

Staff Senate

Held on: August 14, 2007, 10:00 am

Held at: 8th Floor Gray Library

Senators present:

Jana Daigle, Wendi LeBlanc, Diana Licatino, Mary Givan, Tammy Hebert, Diann Brodnax, Amanda Doiron, Faye Richard, Anna Lalonde, Kathy Pierce, Donna Blaisdell, Rita Trottman, Shannon Klutts, Lena Francis, Harvilynne McNeel, Debbie Graves, Lisa Cowart, Charlotte Holliman, Kim Wiley, Sherri Fitzgerald (Monitca Owens, sub), Steve Ford, Gail Martel, Cynthia Ksiazek, Valarie Black, LaTasha Brachett, Rosa Mickins, Nan Cooper, Janet Brugger

I. Call to Order

President, Jana Daigle, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

II. Roll Call

Jana Daigle called roll. A quorum was seated.

III. Minutes

The July minutes were approved.

Diana Licatino suggested that the monthly meeting agenda be revised to omit the designated month from the "Approval of Minutes" item.

The March 2007 minutes have not been located.

IV. Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee:

Chair 2007-2008: Sherri Fitzgerald

No new business.

Community Service Committee:

Co-chairs 2007-2008: Anna Lalonde and Amanda Doiron

New business: Jana Daigle distributed copies of her MDA "Wanted" flyer and requested donations for her bail.

Compensation and Budget:

Co-chairs 2007-2008: Don Curl and Gail Martel

No new business.

Issues Committee:

Chair 2007-2008: Cynthia Ksiazek

No new business.

Nominations Committee:

Chair 2007-2008: Diann Brodnax

No new business.

Staff Awards Committee:

Chair 2007-2008: Faye Richard

Co-Chair: Valarie Black

No new business.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Good of the Order

Executive Council Election:

The executive council election ballots were distributed. Jana Daigle asked for more nominees for the office of president, but there were none. Members voted and gave Wendi Leblanc the completed ballots. The ballots were counted, and the incoming officers were announced:

President: Diana Licatino (unopposed)

Vice President: Steve Ford

Treasurer: Valarie Black

Jana Daigle thanked all the members for the honor and privilege to serve them as 2006-2007 President. Valarie Black asked for a round of applause for Jana Daigle and the 2006-2007 outgoing officers.

The 2007-2008 staff senate member roster and committees list were distributed.

Everyone present introduced themselves for the benefit of the new members.

Jana Daigle explained to the members how to access staff senate group information in myLamar. Jana reminded the members that myLamar is the official medium for university e-mail and internal communication. Recent problems with myLamar, which were caused by equipment malfunction due to air conditioner failure in the Parker building, should now be resolved.

Convocation will be held August 22, and all faculty/staff should have received an invitation to the annual Welcome Back Party at Mirabeau's that evening.

"Lamar University Move In 2007" will be held Saturday August 18, and everyone is encouraged to help. Volunteers are needed to sign up in 30 minute shifts from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. To volunteer, call the Office of Alumni Affairs at extension 8921.

President Simmons will ask the Board of Regents for a three percent across the board raise for 2007-2008 and for approval of the 2007-2008 holiday schedule.

Amanda Doiron reminded members that staff senate logo shirts are available at Cotton Cargo; and if everyone interested contacts her, she could place the orders all together.

Jana Daigle volunteered herself and Wendi LeBlanc to see that refreshments are at the September meeting as they were not at the August meeting as in the past. The staff senate budget includes refreshments for the August meeting.

Steve Ford reminded everyone that Lorraine Thibodeaux's husband passed away and asked that everyone tell her we're thinking of her.

Monitca Owens announced that Sherri Fitzgerald's grandfather passed away over the weekend.

The next meeting will be held on September 11 at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Nan Cooper motioned that the meeting adjourn. Gail Martel seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.