Louisiana State University of Alexandria

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

July 11, 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, Linda Smith, Donald Collins, Ashley Robinson, James Mitchell and Richard Robinson

# Adoption of the Meeting Agenda:

Cieltia Adams moved and Ashley Robinson seconded to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion passed.

# Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Cieltia Adams moved and Ashley Robinson seconded to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion passed.

**Dr. Paul Coreil** – Dr. Coreil was in attendance and spoke of the importance of the Staff Senate Committee. Dr. Coreil updated the Staff Senate about the upcoming budget cuts from the state. 82% of LSUA’s funding is self-generated funds. Dr. Coreil discussed the seven new Board of Supervisors. Two are expected on campus next week, July 17th.

# Old Business

# Appointment of Chief Collins as Parliamentarian

# Mechelle Williams met with Mira Parks in Strat Comm to discuss the development of a Social Media Page

# New Business

# Mechelle Williams handed out a few designs of a possible Staff Senate shirt.

# Discussed updating the Staff Senate website to include all photos and names of Staff Senate members.

# Proposed Amendments to the Constitution- Article VII, Section 4. It was discussed that no amendment is needed, more of updating the signature for the current Chancellor. The existing document has a previous Chancellor’s signature.

# Fundraising Start Date – Currently have $322.82 in the Staff Senate account. We want to be able to fund at least two scholarships. Fundraising ideas discussed.

# All monetary/items donated to Staff Senate shall be turned over to the Parliamentarian.

# Boss of the Year Nomination Guidelines – It was suggested to revise the judging panel. A discussion was held as to whether to LSUA employees to be a part of the judging panel. The current judging panel is represented by external representatives. It was noted that bringing in internal personnel as part of the judging panel could create a conflict/bias.

# Amending the Staff Senate Scholarship – It was discussed on whether to allow family members of Staff members to qualify for the scholarships.

# Other Business/Senator Reports

* **Senator Linda Smith:** Various suggestions of future fundraising ideas
* **Senator Cieltia Adams:** Tutoring Center had 3 Virtual tutors this summer with a huge success. They are currently accepting applications for student workers through Aug 5th.

# Campus Police: Nothing to report