

Staff Senate

Held on: March 8, 2005, 10:00

Held at: John Gray Library

Lamar University Staff Senate

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Senators present:

Jana Daigle Gail Davis Lena Francis Sharon Marrs Helene Thill Dawna Mitchell Connie Desha Mary Givan Royce McGuire Kevin Whalen Diana Licatino Amanda Doiron Faye Johnnie Frances Morriss Julie Alford Cathy Dunaven Shannon Klutts Diann Palmer Donna Blaisdell Sherri Fitzgerald Brandi Lamell Peggy Pavlowich Ben Bythewood Steve Ford Wendi LeBlanc Sandra Robbins

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by President Jana Daigle.

II. Roll call

The roll was checked by Secretary, Diana Licatino. There were 26 senators present at roll call. A quorum was not seated.

III. Minutes

There were no additions or corrections. Approving will take place next month.

IV. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: The Staff Senate Executive Board met on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 10:00 am. The following agenda items were discussed:

CARE student organization

We informed the student CARE organization that we would be willing to help with vet costs and adoption but Dr. Simmons did not want Lamar to turn in to a haven for animals. The animals for adoption are on the website: hal.lamar.edu/~CARE

March of Dimes

- Spot has been reserved on Crocket Street – Do we have to pay for the spot?
 - Sharon Sanders is looking into whether or not Crockett Street will provide the tent or if we have to provide it and any other costs we may incur.
 - still owe 360.00 on candy so we haven't made a donation
 - Sharon is checking on the food, type, costs, etc.
 - Jana Daigle is getting with Valerie Black about the student to do graphics for t-shirt
- Items passed at last Staff Senate meeting
- Number of Senators
 - Adding Treasurer & Audit Committee
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- We have to again solicit our own door prizes.

-April 15 is the date that has been set for the luncheon.

Other items Dr. Simmons discussed

Dr. Simmons asked when the security for the phone system would be in place and Mr. Ferguson told him it would be during Spring Break. Diana Licatino asked if this code would be for all calls made off campus or just long distance and Dr. Simmons and Mr. Ferguson both said it would be ONLY for long distance.

Staff Awards – date set for November 3rd – C.A. Short gave a presentation for new awards and Mr. Ferguson liked the ideas and will present them to Dr. Simmons for approval.

Changes to the awards that were proposed:

- Retirees to get an award selection instead of the \$100 check

- Distinguished Staff Award Recipients to receive an award selection instead of cash.

- *Cash has to be taxed. Mr. Ferguson is checking to verify that gifts do not have to be taxed.

Staff Awards Committee: C.A. Short presented their proposal to the Execs. and it seems it will not only save the university money but will also give a greater variety in choice for awards. We are waiting for the Execs to approve.

Nominations Committee: None

Community Service:

Shannon Klutts thanked Mike Fuller, Brandi Lamell, Cathy Russell and Diana Licatino for their help at Open House with the Lemonade and Popcorn booth. It was a great success. She also thanked all the people that adopted a building, she was told there were many comments about how great the campus looked with the signage. Certificates of Appreciation were made and sent to each adoptive parent.

Issues Committee: None

ByLaws Committee: None

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Good of the Order

Staff Appreciation – Dawna Mitchell has a list of vendors who donated gifts last year and if each senator will take a page and call these people this year it will take the burden off of just a few people. There was a sign up sheet for those who wanted to help with calling vendors and picking up the donations. Dawna will send everyone that signed up a list and a basic script of what to say when calling.

Steve Ford – His son is battling a fatal disease and has asked for everyone's prayers. They will be traveling to Texas Children's Hospital next week for treatment.

Human Resources – There will be another retirement seminar and they will send out information.
Athletics – Baseball is off to a good start and there will be games this weekend. Basketball will be playing in San Antonio.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am. with a request by Sherri Fitzgerald, a move to accept by Royce McGuire and seconded by Donna Blaisdell.

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OPEN MEETING

LAMAR UNIVERSITY
STAFF SENATE MEETING

April 12, 2005

10:00 A.M.

GRAY LIBRARY – 8TH FLOOR

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH MEETING

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

VIII. ADJOURNMENT