

## **Staff Senate**

Held on: December 13, 2005, 10:00 AM  
Held at: 210 Setzer Center

Lamar University Staff Senate  
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Senators present:

Royce McGuire, Diana Licatino, Donna Blaisdell, Valerie Black, Ben Bythewood, Lisa Cowart, Jana Daigle, Gail Davis, Nicole Eugene, Steve Ford, Irma Jones, Shannon Klutts, Wendy LeBlanc, Liz Mitchell, Francis Morris, Kathy Pierce, Sharon Sanders, Dave Stafford, and Jamie Turner.

### **I. Call to Order**

President, Royce McGuire, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **II. Roll Call**

Secretary, Donna Blaisdell, checked the roll. There were 19 senators present at roll call. A quorum was not seated.

### **III. Minutes**

As there was not a quorum, the minutes were not approved.

### **IV. Guest Speaker**

Two representatives from Student Support Services spoke about the services that were available through their office to a specific population of students. Senators were given flyers to take back to their respective offices.

### **V. Committee Reports**

Bylaws Committee: Chairman, Ben Bythewood, read the duties of the Staff Senate Treasurer and the Audit Committee. The Staff Senate will vote on the By-Laws Committee's recommendations at the next meeting.

Community Service Committee: Chairman Lisa Cowart announced that candy for this year's March of Dimes Candy Sales would be purchased from Sam's or Price's., thus providing a greater of variety of candy to sell in addition to a greater profit margin. The March of Dimes Walk-a-thon will be held April 29, 2006 on Crockett Street in Beaumont. A T-shirt will be designed; a contest will be held and a prizes given for the best design. University-wide participation will be encouraged not only for the walk-a-thon but also to have a day of fun and food for all Lamar employees and their families.

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

A question was asked about whether or not the Faculty Senate was planning a Staff Appreciation luncheon this year. Royce McGuire responded that she had spoken to Mark Asteris regarding the luncheon. Mark stated that the Faculty Senate was considering an April 7 date for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Donna Blaisdell reported that the Staff Service Awards Ceremony has been rescheduled for February 9, 2006. There will NOT be a retirees' luncheon as there is no suitable place to have it since the 8th floor was damaged by Hurricane Rita. A reception will be held in the Setzer Center Ballroom beginning at 1:00 p.m. and the awards ceremony will begin at 1:30, again in the Ballroom of the Setzer Center.

#### VII. New Business

A request was brought before the Staff Senate to change the By-laws to allow someone to be a senator after being employed 1 year instead of the current 3 years. Jana Daigle stated that the By-laws had already been amended once to allow someone to serve after 3 years where it had been 5 years previously. It was the consensus of the senators that the By-laws should remain as they are and that a person has to be employed at Lamar for 3 years before being eligible to be elected a staff senator.

#### VIII. Good of the Order

Steve Ford asked everyone to remember his son in their prayers.

Treasurer, Diana Licatino requested the account number for Staff Senate so she would be able to track that budget. Gail Davis said she would set it up so Diana would get a monthly budget report for that account.

#### IX. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.