

Staff Senate

Held on: February 13, 2007, 10:00 am
Held at: 8th Floor Gray Library

Senators present:

Jamie Turner, Diana Licatino, Becky Beresford, Valerie Black, Ben Bythewood, Gail Davis, Amanda Doiron, Gail Davis, Arhonda Eugene, Steve Ford, Charlotte Holliman, Faye Johnnie, Irma Jones, Shannon Klutts, Cynthia Ksiazek, Gail Martel, Liz Mitchell, Frances Morris, Diann Palmer, Sharon Sanders, Dave Stafford, Patrick Stewart, and Kim Wiley

I. Call to Order

Secretary, Jamie Turner, called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

II. Roll Call

Secretary, Jamie Turner, called roll. There were 22 senators present at roll call. A quorum was seated.

III. Minutes

There were no corrections to the December 12, 2006 and January 16, 2007 minutes. Amanda Doiron made a motion to accept the December 12, 2006 and January 16, 2007 minutes with no corrections and Gail Martel seconded the motion. The senate unanimously approved the December 12, 2006 and January 16, 2007 minutes with no corrections.

IV. Committee Reports

ByLaws Committee:

None

Community Service Committee:

Patrick Stewart talked about the Relay for Life and was asking for senators to join the Staff team that he has setup or to collect donations. The event would be held at Cardinal Stadium on April 13 – 14 from 7pm to 7am. The stadium is going to be marked off into sections for the track and for the tent setups. Also, he brought along the Community signs for Red, White & LU and asked senators to pick them up if they did not get theirs.

Staff Awards Committee:

Jamie Turner informed the senators about the decision to postpone the Staff Awards until April 12 or April 26 because of so many events happening during that time like Homecoming, Food Fest, Banner Training, and F3.2 Training. The executive officers brought this to Dr. Simmons and Mr. Ferguson and are waiting for the President's Staff meeting to meet and decide on which day everyone would be available.

V. Unfinished Business

Jamie Turner informed the senators that the cost for using the Rec Sports facility is 250/year. Liz Mitchell asked about that amount being paid on installments or do we have to pay that up front.

Jamie Turner mentioned about the Door Decorating for Homecoming trying to get the departments and staff more involved with this.

Jamie Turner said that the problem with the Operators not giving out information to on-campus faculty and staff is being resolved. After changing the call center programming, the Information Center will have 2 students taking the operator type calls.

Mark Asteris was brought in to answer a question about Staff Appreciation. He said that it would have to be after March 3 when basketball season is over. It was asked about the door prizes and Diana Licatino mentioned that Staff Senate does not want to do door prizes if we have to go out and get them. She said that we have been in contact with Kurt Gilman about this and that he was taking care of it. Mark said that we may want to talk with Lorraine Thibodeaux in the 8th Floor Reception about getting door prizes that way.

VI. New Business

A senator asked when the new telephone directories will be out and someone mentioned that Tricia Billingsley does the directories. Diana Licatino mentioned that they were suppose to go back to the smaller books, but didn't hear anything definite on when they would be coming out.

Amanda Doiron wanted to know if there is a way to get information from Departments about meetings or other events taking place on campus that they can have access to give out information to visitors attending these meetings if they do not have the information. The areas that are effected by visitors either calling or coming in person are Amanda Doiron (Wimberly Lobby), Redbird Resources and the Information Center. They are getting questioned about these meetings and do not have the information to help the visitors find where they need to go. She was wondering if something could be done through MyLamar or email. The example that Amanda gave was there was a Banner meeting and the person did not have the information because they came as a replacement for someone else.

VII. Good of the Order

Diana Licatino mentioned that the Schedule Building for Academic Departments had ended on February 12th at 5:00pm, but she was still receiving requests from the departments the morning of the 13th. She said that they have over 70 classes that they build and they send out all their requests before the semester even start to the departments but the departments still wait until the last minute to assign teachers and get the request back to Distance Education. She asked that senators that work in the departments that have distance education classes help out by getting their department chairs to get these requests back to her department earlier even if they have to call in the teacher later. These classes can always be added to, but if they don't get in the system, they won't be in the schedule.

Amanda Doiron asked if something could be done about the sidewalk near Lucas Building near the big tree when it is muddy and floods when it rains. She said that students have to walk in the grass to go around this area. Can Physical Plant take a look at this area?

Shannon Klutts asked about an article that was sent to her about a Florida company that implemented this program called Get Paid to Get Fit, by joining a health club, some of the fees like insurance rates, deductibles or copays could be waived. She was wondering if we have something like this in place for us. Gail Davis responded that the Legislature was looking into that in this session.

Liz Mitchell says that CARE is having a bake sale until 2pm today in front of the Setzer Center and they have two baskets and a bunny for sell. The tickets are 1 dollar and the money goes to care for animals around the campus.

Valerie Black mentioned about Homecoming Week starting on Thursday, March 1st, Food Fest from 12 to 2, on Friday, March 2nd Get Your Red On from 11:30am, and on Saturday, March 3rd, LU Open House. The Homecoming game is on March 3rd also.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, Patrick Stewart made the motion to adjourn the February 13, 2007 meeting. Valerie Black seconded the motion, the Senate unanimously passed the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.