

Lamar University Staff Senate

January 20, 2009

Senators present:

Jana Daigle, Gail Martel, Diann Brodnax, Barb Barker-Milstead, Tricia Culver, Don Curl, Susan Daniel, Sherri Fitzgerald, Steve Ford, Lena Francis, Mary Given, Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Dimples Jones, Irma Jones, Tina Johnson (sub), Cynthia Ksiazek, Anna LaLonde, Brandi McClary, Melinda Prince, Faye Richard, Sharon Sanders, Dave Stafford, and Donna Wilridge.

I. Call to Order

President, Jana Daigle, called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Minutes

There were no corrections to the December 2008 minutes. Sherri Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the December 2008 minutes with no corrections and Don Curl seconded the motion. The Senate unanimously approved the December 2008 minutes.

IV. Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

Execs did not meet with Dr. Simmons in December.

Execs are meeting with Dr. Simmons on January 22, 2009.

Bylaws Committee:

None

Community Service Committee:

None

Compensation and Budget:

Don Curl –Co Chair – stated that the RFP compensation will be released this week.

Merit and compensation for staff members will be reviewed next spring.

Issues Committee:

None

Nominations Committee:

Elaine Ferguson joins Staff Senate to represent University Advancement division.

Staff Awards Committee:

Faye Richard – Chair – announced nominations for Distinguished Staff Awards will be due February 20th.

V. Unfinished Business

Jana Daigle, President, explained the issue of what to do with senate funds that are left over at the end of the year. Jana said left-over funds are rolled over into the University. The senate does not keep the funds.

VI. New Business

Diana Licatino asked Jana to check on the status of the Division for Continuing Education in regards to the Academic Partnerships program. The DCE dept fears the Dual Credit Program will be taken away and joined with the Academic Partnership program. Jana stated she would bring this concern to the Executive meeting on January 22.

Tina Johnson asked who to contact about building temperatures. The COMM building is always extremely cold. Jana stated the first step is to contact the Building Coordinator.

VII. Good of the Order

Don Curl announced HR is going paperless. A person can go online and fill in an employment application. A document will be saved and pass worded. The application can be accessed at anytime and forwarded to other job openings.

Sherri Fitzgerald announced Men's Basketball game will be Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:05pm against A&M Corpus Christi. Women's Basketball will have a game Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 2:00pm against Texas State.

Men's Basketball schedule for January follows: Wednesday, Jan. 28 – Sam Houston State 7:05pm.
Saturday, Jan. 31 – UTSA 7:05pm.

Staff will receive 2 free tickets at the door, one hour in advance. Children accompanying a staff member will be admitted free also.

Evie Clifton from the Alumni office attended the meeting to announce the kickoff for Red/White & You Adopt-A-Building campaign. Beginning February 1, 2009, senators need to pick up yard signs from the Alumni office to display and decorate their buildings. They should pick up extras to send home for faculty and staff to decorate their homes. Please contact Evie for a count of signs needed.

Spirit Week will kickoff February 16, 2009 at Bistro LeMonde, 3199 N Dowlen Road, Beaumont, TX from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. To RSVP, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs 880-8921 or email rsvpAlumni@Lamar.edu

"Get Your Red On" and show your Cardinal pride during Red White & You Week, the annual communitywide celebration of Lamar University. Show your support for LU by displaying a Red White & You yard sign at your home or business and attending the Homecoming 2009 Cardinals vs. Northwestern State basketball game on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Montagne Center. For more information about Red White & You Week activities, contact the Lamar University Office of Alumni Affairs at 409-880-8921 or email Alumni@Lamar.edu.

Evie asked that the signs be removed the following Monday, February 23rd.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, Gail Martel made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Barb Barker-Milstead seconded the motion, the Senate unanimously passed the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:21a.m.

OPEN MEETING

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY
STAFF SENATE MEETING**

**February 10, 2009
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**