

Lamar University Staff Senate

December 8, 2009

Senators present:

Steve Ford, Valarie Black, Diann Brodnax, Kathleen Andrews, Don Curl, Linda Dousay, Elaine Ferguson , Sherri Fitzgerald, Irma Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Anna LaLonde, Diana Licatino, Gail Martel, Paula McNeel, Monitca Owens , Debby Piper, Melinda Prince, Douglas Sampson, Sharon Sanders, Carmen Savant, Stephanie Simmons, and Natasha Walker.

I. Call to Order

Vice President, Steve Ford, called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

II. Roll Call

Secretary, Diann Brodnax called roll. A quorum was seated.

III. Minutes

Stephanie Simmons made a motion and Sherri Fitzgerald seconded to accept the November 2009 minutes. The Senate unanimously approved the November 2009 minutes.

IV. Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

There was not a meeting with Dr. Simmons in November 2009.

Bylaws Committee:

The committee will meet to add the wording – an employee must have served at least three years of employment with Lamar at time of nomination. The motion was raised by Debby Piper to add this to the Bylaws. Carmen Savant seconded. The Senate unanimously approved the motion.

Community Service Committee:

None

Compensation and Budget:

None

Issues Committee:

None

Nominations Committee:

Diann Brodnax, chair of Nominations, announced the current President, Jana Daigle, is no longer an employee at Lamar. According to the Bylaws – Article III Section 6 Vacancies- The Executive Board shall appoint a staff senate representative to fill any office for the unexpired term. The appointment shall require prior consent of the staff senate representative. The Executive Board appointed Sherri Fitzgerald for the office of President. Sherri accepted the appointment. Diann Brodnax announced the new President of Staff Senate, Sherri Fitzgerald.

Staff Awards Committee:

None

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. New Business

Stephanie Simmons raised an issue concerning student fees for employees attending classes at Lamar. Her concern is the Health Center fee. She attended school at Lamar during the summer. She needed to be served at the Health Center but was turned away since she is an employee. Her understanding is the fee is available for students whether an employee or not. She would like this issue addressed. Cynthia Ksiazek stated that is not correct and Stephanie should not have been turned away if she is a student. Cynthia will look into the matter with the Director of the Health Center.

VII. Good of the Order

Holiday Open House will be Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the President and Mrs. Simmons' home from 11:00 am -2:00 pm.

The Annual Library Wassail will be Friday December 11, 2009 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am in the lobby of the Mary & John Gray Library.

The Education Department will have Wassail and Cookies, December 15, 2009 on the second floor foyer of the Education Building from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Stephanie Simmons to adjourn, Monitca Owens seconded, and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

OPEN MEETING

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY
STAFF SENATE MEETING**

**January 19, 2010
10:00 A.M.
Gray Library 8th Floor**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
- VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**