

# Lamar University Staff Senate

## November 9, 2010

### Senators present:

Sherri Fitzgerald, Stephanie Simmons, Valarie Black, Diann Brodnax, Kathleen Andrews, Barb Barker-Milstead, Chris Baur, Dewanna Campbell, Evie Clifton, Robert Corbett, Lisa Cowart, Patricia Culver, Don Curl, Susan Daniel, Steve Ford, Mike Fuller, Mary Gagne, Angel Griffin, Tom Griffin, Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Dimples Jones, Irma Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Richard Lanoue, Gail Martel, Peggy Moss, Monitca Owens, Debby Piper, Lisa Roach, Sharon Sanders, Carmen Savant, Dortha Titus, Kirk Tribes, Linda Turner, Natasha Walker, and Donna Wilridge.

#### I. Call to Order

President, Sherri Fitzgerald, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

#### II. Roll Call

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

#### III. Minutes

Lisa Roach made a motion and Linda Turner seconded to accept the October 2010 minutes with corrections. The Senate unanimously approved the October 2010 minutes.

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### Executive Committee:

The Executive Board met with Dr. Simmons and Ms. Ward October 18, 2010.

Staff Senate President, Sherri Fitzgerald, thanked Dr. Simmons for the new entry into the College of Education parking lot on behalf of the College of Education employees.

Wimberly faculty/staff and visitor parking lot will be returned to its original parking layout with a parking attendant.

Parking violators in the 24-hour emergency vehicle parking area between McFaddin Ward and Biology buildings will be towed. If you see anyone parking in that area, call the University Police Department.

The concern for security in the Cherry Engineering building will be addressed with Dr. Hopper.

Any issues with the food service at LU home games should be addressed through Chartwells.

Dr. Simmons is looking into the complaints given about the custodial services. He has agreed to allow one key be issued to each building coordinator to open the janitor's closet in their building.

Concerns raised by a staff employee are answered as follows:

There are 3.1 million dollars in unfilled positions at Lamar at this time, and not expected to be filled this budget year.

There are 3 monies used for University funding. State=salaries, Student fees=university spending, auxiliary=athletes. It is against the law to use state money for football or any other athletic program. It is against the law to use auxiliary money for salaries and university spending.

There have been no salary increases approved for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 budget years. If someone received a title change or more duties were added to their job description, they may receive a stipend.

Lamar has been asked to pay several million dollars for various reasons. After Hurricane Rita, Lamar's student body diminished leaving Lamar with a 4-5 million dollar loss in income. Lamar was asked to pay 7.5 million dollars from an audit after Hurricane Rita. Due to Government cuts, Lamar University had to pay 4 million dollars to the state. Hurricane Insurance is now required in this area. The insurance costs 2 million dollars which is not state funded.

2 million dollars is owed to Lamar University from FEMA due to Hurricane Ike but has not been received as of date.

It is expected the government will ask for 4 million dollars in this budget year.

Bylaws Committee:

None

Community Service Committee:

Sharlene Hatch announced the Alzheimer's Memory Walk is set for November 13, 2010. The walk will take place at Crockett Street. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the walk starts at 10:00 am. The committee reached their goal of \$150 by raising \$189 through the bake sale and donations. The committee is asking for your help to reach a second goal of \$200 total. Please contact Sharlene at X7690 with donations. If you would like to participate in the walk, see Sharlene for instructions on signing up online. Bring umbrellas and ponchos in case of rain.

Sharlene met with the Student Government Association to advertise the walk. She received much interest from the students on campus.

Compensation and Budget:

None

Issues Committee:

Cynthia announced the issue concerning staff assistance for Graduate coursework will be raised during the 2011-2012 budget year.

Nominations Committee:

None.

Staff Awards Committee:

None

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

There will be a campus-wide announcement this week concerning December 22 and 23. The announcement will clarify if the two Conservation Days will be paid or if staff will need to use vacation days.

Cynthia Ksiazek asked why temporary or part-time employees do not have ID cards. Don Curl from Human Resources stated ID cards are only issued to employees who are benefits eligible.

VII. Good of the Order

Please send your sympathies to Patrick Stewart for the passing of his father.

Please send your well wishes to Susan Tribes. She is out sick.

Setzer Student Center 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Can Drive is underway. Now through December 3<sup>rd</sup> each department can donate can goods to help local food banks. A flyer will be sent out this week with details.

Valarie Black announced the President and Advisor Student Organization Reception and Training Session will be held November 10, 2010 at 3:00pm in the Setzer Student Center Ballroom.

Sherri Fitzgerald, Staff Senate President, announced Mr. Lovitt has retired as Vice President of Finance. Vicki Ward is interim Vice President of Finance until a replacement is hired.

Sherri reminded senators that we need to vote at the next meeting to postpone January and March meetings one week to allow for registration in January and Spring Break in March.

LU has a home game Saturday, November 13, 2010 against South Dakota. Game starts at 6:00pm.  
GO BIG RED!

Get Your Red On and join in decorating your building for the LU home Football games.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Linda Turner to adjourn, Megan Hale seconded, and all were in favor.  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY**  
**STAFF SENATE MEETING**

**December 14, 2010**  
**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**