

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT  
STAFF SENATE  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2006

II. WELCOME

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2006 by President Rita Lott. The following senators were present: Eddie Thomas, Ed Robbins, Tracy McCrary, Rita Lott, Tulin Melancon, Elmer Tingler, Cyndi Olson, Femand Garlington, Adnan Samhan, Cheryl Crain, Nicki Lafitte, Darlene Player, Eddie Thomas and Joseph Pearson.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the meeting dated June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 were approved.

III. COMMENTS

- a. Mike Ferrell
  - i. Everyone in LA is experiencing a decline in enrollment excluding Southeastern.
  - ii. Our Soccer team is currently 3 and 1. Basketball begins in November. Please continue to support our athletics.
  - iii. There is a current proposal to allow the LSU System to stop using civil service. This needs legislative approval.
  - iv. Another proposal is being discussed that will consolidate all leave into a "paid time off" pool instead of sick/annual leave.
- b. Chancellor Marsala
  - i. Thank you to everyone for serving on the Staff Senate!
  - ii. There is a search currently going on for a new president of the LSU System. We want someone who has a broader vision that encompasses LSUS.
  - iii. Sent letters to all mayoral candidates to ask them what role they felt LSUS could have in the city's future. Only received a response from Liz Swayne.

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- a. Thanks to those who attended the training session this summer. It was helpful to begin a new year.
- b. The LSU Staff council selected two people to serve on the LSU System Presidential search committee, one from LSU and one from LSU Ag.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. By-law changes
  - i. Approved change in bylaws to add a treasurer position and to articulate the duties of said office.
- b. Committee Reports

- i. Each senator is assigned to at least one standing committee and other ad hoc committees.
- ii. September 19<sup>th</sup>, the long range planning and review committee will meet at 2:00 pm. Don Bloxom will serve on this committee.
- iii. Committee chairs please get meeting dates and times to Cyndi Olson for posting on the website.
- iv. Suggestion submitted to place a committee interest form on the website for staff members who want to serve.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Installation of new senators
  - i. Vicki Fentress was installed as a new Senator representing Other Professionals.
- b. Election of Officers
  - i. Adnan Samhan was elected as Vice President
  - ii. Nikki Lafitte was elected as treasurer.

VII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF SENATORS

- a. Formal request was made by Student Affairs to move the Staff Senate meetings to a rotating schedule like faculty senate. Vote was unanimous to continue current meeting times.
- b. The Holiday Luncheon will be December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. The Fish Fry is on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Departments are invited to participate in the Catfish Challenge. Suggestion was made to have "Staff Senate" placed on the name tags of staff senators.
- d. 23 people enrolled in Staff Senate Support Fund. Encourage others to join this service.
- e. Vote to disband payroll deduction committee as it was an ad hoc committee and its purpose has been fulfilled. Unanimous.
- f. Suggestion was to transfer current members to the Luncheon committee.
- g. Vicki Fentress will serve on the crisis leave committee.

VIII. Adjournment at 2:52 pm.