

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 14TH 2005

I. WELCOME

- i. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Wednesday December 14th 2005 by Vice President Pam Corbitt. The following senators were present: Pam Corbitt, Willie Mae Thomas, Adnan Samhan, Jelisa Freeman, Tisha Taylor, Rita Lott, Cyndi Olson, Fermand Garlington, Eddie Thomas, Wally Derleth and Joseph Pearson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ii. Minutes of the meeting dated November 9th were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- i. Vice President Pam Corbitt thanked Rita Lott and Jelisa Freeman and other volunteers for their work on the Holiday Luncheon. Everyone has raved about how well it went and how nice the decorations were.

IV. COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

- i. Mike Ferrell reported that there is a 3.6% budget reduction from general fund. There is also an additional reduction of approximately \$109K from special legislative project funding. This includes AC for a large computer system for computer science and other projects across campus. There may be additional cuts announced in January. Positions are frozen, currently no jobs are in danger.
- ii. DeAnn Arnold announced that the Change Committee will be sponsoring a personal development series/brown bag lunch speakers and topics. The first information session will be January 19th.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Sponsored Training

- i. Joseph Pearson to chair a committee to look into possibilities for personal/professional development opportunities for staff. Anyone interested in serving on the committee may contact him. .

b. Holiday Luncheon

- i. Senator Rita Lott reported that the luncheon was a great success. She thanked everyone that volunteered. The Port did an excellent job with decorations and presentation. There was a significant donation of canned goods from the event. Extra food was donated to local food banks. The committee will be conducting a follow up meeting to evaluate the luncheon.

c. Baton Rouge Trip

- i. Joseph Pearson will be unable to attend. Senators are to consider volunteering for this wonderful opportunity to represent the Staff Senate at a board meeting. Decisions will be made at the January meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of New President
 - i. Rita Lott was nominated without opposition and was elected President of Staff Senate.
- b. Crisis Leave Program
 - i. Pam Corbitt submitted a proposal for a “shared leave” program similar to the one used at the Baton Rouge campus. In essence it would be a program for staff to donate leave time to a pool that could be used by other staff in case of emergencies or crisis. There needs to be much discussion about the proposal. A committee was formed to research the issue. Pam Corbitt will chair the committee.
- c. Staff Senate Scholarship
 - i. Pam Corbitt brought forth the idea of possibly establishing a scholarship supported by the Staff Senate for students. A committee was formed with Jelisa Freeman as chair.

VII. Comments

- a. No additional comments.

VIII. Adjournment