

**Louisiana State University in Shreveport
Staff Senate**

Minutes
June 10, 2009

The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Elmer Tingler at 2:01 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Staff Senators present included: Darlenna Atkins, Alicia Atkins, Becky Berry, Don Bloxom, Rita Lott, Tulin Melancon, Alex Mitchell, Darlene Player, Katie Simpson, Elmer Tingler and Roger West. Staff Senators absent were: Cyndi Armstrong, Terry Byrd, Chelsey Chance and Bridget Verret.

Minutes from the May 13, 2009 Staff Senate meeting were approved as written.

Guest Administrators Reports

Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, presented an update on the State budget crisis. At the time of the Staff Senate meeting, there was no new news on the budget. There was a push for the State legislators to complete the budget which would then allow Governor Jindal time to line-item veto followed by time for State legislators to “re-do” the budget. This current legislative session will conclude June 25th and LSUS should know their budget status within the next 30 days.

DeAnn Arnold, Director of Human Resources, presented an update on Civil Service. The Civil Service Commission meets on June 4, 2009 to discuss/approve proposals to changes pertaining to raises and layoff rules. Mrs. Arnold will attend a meeting on June 22, 2009, to receive training on implementing the new rules.

President’s Comments

President Elmer Tingler commented on the long term effect of the proposed budget cuts on higher education. He also announced the next Staff Senate meeting for July 15, 2009, tentatively.

Treasurer’s Report

There was no report.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

No new business to discuss.

Other Comments

Mike Ferrell discussed the possibilities of furloughs within LSUS.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM.