

# Newsletter

June 4, 2022

## WHO ARE WE?

The LSUA Staff Senate is made up of duly elected representatives from the staff employees of the University.



**Website:** [lsua.edu/staffsenate](https://lsua.edu/staffsenate)



**Email:** [staffsenate@lsua.edu](mailto:staffsenate@lsua.edu)

## Current Senators

- Takeyra "Keyra" Wagner  
*President*
- Daniel Manuel  
*Vice President*
- June Guillory  
*Parliamentarian*
- Donald Collins
- Richard Robinson
- Junetha Silas

## Get involved in Staff Senate!

Nominations for term  
July 2022 - June 2023  
are now open. **Deadline  
to nominate is June 17, 2022!**

Check your email for details!

## President's Message

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read our 4th newsletter! I like to always remind everyone that our senators are your advocates, allies, and friends. I encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and consider getting involved with Staff Senate. Secondly, this is my last month as President of Staff Senate. It has been a pleasure serving on Staff Senate and I have learned so much! Daniel Manuel will serve as the new President of Staff Senate starting July 1.. Please remember that if you have any issues or comments that you would like to bring up to Staff Senate, you can email us at [staffsenate@lsua.edu](mailto:staffsenate@lsua.edu) or fill out our anon web form on our website. I hope you're having a great summer so far! *Takeyra "Keyra" Wagner*

## Staff Spotlight

*Thank you for your service to LSUA!*

### Sheila Hudson

*Assistant Registrar*



Sheila Hudson serves as Assistant Registrar at LSUA. Her duties include assisting the University Registrar with the overall operations of the department, coordinating registration and final exam grading, vetting information for student appeals, approving room requests in SchoolDude, and meeting with students regarding any academic questions they may have. We have also seen her demonstrate immense compassion as a mentor and coach for students in crisis. Sheila has been on campus for 14 years and she's originally from Cheneyville. Fun facts about Sheila include that she is a youth motivational speaker, a first-generation college student, and she loves to cook in her spare time.

### Richard Robinson

*Assistant Director of IET Services*



Richard Robinson is the Assistant Director of Information and Educational Technology (IET) Services. He has many duties and responsibilities in IET Services to help ensure the stable operation of computer networks. This includes planning, developing, installing, configuring, maintaining, supporting, and optimizing all network hardware, software, and communication links here at LSUA. You may have seen Richard working with the construction crew to ensure data lines are protected underground!

In addition to network administration duties, he is quick to assist in every other area in IET Services including the Help Desk and team project management. Richard shows great dedication to the campus's growing technology needs and he is always ready to help when needed. He has been at LSUA since October 2017 and is originally from Alexandria, LA. Fun facts about Richard include that he has lived in Japan for 3 years, he's an avid outdoorsman and video gamer, has been married for 7 years, and loves to travel.

# Honoring PRIDE Month

Pride month was officially recognized in 1999 and 2000 by President Bill Clinton. Later President Barack Obama expanded the observance by proclaiming June 2009-2016 LGBTQ+ Month. Annually in June we celebrate diversity and uplift the voices and visibility of LGBTQ+ Americans. We also celebrate the culture and support LGBTQ+ rights.

What we now recognize as a global movement is the result of the tenacity and resilience of LGBTQ+ people who pushed back against the 1969 Stonewall Inn Riots. The 60s and preceding decades were difficult times for LGBTQ+ people to simply be themselves. Walking in their truths and authenticity was illegal with the ultimate consequence being constant harassment and death.

The Stonewall Inn, nestled in the neighborhood of Greenwich Village in New York City, was one of the few bars and clubs where LGBTQ+ people could openly socialize without fear or worry – until the police raid in the early morning of June 28, 1969.

In the midst of riots and protests on Christopher Street in New York, the LGBTQ+ community, led by Marsha P. Johnson, a black, trans, bisexual woman, demanded the establishment of places where LGBTQ+ people could be open about their sexual orientation without fear. A year later, bisexual activist, Brenda Howard, known as "The Mother of Pride," organized Gay Pride Week and the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade. Harvey Milk, a gay politician, and his designer friend, Gilbert Baker, designed the rainbow flag in 1978 as a symbol of hope and pride for LGBTQ+ persons around the world. The Pride flag is integral to Pride parades and celebrations everywhere.

LGBTQ+ people have much to be proud of from Don't Ask, Don't Tell, DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act), the Hate Crime Sentencing Enhancement Act, federal laws that protect LGBTQ+ workers from discrimination, to adoption rights. All of the LGBTQ+ people we have lost along the way could never have imagined the success and advances that their community would go on to achieve. Through all of the discrimination and the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the LGBTQ+ community and its allies have continued in the struggle for anti-discrimination and anti-harassment protections.

Let us not relegate the celebration of LGBTQ+ Americans to the month of June but rather harness our collective energy to work together all year long to make our world better for all human kind. In the words of President Barack Obama, "when all Americans are treated as equal, no matter who they are or whom they love, we are all more free."

**Happy Pride!**



## Have you completed your Mandatory Employee Trainings?

There are four required trainings:

1. State Ethics Training
2. Power-Based Violence Training (Title IX)
3. Cybersecurity Awareness Training
4. Diversity 101 Workshop



You can learn more about the trainings at:

<https://www.lsua.edu/mandatory-employee-training>

**Remember to submit your 2022 training certificates via the Mandatory Training box in MyLSUA.**

## Learn more about TRSL!



TRSL stands for Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. We wanted to remind everyone of this employee service. They are several workshops and free resources regarding TRSL on their website at <https://www.trsl.org/>.



Even more of an excuse to be a lifelong learner! There are two new courses available on CPTP's website: Business Writing and Writing Basics. Login to LEO to take these courses. Login instructions are available on the HRM website:

<http://www.lsua.edu/fas/human-resources/employee-resources>

For more information, contact June Guillory ([juneg@lsua.edu](mailto:juneg@lsua.edu)).

**Geaux Generals!!**