

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2020 - 1:00 PM

Senators Present: Takeyra Wagner, Adam Jonson, Kaitlyn Nichols, Titus Belgard, Lakeshia Williams

Absent: Kristen Meche-Miller

Guests: Dr. Paul Coreil, Cynthia Sandoval, Gloria Hill, Renee West, Jerri Weston, Dr. John Rowan, Linda Smith, Jeanie Morein, Ora Morris

Chaired by: Takeyra Wagner

Minutes Taken by: Kaitlyn Nichols

Purpose: To address Staff Senate issues addressed by the agenda and hear updates from senators and the LSUA community

Takeyra called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Update from Chancellor Dr. Paul Coreil

- Congratulations to Takeyra for being named a member of the hiring committee for the search for a new LSU president. Tom Gallum is adding his name for the position.
- There seems to be a lax in wearing masks for students and possibly employees. We are having outbreaks here and there, but we need to enforce this as a university more strictly to prevent further outbreaks. When you can, please social distance and where a mask when and where you can.
- Commencement has been decided. More details will be sent out shortly. We are inviting spring, summer and fall graduates to walk. The ceremonies will be on the 18th and 19th of December. They will be split by departments and depending on how many people RSVP, including graduates and their family members. It will be held in the Fort.
- Thanksgiving Feast will be on November 24th- jambalaya will be served in the Quad by the Chancellor's Office.

Takeyra announced that previous meeting minutes from August 20, 2020 are still a work in progress- no motion to approve at this time.

Open/Old Business

- Staff Senate will need to replace two level 5 senators, one level 3, one level 6, and two level 7 to have a full senate.

New Business

- Two Senator 1 positions nominations- but both spots are currently full.
- Kaitlyn Nichols, Kristen Meche-Miller, Takeyra Wagner, and Titus Belgard will be rotating off the Senator 3 positions in June 2021. There are 4 people interested in the category 3 positions. We decided to wait for new nominations, elections and decisions about rotating off until next meeting.

Other Business/Senator Reports

- Lakeisha Williams- Leadership of Central Louisiana just graduated. Applications for 2021 on the website now. Working with instructors to build our 2021 schedule now.
- Adam Jonson- basketball season is upcoming, first game scheduled for October 30th. A lot of “what ifs” about if we are going to play or not, but having a lot of tentative conversations. There is an entire week of COVID makeup games. The capacity in the Fort will be at 25% only, but can still do a lot we can do by social distancing of players on court, fans and staff. There will be plexi glass installation around the area. Working with the campus with Trick R Treat Street and other community events.
- Kaitlyn Nichols- Trying to figure out new recruitment initiatives for all students. Spend the Day @ A will be virtual for the first time ever- first one on October 21st. The in person preview day will be November 14th- with limited capacity and a changed schedule due to social distancing. The second virtual preview day will be November 25th. Normally, we only have one preview day- this year we are doing 3. If anyone has questions from the community about the application process, please let our office know so we can reach out. Also let us know if your area needs some LSUA gear, we are happy to provide what we can.
- Titus Belgard- Online reservations for AV room is on library webpage. The library has a student worker position open- talk to Rusty and bring copy of class schedule.
- Takeyra Wagner- Continue to submit helpdesk tickets because it helps disperse the request out to the team and helps track them. NSA training is due by the end of the year- please complete ASAP. It will probably change next year due to sharing of answers. Adobe Cloud is available per request only- if you are interested, submit a helpdesk ticket for installation.