

LSUE Staff Senate

Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2021

1:30pm

A127 & Zoom

Senators Present:

Amy Greagoff	Andy Gaspard
April Fontenot	Ceslie O'Brien
Chad Jones	Cory Lalonde
Kerry Fontenot	Patricia Gaspard
Ray Zorn	Shelly Arnaud

Senators Absent: Amber Arnaud, Pam Veillon, Pearly Rideaux

Guests: Katie Tucker, Debbie Seilhan, Debbie Reaux, Tasha Naquin, Heidi Dischler, Sandra King, Karen Ledoux, Carey Lawson, Donnie Thibodeaux and Lacey Frey

I. Staff Senate Chair, Patricia Gaspard, called the meeting to order at 1:33pm

II. Old Business

- None

III. Chair's Report

- Will be taking attendance at all meetings in accordance with our bylaws. It is important for senators to be present and participate.
- Welcomed all new members
- Current account balance is \$2,450.92; staff senate received an anonymous donation of \$250.00

IV. New Business

- Date for popsicle event
 - i. Would like to incorporate into convocation week as a welcome back treat for everyone. Suggestions were made and it was decided that popsicles would be handed out on Friday August 20th at 1pm in the C building

- Fundraising ideas
 - i. Patricia shared low overhead cost ideas to help increase staff senate funds without having to spend a lot money preparing, promoting, etc. Several ideas were discussed and a committee was formed to spear head a “lock up” fundraiser in the fall. Committee members are Chad Jones, Cory Lalonde, Ray Zorn, Katie Tucker, Andy Gaspard, Amy Greagoff
- Newsletter and Social Media
 - i. Patricia opened a discussion regarding the continuance of the monthly newsletter being done by Courtney Fruge. Options were to ask Courtney to continue the newsletter or replacing it with a social media presence
 - ii. It was recommended the newsletter be sent out quarterly or by semester (Spring, Fall & Summer)
 - iii. Everyone was in favor of starting a social media account that will be run by Patricia Gaspard & Amy Greagoff
- Changes to By Laws/Constitution in regards to unfilled positions
 - i. Patricia discussed that the institution is moving towards reducing the number of civil service positions on campus to just security & facilities. The goal is to move other civil service positions to unclassified as they become vacant.
 - 1. When this happens the civil service group will continue to get smaller with fewer people to represent that group resulting in unfilled positions with people from other groups interested but unable to serve due to lack of openings in their respective group
 - 2. The suggestion was made that nominations be held as usual, then if no one accepts, the position would become an at large position allowing interested employees from another group a chance to serve
 - ii. The discussion was left open and members were encouraged to talk to others and share suggestions. We will revisit and vote at the next meeting.

V. Campus Updates

- Captain Cory Lalonde shared COVID protocols as we know now
 - i. Continually changing, be flexible and expect changes
 - ii. Symptom checker and vaccination surveys will be going out – please encourage participation as this is how we monitor numbers to manage our campus
- Chad Jones shared that on August 18th high school counselors from 13 parishes and 90 high schools would be on campus

- Patricia asked the question “What is important to staff?” to get ideas of what she needs to bring forward to the board
 - i. Several members mentioned tuition exemption across campuses and for online courses as well as exemption for dependents

VI. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ray Zorn and seconded by Shelly Arnaud – the meeting adjourned at 2:25pm