

## **Staff Senate**

Held on: September 12, 2006, 10:00 am  
Held at: 8th Floor Gray Library

### Senators present:

Jana Daigle, Wendi LeBlanc, Diana Licatino, Jamie Turner, Dwight Anderson, Becky Beresford, Valarie Black, Ginny Bowman, Ben Bythewood, Nan Cooper, Lisa Cowart, Connie DeSha, Amanda Doiron, Nicole Eugene, Steve Ford, Lena Francis, Mary Givan, Eddie Henley, Charlotte Holliman, Faye Johnnie, Irma Jones, Shannon Klutts, Cynthia Ksiazek, Gail Martel, Liz Mitchell, Frances Morris (Tina Johnson), Sharon Sanders, Dave Stafford, Patrick Stewart, Rita Trottman, and Kim Wiley

### I. Call to Order

President, Jana Daigle, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Good Morning and welcome to the first 2006-2007 Staff Senate meeting. I look forward to serving with you this year and showing Lamar University that we are here for a reason. Before I get started I would like to introduce our other officers.

Of course you know me. . .

As our new Vice President we have Wendi LeBlanc - heckler extraordinaire

As our new Secretary we have Jamie Turner from Data, Voice and Video Networking. She is one of the voices you hear, but very seldom see the actual person. She keeps your phone systems running on campus!

And of course last but definitely not least our on going Treasurer Ms. Diana Licatino.

Please give them a warm welcome.

### II. Roll Call

Secretary, Jamie Turner, called roll. There were 30 senators present at roll call. A quorum was seated.

Need to add to the roll: Eddie Henley, Dwight Anderson, and Ben Bythewood.

### III. Minutes

A correction was noted to add the letter d to Aid under Committee Reports by Valarie Black. Cynthia Ksiazek corrected the spelling of her last name Wendi LeBlanc corrected the spelling of her first name. Gail Martel made a motion to accept the August 8, 2006 minutes with the correction and Dave Stafford seconded the motion. The Senate unanimously approved the August 2006 minutes with corrections.

### IV. Committee Reports

Jana commented about the Staff Awards Committee; Connie is meeting with Annette. The Staff Nominee forms went out and will need to ask for more time because some departments didn't receive their forms. The forms will need to be returned as soon as possible. There is date set for the Awards ceremony (could be late this year).

Jana introduced the Chairs of each Committee  
Compensation & Budget – Gail Davis  
Issues – Cynthia Ksiazek  
Awards – Connie DeSha

Jana requested volunteers for chairs for:  
Nominations – Becky Beresford  
ByLaws – Lisa Cowart  
Community Service – Lisa Cowart/Sharon Sanders

Lisa Cowart mentioned about the Community Outreach Program that was starting a reading program called Celebrate Reading. It will start on October 16 through November 1, 2006 at 4:30 to 5:30pm. The program will require 2 volunteers per session to read to about 10 -15 children and then have a Q&A session. The book will be selected before the volunteer arrives for the session.

#### V. Unfinished Business

Pay roll check stubs can be printed from the Web they are discussing making changes to the system to add your personal information. In the meantime should you need a copy of your pay stub with the credentials on it contact Payroll and they will be glad to work with you.

#### VI. New Business

Cynthia Ksiazek mentioned about of the areas on campus being evacuated and that there is no process of notifications. Jana said that we will bring that to the attention of Dr. Simmons at the next meeting.

#### VII. Good of the Order

Juan Zabala came to speak to Staff Senate about several items: (1) Red, White & You from February 27 through March 3 and Homecoming (Springfest/Open House) March 2 & 3 (2) Adopt a Building (not through his office) Put out yard signs (3) Adopt a neighborhood Put out yard signs in public areas and wants to get Lamar involved with this. (4) Price Patrol – Students and Alumnus give prices to anyone wearing red during the week of Red, White & You; also want to get Faculty and Staff involved with this

Jana spouts off her speech of everyone will get involved or else.....

The Community Service Committee will begin working with student organizations and other community related events. Some of the events that are expected to be a part of : March of Dimes, Heart Walk, Paint the Town Red, Reading program, Red, White & LU/Homecoming/Springfest, adopt a building, adopt a community, Food Drive, Celebrate Reading, Student Organization Fair, We are going to pull in student organizations too... I am going to invite at least 2 orgs to each meeting to tell what the purpose is, how they better the University and how we as staff members can help them achieve their goals.

Jana challenged each senator to bring 1 non-senate member to the next staff senate meeting on October 10th, 2006. She also stated that everyone is a member of the Staff Senate Group in myLamar and should be logging in regularly to find out things that are going on.

#### VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, Dave Stafford made the motion to adjourn the September 12, 2006 meeting. Valarie Black seconded the motion, the Senate unanimously passed the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.