

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES
APRIL 12TH 2006

I. WELCOME

- i. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. Wednesday April 12th 2006 by President Rita Lott. The following senators were present: Ed Robbins, Nathaniel Robinson, Willie Mae Thomas, Rita Lott, Pam Corbitt, Cyndi Olson, Wally Derleth, Femand Garlington, Adnan Samhan, Joseph Pearson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ii. Minutes of the meeting dated March 8th 2006 were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- i. Thank you to our many guests. Special thank you to the Chancellor for attending the meeting.

IV. COMMENTS

a. Special Guests

- i. Dr. Gloria Raines: (highlights) gave a report on the hard work and efforts for recruitment and retention being made. These efforts are seriously under funded as compared to Northwestern and LA Tech. Several factors are affecting enrollment including new state standards, limited staff, limited academic programs and others. Recruiters are visiting all local high schools and contacting as many students as possible. One of the factors that hurt LSUS is our retention. We are 3rd to last in the state for retention. What can we all do: We should always be positive in our communications about LSUS, highlight the strengths like the quality of education etc. Joseph Pearson also commented that the responsibility for recruitment and retention is not just in one office, but is each employees responsibility.
- ii. Shelby Keith: (highlights) password screensaver implantation is a combination of recommendations from PM36 and legislative auditors for privacy and security of computers. The time before the screen saver kicks in may be increased depending on auditor's approval. This system only affects faculty and staff computers.
- iii. Mike Ferrell: (highlights) The paid time off combination proposal is no longer being considered. Business Affairs staff is willing to do training on the system for disbursement and receiving. Receiving needs to be done by June 30th or the money will come from the next FY.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Committee Updates

- i. Crisis Leave Program

- II. No report
- ii. Staff Senate Scholarship
 - II. No report
- iii. Election Committee
 - II. Congratulations to the new senators for 2006-2007: Elmer Tingler, Cheryl Crain, James Loar, Nikki Lafitte, Darlene Player, Joseph Cordaro. There is still an open position for Other Professional, contact Rita Lott if interested.
- iv. Spring Luncheon Committee
 - II. Friday May 19th will be the date of the Spring Luncheon. The theme is "Have a Daisy of a Day". The cost will be \$7.50 per person for wings, burgers, sausage, vegetables, drinks, desert and more. Catering will be by the Port. Invitations will be forthcoming. The Senator of the Year will be announced at the luncheon.
- v. Staff Senate Website
 - II. The deadline for the Website has been pushed back. All preparations are being made. Staff Senators took pictures for the Website.
- vi. Sponsored Training
 - II. Anyone interested in working on sponsored training should contact Joseph Pearson. They will be making some decisions over the summer to have at least one training event each semester.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Selection of Staff Senator of the Year
- b. Discussion of looking at doing a voluntary \$1 per pay check automatic deduction for fac/staff. This would go to defray costs of social events/training.

VII. Adjournment