

Lamar University Staff Senate

March 16, 2010

Senators present:

Sherri Fitzgerald, Steve Ford, Valarie Black, Diann Brodnax, Barb Barker-Milstead, Aarin Chatagnier, Patricia Culver, Don Curl, Susan Daniel, Dr. Mary Gagne, Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Dimples Jones, Irma Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Anna LaLonde, Diana Licatino, Paula McNeel, Debby Piper, Melinda Prince, Douglas Sampson, Sharon Sanders, Carmen Savant, and Natasha Walker.

I. Call to Order

President, Sherri Fitzgerald, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Minutes

Don Curl made a motion and Megan Hale seconded to accept the February 2010 minutes with corrections. The Senate unanimously approved the February 2010 minutes.
(February 2010 minutes taken by Kathleen Andrews, Senate Representative.)

IV. Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

The exec committee met with Dr. Simmons and Mr. Lovitt on February 22, 2010.

On the hourly employee email issue: Mr Lovitt suggested that Michael Dobe be contacted about the situation.

On the Health Insurance cost issue: it was suggested that Human Resources be contacted. Cynthia Walker with HR stated there has not been word from ERS about upcoming changes to the cost of insurance. However, there could be a change in September.

Bylaws Committee:

None (Will hold a meeting sometime next week)

Community Service Committee:

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VI. New Business
None

VII. Good of the Order

Sherri Fitzgerald, President, announced that the Lady Cardinals Basketball team will play in the NCAA Tournament. The Lady Cardinals (26-7) earned a No. 14 seed and will play third-seeded West Virginia (28-5) at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2010 in Austin, Texas.
Lamar is also organizing a bus excursion to see the Lady Cardinals play. For more information, call Peggy Frazier at (409) 880-2319. The game will be televised live on ESPN2 and broadcast locally on KLVI (560 AM).

Sherri Fitzgerald met with Mark Asteris to discuss the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. He stated the only Friday open is April 9, 2010. He asked if the Luncheon had to be held on a Friday. Staff Senate agreed any day of the week is fine. He asked if there was a preference to hold the Luncheon before Graduation or after. The Senate agreed this question should be raised with the faculty. Records dept and Health Center stated they would rather have the event after Graduation or early April.

Valarie Black, Treasurer, gave a report on the funds for Staff Senate. The balance is \$2371.71. At the beginning of the fiscal year, Staff Senate is allotted \$2806.00. The money is used for the various receptions and awards for staff employees. Valarie stated the budget is not carried over each year with remaining funds.

Diann Brodnax, Secretary, announced Staff Senate minutes are posted on the Staff Senate webpage off the Lamar.edu website. The minutes include the date for the next meeting at the end of the document.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Dr. Mary Gagne to adjourn, Carmen Savant seconded, and all were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

OPEN MEETING

LAMAR UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE MEETING

**April 13, 2010
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**