

Staff Senate

Held on: July 9, 2002, 10:00 AM
Held at: 8th Floor Mary & John Gray Library

Senators present:

Becky Beresford Tina Johnson Cindy Rhoden Dennis Crow Vonda Browning Diana Licatino
Wendy Smith Melissa Thomas Sal Costa Dawna Mitchell Dave Stafford Tom Griffin
Jana Daigle Frances Morris Karen Wells Gail Davis Gene Moye Tina Wright Sherri
Fitzgerald Kathy Pierce Phyllis York

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice President Jana Daigle.

II. Roll Call

Tina Johnson called the roll. There were 21 members present. A quorum was seated.

III. Minutes

Cindy Rhoden made a motion to accept June 11, 2002 minutes with Jana Daigle's changes regarding student email accounts. Karen Wells seconded. Tina Johnson will make the necessary changes.

IV. Committee Reports

The Bylaws Committee met June 27, 2002 (Sherri Fitzgerald-chair). The committee agreed to remove Beaumont from the title. The issue of absences to monthly senate meetings is stated that no more than 4 missed meeting are allowed per year. The absences are not calculated consecutively. The Executive Board will look at senators missing more than 4 monthly meeting during the year to determine why the senator could not make the meetings.

Phyllis York, chair of the Nominations Committee, reported election information regarding the Staff Senate 2002-2003 senators. They are as follows:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION HAS ELECTED:

Dianne Palmer- Developmental Studies/TASP

Julie Alford- General Studies

ASSOC. VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION HAS RE-ELECTED:

Karen Wells- Academic Services

ACADEMIC COLLEGES HAS RE-ELECTED:

Sal Costa- Engineering

Kay Adamson- Business

THE LIBRARY WILL HAVE A RUN-OFF ELECTION:

Darlene Guidry and Tina Wright

FINANCE & OPERATIONS DIVISION HAS RE-ELECTED:

Jana Daigle- Central Computing

*INTERAL OPERATIONS HAS TWO VACANT POSITIONS

PHYSICAL PLANT HAS REELECTED:

Eddie Henley

Dave Stafford

*ATHLETICS DIVISION HAS TWO VACANT POSITIONS

RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT

Eddie Henley

Gail Davis

Phyllis York discussed the following:

The outgoing president will serve as an ex-officio for the new 2002-2003 Staff Senate president. The ex-officio will attend monthly meetings with the newly appointed president and serve as a contact.

Senators who are planning to leave the university and their senate term have not expired, can recommend another co-worker from within their department. The co-worker must still meet the qualifications outlined in the Staff Senate Bylaws and would only serve until the end of the senator's term.

Tina Wright reported information from the Community Service Committee regarding the March of Dimes fundraiser. Tina Wright reported that an order will be placed for more candy and it should arrive in August before registration.

Lamar University raised \$3,629.61 for the March of Dimes fundraiser.

Gail Davis, Chair of the Budget Committee, reported that Lamar is considering a 3% across the board raise for the 2003 budget year. It must first be reviewed and approved by the board.

Jana Daigle reported information discussed from the July 2002 Executive Board meeting with Dr. Simmons. The traditional pins will be given this year at the Staff Awards ceremony. Dr. Simmons and the Staff Senate Executive Board reached an agreement that staff should be able to choose their award.

V. Unfinished Business

Jana Daigle stated that the employee service award list for 2002 is on hold until the final list is received from Human Resources.

Jana reported information regarding the Lamar Course Enrollment release time criteria.

Beginning September 1, 2002 if an employee chooses to receive student financial aid for a term, then for that term the employee is classified as a student and will be ineligible for the Employee Education and Training Plan tuition waiver. Release time will be available at the approval of the supervisor. If approving release time, supervisors are responsible for ensuring that the employee does not exceed the three (3) hours established in the policy. Additional hours taken by the employee shall be strictly on the employee's personal time.

VI. New Business

Budget Committee: No report on Staff Development Proposal

VII. Good of the Order

Melissa Thomas reported that XP upgrades are still ongoing. She asked if everyone could be a little patient with the technicians and office personnel. When a work order is placed, indicate the problem or explanation in detail. If you have old computers that are not upgradeable and will not be connected to the network, then the XP upgrade is not needed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.