

## **Staff Senate**

Held on: September 11, 2007, 10:00 am  
Held at: 8th Floor Gray Library

### Senators present:

Diana Licatino, Steve Ford, Valarie Black, Jamie Turner, Diann Brodnax, Nan Cooper, Lisa Cowart, Donald Curl, Amanda Doiron, Sandra Drane, Sherri Fitzgerald, Lena Francis, Mary Givan (sub), Tammy Hebert, Charlotte Holliman, Dimples Jones, Irma Jones, Shannon Klutts, Cynthia Ksiazek, Gail Martel, Harvilynne McNeel, Rosa Mickins, Faye Richard, Patrick Stewart, and Kim Wiley

### I. Call to Order

President, Diana Licatino, called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

### II. Roll Call

Jamie Turner called roll. A quorum was seated.

### III. Minutes

There were no corrections to the August minutes. Gail Martel made a motion to accept the August 14, 2007 minutes and Sherri Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The senate unanimously approved the August 14, 2007 minutes.

The March 2007 minutes have not been located.

### IV. Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee:

None

Community Service Committee:

Amanda Doiron stated that the committee held a short meeting where they discussed 6 items, Santa's Unlimited, Thanksgiving can goods drive, collection of stuffed animals for Police Dept., Easter phone cards, Humane Society, and March of Dimes. She would like to meet with the committee members' right after the Staff Senate meeting.

Compensation and Budget:

None

Issues Committee:

None

Nominations Committee:

None

Staff Awards Committee:

None

## V. Unfinished Business

None

## VI. New Business

It was asked whether we will have Cardinal Lights this year, Diana said that she wasn't sure and that we would talk with Dr. Simmons at the next Executive meeting.

## VII. Good of the Order

Diana passed out the handouts for the Operation Green Streets

It's been a while since Hurricane Rita took the trees in your front yard. Are you missing them? Just a little shade to ease the heat is possible thanks to Operation Green Streets. OGS is a project funded by the USDA Forest Service and Texas Forest service to replant the urban forest of Southeast Texas. OGS is working with local partners to get shade back into your yard. According to the project's website, planting the right tree in the right place can:  
reduce your cooling bill, reduce noise, clean the air you breathe, increase your property value

Who qualifies?

Texas residents living in Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, or Tyler County,  
living in a residential home within the City Limits. (apartments and businesses are not eligible)  
Households that have not received a free shade tree from Operation Green Streets. (one tree per house)

Trees will be available for pick up on November 10, 2007 or February 8, 2008 at a designated site near your home. Identification will be required.

Diana informed everyone where they can find the Banner Index numbers on the MyLamar website.

Valarie Black thanked Diann Brodnax for a reminder call about coming to the Staff Senate Meeting.

Steve Ford asked about where you get the Hologram card to get back into campus if a hurricane hits; Patrick Stewart said that the card is given by Chief Fontenot and that it is for 1st Responders, but he should check with his supervisor

## VIII. Adjournment

Patrick Stewart motioned that the meeting adjourn. Gail Martel seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:21a.m.