## Lamar University Staff Senate July 13, 2010

#### **Senators present:**

Sherri Fitzgerald, Steve Ford, Valarie Black, Kathleen Andrews, Barb Barker-Milstead, Patricia Culver, Don Curl, Susan Daniel, Linda Dousay, Lena Francis, Dr. Mary Gagne (sub), Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Rose Hubbard, Dimples Jones, Irma Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Anna Lalonde, Diana Licatino, Gail Martel, Paula McNeel, Monitca Owens, Aarin Penry, Debby Piper, Sharon Sanders, Carmen Savant, Stephanie Simmons, Douglas Simpson, and Patrick Stewart.

#### I. Call to Order

President, Sherri Fitzgerald, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

#### II. Roll Call

A sheet was passed around for Senators to sign in. A quorum was seated.

#### III. Minutes

Megan Hale made a motion and Patrick Stewart seconded to accept the June 2010 minutes with corrections. The Senate unanimously approved the June 2010 minutes.

#### IV. Committee Reports

#### **Executive Committee:**

The exec committee met with Dr. Simmons and Mr. Lovitt on June 21, 2010.

The question raised about Education parking lot entrance being moved was answered by Mr. Lovitt stating "only if the street is closed off."

ERS insurance changes will go into effect Sep 1 and next week Summer Enrollment begins.

An update on March of Dimes donations was given to Dr. Simmons and Mr. Lovitt. To date MOD has raised \$340 with candy, bake, and t-shirt sales along with Jason's Deli night and donations.

Check with the Registrar's office for printed schedules for advisors.

The Waters Study results will be available this week to Human Resources.

#### Bylaws Committee:

Stephanie Simmons, Co-Chair distributed the proposed addition to the Bylaws concerning Distinguished Staff Awards. The committee will vote on this issue at the August meeting.

Outstanding Attendance Awards will be given to senators at the end of the three year term budget permitting. Staff Awards Committee will order the awards.

#### Community Service Committee:

None

#### Compensation and Budget:

None

#### **Issues Committee:**

None

#### Nominations Committee:

Sherri Fitzgerald, President, announced nomination forms have been sent out so please fill them out and return to Diann Brodnax by July 19, 2010. Also, for the nominations of President, Vice President, and Secretary make copies of that page in order to nominate for each category.

#### Staff Awards Committee:

None

#### V. Unfinished Business

None

#### VI. New Business

Aarin Penry stated Juan Zabala, Director of Alumni Affairs, wanted to ask Staff Senate to get involved in Get Your Red On for football Fridays across campus. Juan will be a guest speaker at the August meeting. Community Services Committee will work with Juan to come up with prizes for best dressed or decorated. Home football games are September 11, 2010 ~ October 2, ~ October 9, ~ October 16, ~ November 13, ~ November 20, 2010.

Stephanie Simmons asked if Staff could get assistance with graduate program classes. The LUTAP gives assistance to children and spouses for Bachelor and Graduate degrees. She was wondering if this could be expanded to include staff members wishing to receive a Graduate degree of their choosing.

#### VII. Good of the Order

Valarie Black commended each and every Senator for their attendance and asked that we give ourselves a hand.

Dr. Simmons was the guest speaker at the July meeting. He addressed questions from the Senators concerning the Waters Study and Lamar budget.

#### VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Megan Hale to adjourn, Monitca Owens seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

### **OPEN MEETING**

## LAMAR UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE MEETING

# August 10, 2010 10:00 A.M. Gray Library 8<sup>th</sup> 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