

Staff Senate

Held on: June 13, 2006, 10:00 AM
Held at: 702 John Gray Library

Lamar University Staff Senate
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Senators present:

Royce McGuire, Dwight Anderson, Valarie Black, Donna Blaisdell, Lisa Cowart, Amanda Doroin, Cathy Dunaven, Nicole Eugene, Steve Ford, Shannon Klutts, Cynthia Ksiazak, Wendy LeBlanc, Diana Licatino, Frances Morris, Kathy Pierce, Sharon Sanders, Dave Stafford, and Jamie Turner.

I. Call to Order

President, Royce McGuire, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Secretary, Donna Blaisdell, called roll. There were 18 senators present at roll call. A quorum was not seated.

III. Minutes

Could not be approved, as there was not a quorum present.

IV. Committee Reports

Staff Senate Executive Committee:

Treasurer, Diana Licatino and Secretary Donna Blaisdell reported from the meeting of the Staff Senate Executive Committee with Dr. Simmons on June 9, 2006. The memo from the Health Center employees suggesting a 4-day workweek was presented to Dr. Simmons. Though sympathetic to all Lamar employees who are forced to pay high fuel costs driving back and forth to work, Dr. Simmons explained that the TSUS Board of Regents would never approve such a schedule. A number of years ago, Lamar University has a 4 ½ -day workweek, but after becoming a part of the TSUS system, the university was made to return to a 5-day workweek.

Dr. Simmons stated that September raises were contingent upon enrollment, and that it is too early to know.

Dr. Simmons favors having a retirement luncheon, but also recognizes that retirees poorly attended the luncheons. He left the decision up to the Staff Senate whether to continue the retirement luncheon. Dr. Kevin Smith explained to Dr. Simmons and to the Staff Senate Executive Committee, the history of why faculty were previously included in the Staff Recognition Awards Ceremony. Retiring faculty are now recognized at a separate ceremony for faculty and are given a retirement gift. There is no longer a reason for them to be included in the Staff Recognition Awards Ceremony.

Community Service Committee:

Sharon Sanders reported that there are March of Dimes Walk-America T-shirts still available.

Anyone interested in purchasing a T-shirt should contact either Lisa Cowart or Sharon Sanders..

V. Unfinished Business

Amanda Doiron will place a Staff Senate T-shirt order with Cotton Cargo on June 14, 2006. Anyone interested, should place their order, and pay their money to Amanda.

VI. New Business

A question was posed as to whether the Texas Legislature has approved September raises for Higher Education. The issued will be looked into and reported at the next meeting.

A question was asked as to whether insurance premiums were going up in September? The answer was not known, but Human Resources will be contacted to obtain an answer.

VII. Good of the Order

No date set for the Staff Appreciation luncheon.

VIII. Adjournment