

Louisiana State University in Shreveport
Staff Senate
Minutes
September 23, 2009

The LSUS Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Elmer Tingler at 2:04 PM on Wednesday, September 23, 2009. Staff Senators present included: Cindy Armstrong, Alicia Atkins, Becky Berry, Terry Byrd, Chelsey Chance, Rita Lott, Tulin Melancon, Alex Mitchell, Darlene Player, Katie Simpson, Elmer Tingler and Bridget Verret. Staff Senators absent were: Darlenna Atkins, Don Bloxom, and Roger West.

Minutes from the July 22, 2009 Staff Senate meeting were approved as written with correction to Treasurer's report. The report should have been \$0 instead of \$2300. Bridget Verret motioned to approve the change to the minutes; the motion carried. Bridget Verret then moved to approve the minutes reflecting the change to the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

President's Comments

President Elmer Tingler and Alex Mitchell attended the Staff conference via teleconference.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chelsey Chance reported that a campus-wide email had been sent soliciting support for the Staff Senate Support Fund. The support fund has a balance of \$1,004.82 and the Staff Senate fund has a balance of \$0.

Rita Lott moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Current/Old Business

No business.

Guest Administrator Reports

Business Affairs

Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, updated Staff Senate on current enrollment for Fall 2009. Enrollment is 4,650, up over last year. He also reported on the state-wide budget situation. Governor Jindal asked two commissions (Streamlining Louisiana and Tucker Commission) to find \$146 million in budget cuts. LSUS won't know much about budget cuts until after the State Revenue Committee meets in December.

Civil Service Update

DeAnn Arnold, Director of Human Resources, reported on attending the HR meeting with all LSU System HR Directors. She also reported on the five proposals to change the way merit increases are allocated. There is a meeting in October to discuss the proposals and then the vote will be in November. Governor Jindal has to then approve the selected method. Elmer Tingler has a PowerPoint of the proposed changes. She also reported on a few other changes: special entrance rates being abolished and will have special hiring rate; voluntary demotion won't be eligible for increase for two years; optional pay (little impact on LSUS).

DeAnn also reported that LSUS won't be part of the Willis-Knighton flu shot program this year. LSUS will offer shots on campus at some later date.

New Business

President Tingler then opened the discussion to the appointment of Parliamentarian and other committees. Rita Lott accepted the appointment as Staff Senate Parliamentarian. Other Staff Senate committees discussed:

- Parking Committee of University Police – Alex Mitchell will continue to serve on this committee.
- Staff Senate Election Committee – Tulin Melancon (chair) and Chelsey Chance will serve on this committee.
- Staff Senate Benefits/Policy Committee – Cyndi Armstrong and Katie Simpson will serve on this committee.
- Staff Senate Long Range Review and Planning Committee – Rita Lott, Alex Mitchell and Bridget Verret will serve on this committee.
- Staff Senate Luncheon Committee (holiday/spring) – Katie Simpson, Darlene Player and Chelsey Chance will serve on this committee.
- Staff Senate Tailgating Committee – Darlene Player, Elmer Tingler and Alex Mitchell will serve on this committee.
- Staff Senate Brown Bag Committee – Chelsey Chance, Bridget Verret and Darlene Player will serve on this committee.

Tulin Melancon presented topic of motivational speaker speaking to Staff Senate or at other times (brown bag lunch). She will visit with Chancellor concerning this idea.

Other Comments

Kristin Fiser commented that Hartford open enrollment ended September 30, 2009. All guests were introduced. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.