

# Lamar University Staff Senate

June 14, 2011

## Senators present:

Sherri Fitzgerald, Stephanie Simmons, Valarie Black, Diann Brodnax, Chris Baur, Dewanna Campbell, Evie Clifton, Dr. Robert Corbett, Lisa Cowart, Susan Daniel, Steve Ford, Lena Francis, Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Dimples Jones, Irma Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Monitca Owens, Debby Piper, Lisa Roach, Sharon Sanders, Dortehea Titus, Kirk Tribes, Linda Turner and Donna Wilridge.

### I. Call to Order

President, Sherri Fitzgerald, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

### II. Roll Call

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

### III. Minutes

Megan Hale made a motion and Sharlene Hatch seconded to accept the May 2011 minutes.  
The Senate unanimously approved the May 2011 minutes.

### IV. Committee Reports

#### Executive Committee:

The Exec meeting with Dr. Simmons and Dr. Lassen was cancelled. The next meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2011.

#### Bylaws Committee:

Stephanie Simmons, Co-Chair, provided a copy of the proposed addition to the Bylaws concerning Posthumous Service Award. (Please contact Stephanie Simmons if you did not receive a copy.) The Senate will vote to add the addition during the July meeting.

#### Community Service Committee:

***Sherri Fitzgerald will be arrested on June 16, 2011 for MDA. Please make donations to bail her out. Her goal is \$800.00.***

**Please donate baby items to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual 12News March of Dimes Baby Shower, June 23, 2011. Contact Sharlene Hatch or Sharon Sanders with your donated items or drop off items at the 12News parking lot located at 525 I-10S. Cash donations are accepted.**

There are still March of Dimes t-shirts available and another order will be placed when a total of 12 can be ordered. Please contact Sharlene Hatch or Sharon Sanders to place an order. Sharon Sanders reported the total raised thus far for March of Dimes is \$507.00.

#### Compensation and Budget:

None

#### Issues Committee:

None

#### Nominations Committee:

Staff Senator nominations will begin this month.

Staff Senate Executive election nominations will take place in July.

Voting will be during the August meeting.

#### Staff Awards Committee:

None

V. Unfinished Business  
None

VI. New Business

The Hayes Biology building is under theft and vandalism during the weekend hours. Is the campus patrolled during the weekend? They received damage to the greenhouse and a department vehicle.

Employee Insurance rates will increase slightly this fiscal year. Check the ERS website for more information.

In reference to the budget, what does a department do when they need supplies and there is no money available in their budget? Will the expenses be covered?

A rumor was introduced involving Grounds and Custodial Services. The rumor states both departments will be dissolved and out-sourced by the next fiscal year. A second rumor states Print Shop and Supply Center will be dissolved next. Dr. Simmons and Dr. Lassen are invited to attend the next Staff Senate meeting in July to address this rumor.

VII. Good of the Order

Sharlene Hatch announced Degree Audit training will be held July 19-28, 2011 for advisors. A campus announcement will be sent to employees with a link to register for the workshop.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Linda Turner to adjourn, Irma Jones seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
STAFF SENATE MEETING**

**July 12, 2011  
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**