

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022 - 1:00 PM

Senators Present: Daniel Manuel, Richard Robinson, June Guillory, Junetha Silas

Absent: Donald Collins

Guests: Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Renee West, Titus Belgard, Michelle Rozas, Connie Cooper

Chaired by: Takeyra Wagner

Minutes Taken by: Takeyra Wagner

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

Takeyra called meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Dr. Coreil's Announcements

Dr. Coreil reiterated that the work Staff Senate does is very important to the university growth and progress. He always tries to attend the Staff Senate meetings when he can. He mentioned that we could not do anything without the outstanding staff on campus. He likes to receive feedback from staff on what we can do better as a university and being a public service to the community. According to the budget, there will be funds for faculty raises and they are working to get raises for Staff. Dr. Coreil mentioned that they are committed to including staff in merit raises which will have to be funded by the university if nothing drastic happens to the budget.

The new LSUA building will house mostly staff and has been approved. The foundation raised 5 million dollars for the building project. However, with inflation the cost of construction is higher, and he is asking legislature to match the price increase.

Homecoming week was great and Dr. Coreil and his wife enjoyed bowling the night before. Dr. Coreil asked for questions from the Senate.

Dr. Rowan's Announcements

Dr. Rowan plans to attend to more Staff Senate meetings. He believes that it is important that every group at a university to have a voice and to be able to provide their thoughts, inputs, and ideas. He mentioned human infrastructure and to be able to do all that we do now as a university it requires people and good people and people working together. He said as staff leaders we are here to help shape where we are going and how we do it strategically. He is interested in attending our meetings and see what we have to say. He operate with flexibility and operating as a team and being positive. He said he is really hear to listen and thanked the staff for allowing him to be there.

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- No meeting minutes to approve at the meeting. Takeyra is still working on them. Minutes will be available at the next meeting. Takeyra asked for volunteers to help with minutes since Staff Senate does not have a secretary yet.

Open/Old Business

- Staff Senate Newsletter
 - Takeyra has not received enough content for a newsletter. She received an article from Connie Cooper. Therefore, she is skipping the February 2022 Staff Senate Newsletter release and planning to release a newsletter for March 2022 even if that means there's only one article. Takeyra asked the Senate for more content.

New Business

- Staff Senate Nominations
 - The Senate looked at the current nominations. June will look at the categories that we have available and the Senate decided to extend the nomination deadline.
- Employee Recognition Dinner
 - Takeyra reminded the Senators about the Recognition Dinner on March 29th at 5PM. She mentioned that during the Recognition Dinner, there will be two awards given from Staff Senate: Boss of the Year 2022 and Staff Senate Scholarship 2022.
 - Staff Senate Scholarship 2022 – Takeyra notified the Senate that there are low funds in the Foundation Staff Senate Scholarship account (\$62.89) which is not enough to fund the typical \$250 scholarship. She will research and see if the Staff Senate Agency Account can be used to fund one \$250 scholarship.
 - Boss of the Year 2022 – Takeyra reviewed the process with the Senate, and she will send an email to the campus asking for nominations.

Other Business/Senator Reports

- Daniel Manuel – The Dept of Student Engagement is quite busy at the moment with Homecoming. Working with KINS and Allied Health for wellness events in the Quad. There's an upcoming Kick Back event coming up. Toward the end of February they will be focusing on Advising.
- Junetha Silas – No reports at the time.

- Richard Robinson – IT is always busy and last week the core network upgrades were finished and successful.
- June Guillory – No reports at the time.

Open Forum/Comments from the Public

- No comments from the public.

Meeting ended at 1:16 PM