

Staff Senate

Held on: April 12, 2005, 10:00
Held at: John Gray Library

Lamar University Staff Senate
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Senators present:

Jana Daigle Gail Cokley Steve Ford Faye Johnnie Liz Mitchell Dawna Mitchell Sal Costa Lena Francis
Shannon Klutts Gene Moye Diana Licatino Gail Davis Mike Fuller Brandi Lamell Diann Palmer
Julie Alford Amanda Doiron Mary Givan Wendi LeBlanc Peggy Pavlowich Valerie Black Cathy
Dunaven Charlotte Holliman Royce McGuire Kathy Russell Sharon Sanders

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Jana Daigle.

II. Roll call

The roll was checked by Secretary, Diana Licatino. There were 23 senators present at roll call. A quorum was seated.

III. Minutes

There were no additions or corrections. Royce McGuire motioned that we accept the February minutes and Wendi LeBlanc seconded. They were approved unanimously. Mary Givan motioned that we accept the March minutes and Wendi LeBlanc seconded and they were also approved unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: The Staff Senate Executive Board did not meet with executives due to illness of two members and the absence of Dr. Simmons.

Staff Awards Committee: Have not received word from Mr. Ferguson as to whether or not the executives have approved the new proposal for awards.

Nominations Committee: Royce McGuire volunteered to take Sandy Tuckers place as Chair of this committee.

Community Service: March of Dimes – Walk will be April 23 on Crockett Street, 3.5 miles. Tent will be paid for by the Faculty Senate, food & water will be provided by Jason's Deli, the candy has been paid for and t-shirts are being made. Sharon Sanders showed the graphics for the t-shirt and everyone liked it. We are ordering 100 t-shirts to sell at \$10.00 (M-XL) and \$11.00 (2X & 3X). We will wear shirts one day and take orders from our departments to simplify the handling of the shirt sales. When getting donations, have checks made out to the March of Dimes.

CARE – Flyers are out and we have sold 52 paws so far. Amanda Doiron wanted everyone to know

that the money we are collecting from the paws sales will be to help get the animals found on campus vet checked, shots and fixed. They are then sent to a foster home until they are adopted. The paw sales will really push off after March of Dimes is over.

Soldiers – The next campaign is the “Don’t Bug Me” campaign to collect specific items to send to the troops for Memorial Day.

Issues Committee: None

ByLaws Committee: None

V. Unfinished Business

Amanda Doiron asked if anything had been decided about the changing tables in the restrooms? Dawna Mitchell will be checking on this but added that it was something that was going to take some time to get done.

VI. New Business

A spokesperson for Ben Bythewood as if we had access to some kind of supplemental insurance? Brandi Lamell said that anything like that would have to come from the state and to her knowledge there was not anything like that available.

Jana Daigle brought up the fact that the names were still on the budget on the Web and these things were not behind a firewall. She has requested that the budgets be put on Web for Employees and it was discussed that the amount you see on the web is not actually what a person makes but what the position is budgeted for. Anyone wanting to look up salaries of other employees can go to the library to look these up.

VII. Good of the Order

Staff Appreciation – Will be Friday from 12 – 1:30 in the Montagne Center. Dawna Mitchell and Jana Daigle need help in gathering the prizes from the vendors that have donated items. Valerie Black volunteered to help pick up prizes. When prizes are picked up they need to be brought to Jana Daigle or Dawna Mitchell. We also need people to hand out tickets and there will be separate tickets for faculty for prizes.

Steve Ford – His son is holding his own. He also spoke about the Mentor program and urged staff to join the effort to help out first year students entering college that don't know what to do. For more information you can contact Daniel Bartlett at 8115.

Human Resources – Brandi Lamell handed out flyers for the retirement seminar and explained that it was not just for retirees but information for anyone who will retire someday.

Jill Rowley – Had eye surgery for an aneurism.

Alma Morrison – Husband died of massive heart attack.

Mrs. Simmons – Mother passed away.

TRS – Mary Alice Baker spoke about needing assistance as her term is ending August 30th. She asked that we write in Dr. Robert Marshall on the ballot we were sent in the mail from TRS and mail it back by the April 30th deadline.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am. with a request by Mike Fuller and seconded by Valerie Black.