chair the committee for this year. Don Bloxom and DeAnn Arnold volunteered to serve on the election committee. DeAnn Arnold suggested

that the committee develop constituency groups with lists of members for elections and for general use for senators.

- b. Spring Luncheon Committee
 - i. Rita Lott, Jelisa Freeman and Cyndi Olson will serve on this committee. The Spring Luncheon will be on May 19th.
- c. Staff Senate Website
 - i. President Lott spoke with James Bobbitt about having the website become active. She will be gathering some information including pictures. The Senate needs to decide who will be in charge of updating the site and providing content. Suggestions include having short biographies of the senators. Discussion took place about having information and biographies of Staff Senators in the Almagest. Vice President Pam Corbitt will be researching this opportunity.
- d. Monthly Meeting Amendment
 - i. Don Bloxom gave some history to the Staff Senate. They didn't want to do meetings in the summer to avoid the mentality of having to meet just to have a meeting. There was a lot of absenteeism in the summer. The senate can always call a meeting in the summer, or can have work groups meeting to get ready for the fall semester. Mr. Bloxom also suggested that the time of elections and seating of senators needs to be examined for effectiveness or maybe include a training session to get new senators up to speed.

VI. COMMENTS

- a. Don Bloxom announced that they will be installing the HVAC for the new supercomputer that will be housed in the Technology Building. He also stated that developing the website is a good idea and that the Holiday Luncheon was one of the best he's attended. Also the Basketball teams are doing very well this year and baseball will be starting soon. Mr. Bloxom encourages everyone to support the athletics of LSUS.
- b. Senator Sanham announced that Registration is currently underway and fee payment will be in the Administration Building due to the broken elevator in the University Center. Mr. Sanham invites any senators to volunteer to help distribute checks on Tuesday the 17th of January. Also announced was that the semi-monthly checks will be starting on January 20th. W2's will be sent out soon.
- c. Joseph Pearson announced that there will be a survey administered in the near future to students, staff and faculty regarding recreation and a possible new facility. Watch for further information.
- d. DeAnn Arnold announced the Change Committee's New Year's Resolution Series begins on January 19th. Bring a sack lunch.

VII. Adjournment