

Lamar University Staff Council August Meeting
August 14, 2018
8th Floor, Gray Library

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Diann Brodnax, President, at 10:04am. Roll was called by Dimples Jones, Treasurer. A quorum was present.

Members present: Diann Brodnax, Dimples Jones, Courtney Arnold, Jayna Calhoun, Tammy Comeaux, Andrea Davis, Gina Decuir, Kristie Gayle, Christina Gengo, Ashley Glenn, Sharlene Hatch, Charlotte Holliman, Chrissy Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Angela Letulle, Karli Noonkester, Sharon Sanders, Tina Siau, Julie Walker, Melaney Whiting

The May and July 2018 meeting minutes were handed out to the Staff Council members during today's meeting. Tammy Comeaux moved to accept the May and July minutes. Angela Letulle seconded the motion. The motion passed and the May and July minutes were accepted.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: The officers did not meet with the LU Executives.

Activities and Events Committees

Community Service: Upcoming events were announced:

- Homecoming will be September 17-22, 2018
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk will be held at Lamar University – October 27, 2018. Registration will be at 8:30 am. The walk will begin at 10:00 am.
- March of Dimes fundraiser money is due. Please turn in money to Sharlene Hatch or Yolanda Monroe.

Staff Awards:

- Stacie Granger and Stephanie Allen received an officer award for their service as an officer.
- The following outgoing Council members received an award for their service on the Council: Jayna Calhoun, Andrea Davis, Megan Hale, Charlotte Holliman, Sharon Sanders, Julie Walker, and Melaney Whiting.
- Diann Brodnax stated that the Golden Cardinal Award recipient will be announced at the September Council meeting. The current recipient, Julie Walker, will present the award to the next recipient.

Staff Social Events: No report.

Student Success: No report.

Communication and Outreach Committees

Communications: No report.

Staff Relations: No report.

Nominations Committees

Nominations: Diann Brodnax gave the committee report.

- Staff Council Officer Elections were held for vice president and secretary positions. Stacie Granger submitted a nomination for vice president and Tammy Comeaux submitted a nomination for secretary. Both positions were uncontested. Stacie and Tammy will serve a 2 year term beginning September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2020.
- New Council members are:
Tori Cummings – Athletics, *Madison Franco* – Marketing & Communication, *Paula Gregory* – College of A&S, *Tina Johnson* – UAC, *Kayce Smith* – College of Business, and *Bert Wagner* – Human Resources.
- Returning Council members are:
Jayna Calhoun, Andrea Davis, Charlotte Holliman, Sharon Sanders, Julie Walker, and Melaney Whiting.

Nominations Drive: No report.

Operational Support Committees

Bylaws Committee: No report.

Unfinished Business:

- Megan Hale, Staff Council member, asked what the plans are for the building that housed the Police Department and Post Office. If it is being renovated, when will construction begin?
- Tina Siau, Staff Council member, asked if the officers told the Executive Board where the TAGS building was. Diann answered yes, they were told the building location. Tina stated the roof now leaks and black mold has started forming in areas of the building. They have called facilities and have not been taken care of.

New Business:

- Diann Brodnax presented a change to the process for approving Council monthly meeting minutes. Since some of the information is time sensitive, it seems to make more sense to send the minutes to Council members to vote on approval and corrections via email. Once approved, the minutes can be uploaded to the website in a more timely manner rather than waiting a month or longer to approve minutes. Tina Siau made a motion to approve the new proposal and Gina Decuir seconded. All were in favor of changing the minutes approval process.
- Tina Johnson, Staff Council member, reported several windows are shattered and broken at the Carl Parker building from the April storm. She stated there are shards of glass within the window casings and in the parking area behind the building.
- Tina Siau announced the Post Office will be moving into the prior Parking Office. She stated some PO Box numbers may be changed to accommodate restructured mailboxes. Keep a look out for an address change.
- Diann Brodnax stated staff, faculty, and students may have an opportunity to have a ticket dismissed. The Parking Committee is working out details to offer a ticket dismissal if you donate to Cardinal Pantry. This is a one-time event. An email will be sent out to the campus providing more details. Also, the parking gates will be updated during the fall semester.

Good of the Order:

- Cynthia Ksiazek announced WOW – Week of Welcome will be August 25-September 1, 2018. Student Convocation will be August 27, 2018- 4:00 -5:00 pm at the Montagne Center. She invited Staff Council to participate in welcoming students to campus.
- Diann Brodnax announced Faculty/Staff Convocation will be August 21, 2018 – 8:00 – 10:00 am at the Montagne Center.
- Melaney Whiting asked if Staff Council does anything to welcome new deans to campus. Currently, we do not but we can look into doing something if the Council agrees.
- Paula Gregory suggested offering Dr. Evans a card of encouragement for the fall semester from Staff Council. A card will be provided at the September meeting for everyone to sign and will be given to him at the Executive meeting.
- Andrea Davis suggested dedicating this year's Christmas Drive in Mrs. Evans honor.

The next Staff Council meeting will be September 11, 2018 – Reaud Event Center.

Gina Decuir moved to adjourn the meeting and Sharlene Hatch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.