

Lamar University Staff Senate

September 8, 2009

Senators present:

Jana Daigle, Steve Ford, Diann Brodnax, Kathleen Andrews, Barb Barker-Milstead, Aarin Chatagnier, Don Curl, Susan Daniel (sub), Elaine Ferguson, Sherri Fitzgerald, Mary Gagne, Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Dimples Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Diana Licatino, Monitca Owens (sub), Debby Piper, Douglas Sampson, Sharon Sanders, and Carmen Savant.

I. Call to Order

President, Jana Daigle, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

II. Roll Call

Secretary, Diann Brodnax called roll. A quorum was not seated.

III. Minutes

August 11, 2009 minutes could not be approved at this meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

There was not a meeting with the Execs for September meeting.

Bylaws Committee:

None

Community Service Committee:

None

Compensation and Budget:

The JDQs were sent on to the Waters Consulting Firm for review. The consultants were due back on the Lamar campus the week of September 14th to meet with certain employees. At the end of the month, a meeting will be held to discuss the findings from the Waters group.

Issues Committee:

A meeting was announced for right after the Staff Senate meeting today.

Nominations Committee:

None

Staff Awards Committee:

All payments are finalized for the Staff Awards. Next year the committee is looking at closing the awards ordering process 2 months from the Awards Ceremony.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. New Business

Cynthia Ksiazek brought up a concern about uneven cracks in the sidewalks. This is a hazard for anyone walking. Her concern is for disabled as well.

VII. Good of the Order

It was announced the Business building, Galloway Business, received smoke damage from the fire that was set over the Labor Day holiday.

Jana Daigle, president, presented information about the new Lamar phone system. Jana stated the new “phone tree” system will serve to be more efficient. Incoming calls placed on hold by one person is not as efficient as having an automated “on hold” system that circles around to find an answer. She stated the system is not going anywhere and eventually all departments will participate in the new phone system. She also stated there is no longer a “call center” available for incoming general questions. The operators for the call center were hired by various departments to answer calls of general questions; examples are Financial Aid office, Admissions office, and Cashiers office. The main number for Lamar University is 409.880.7011. This is the main number.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion could not be made to end the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

OPEN MEETING

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY
STAFF SENATE MEETING**

**October 13, 2009
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**