Louisiana State University of Alexandria

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024

# Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Donald Collins at 1:30 p.m.

# Attendance

Senators Present: Mechelle Williams, Cieltia Adams, Victoria Villemarette, Linda Smith, Donald Collins, Josie Carmouche, Albert “Marty” Brown, and James Mitchell.

# Adoption of the Meeting Agenda:

Donald Collins moved and Albert “Marty” Brown seconded to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion passed.

# Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Albert “Marty” Brown moved and Linda Smith seconded to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion passed.

**Dr. Paul Coreil –** Dr. Coreil was in attendance and spoke about the phenomenal growth of LSUA enrollment. He stated that we are currently at 6,500 and thinks we will be at 7,000 by next Fall, which has exceeded our original goal of 5,000 by 2025. He advised that we should all be receiving a merit based 3% average pay increase because of enrollment which is due to our staff and faculty, while mentioning that the state budget could be tightening up, however with our continual enrollment growth, the impact should not be as it was years 8-1- years ago. Dr. Coreil also stated that he would like us to notify him of any family deaths so that we can be able to offer our condolences or attend services for our work family.

# Old Business

* Quarterly meeting with the LSU Board of Supervisors Council of Staff Advisors Meeting
* Appointment of Committee Charges – Need Volunteers
* Discussed adding Staff Senate Meetings to the Website.

# New Business

# Mechelle Williams discussed how we need to continue to raise money with our fundraisers to help with our scholarships. We currently are selling Hot Tamales through Oct 10th and will start selling Raffle Tickets soon for a gas card.

# The library now has extended evening hours and will host, A Tiny Art Painting on Sept 16-

27th, They will also offer Mentoring Mondays starting Sept 16th, in Coughlin Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. All are invited to watch *King Richard*

# Staff Senate Meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

# Staff Senate now has a Face Book Page and we encourage everyone to like and follow to spread the word.

# Other Business/Senator Reports

# Senator Cieltia Adams: The library will be celebrating the One-year Anniversary of the Tutoring Center on Sept 19th from 11-1, with light refreshments.

* **Senator Victoria Villemarette:** Auxiliary Services has been busy issuing ID Cards, Parking Permits, Meal Plans/Changes, and selling LSU Football tickets for home games. This is our busiest time of the year and we love being involved with the students. We also sell prints to students and postage stamps to both students and faculty/staff all year long. We handle Lost and Found items on campus and handle supplies for all 29 Xerox copiers on campus. We are working on a shuttle service to help with limited parking spots. Tickets will be issued for unregistered vehicles on campus, and we will have a new system to help track parking permits and citations soon.

# Josie Carmouche: Admissions Dept has a new director, Ashley Hatwig and the next big event will be in November, Spend the Day at A. They will continue to visit high schools in Louisiana talking with students about LSUA.

# Campus Police: Working on Vehicle maintenance and getting ready with security in place for Big Fall Campus Events. They are also working on a Shuttle Service during the month of closure for Parking Lot 7.

# Guests/Comments from the Public

**Dr. Mary Palmer –** Dr. Palmer discussed the Career Center at LSUA which took two years to complete, but since then has been doing well offering many resources for our students, such as The Career Fair which includes our student workers. This is free and offers several programs to help a college graduate obtain a job. A few things such as a resume template and how to prepare for a Mock Interview are some examples, along with the number one way for students to find jobs. There is also a module for international students who are not US citizens.

We would like to thank, Senator James Mitchell for a doing a great job with the campus grounds, and Red River Bank for Free Ice Cream on campus this week.

Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned by Donald Collins at 12:47 pm.