

Lamar University Staff Senate

April 13, 2010

Senators present:

Sherri Fitzgerald, Steve Ford, Valarie Black, Kathleen Andrews, Barb Barker-Milstead, Patricia Culver, Don Curl, Susan Daniel, Linda Dousay, Lena Francis, Dr. Mary Gagne, Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Dimples Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Debby Piper, Douglas Sampson, Sharon Sanders, Carmen Savant, Patrick Stewart, Natasha Walker and Donna Wilridge (sub).

I. Call to Order

President, Sherri Fitzgerald, called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

II. Roll Call

Sign in sheet was passed around for Senators to sign in. A quorum was seated.

III. Minutes

Don Curl made a motion and Dr. Mary Gagne seconded to accept the March 2010 minutes with corrections. The Senate unanimously approved the March 2010 minutes.
(April 2010 minutes were taken by Irma Jones, Senate Representative.)

IV. Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

The exec committee met with Dr. Simmons and Mr. Lovitt on April 12, 2010.

On the parking fee issue: Mr. Lovitt explained the raise in parking fees is necessary for the improvement and building of campus parking lots. Faculty, staff, and students will pay more each year for parking. Next Exec meeting with Dr. Simmons and Mr. Lovitt will be May 17, 2010.

Bylaws Committee:

None

Community Service Committee:

March of Dimes walk will take place April 24 at the John Gray Center, registration begins at 8am and the 3 mile walk begins at 9am. A bake sale will be held to raise money for the March of Dimes April 14, 2010 11:00am-1:00pm at the Setzer Student Center. T-shirts for the Walk will be available for \$11.25, contact Sharlene Hatch or Tasha Walker. Volunteers are needed to walk, register online or by paper form. Jason's Deli will provide 25 box lunches during the Walk. Sharon Sanders' husband will provide soda and water. Donations can be made with Sharlene Hatch, Sharon Sanders, or Tasha Walker.

Compensation and Budget:

None

Issues Committee:

None

Nominations Committee:

None

Staff Awards Committee:

The Staff Awards Ceremony will be April 15 at 11:00am with a reception beginning at 10:30am. Steve Ford encourages everyone to attend the ceremony.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. New Business

Megan Hale raised the issue of reserved parking lots open earlier than 5:00pm for students. The lot is for reserved faculty/staff parking and should be available from 8:00am-5:00pm for faculty/staff only. Staff feels they are not getting what they are paying for with the reserved parking.

Another issue raised is students parking in gated lots. Staff request stricter guidelines for the reserved parking lots. Some parking lots lack a gate to restrict students from parking, Kathleen Andrews stated the parking lot located between the Dining Hall and Cardinal Village is reserved parking but does not have a gate. A suggestion was made to make an announcement at the next SGA Association meeting to warn students if they park in a reserved parking lot, they may be towed.

An issue was raised regarding the phone directory, class schedule, and catalog only being offered online. Advisors and staff would like a paper copy provided for their use.

VII. Good of the Order

Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be May 11, 2010.

Relay For Life will be held at Ty Terrell Track April 16, 2010 beginning at 7:00pm and end April 17, 2010 at 7:00am. There will be games and lots of family fun. Contact Polly McNeel at 8727 to sign up.

There will be a Crawfish Boil April 14, 2010 beginning at 11:30am.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Don Curl to adjourn, Doug Sampson seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

OPEN MEETING

LAMAR UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE MEETING

**May 11, 2010
10:00 A.M.
Gray Library 8th Floor**