

# Lamar University Staff Senate

## January 19, 2010

### Senators present:

Sherri Fitzgerald, Steve Ford, Valarie Black, Diann Brodnax, Kathleen Andrews, Barb Barker-Milstead, Don Curl, Susan Daniel (sub), Linda Dousay, Dr. Mary Gagne, Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Dimples Jones, Cynthia Ksiazek, Anna LaLonde, Monitca Owens (sub), Debby Piper, Melinda Prince, Douglas Sampson, Sharon Sanders, Patrick Stewart, Natasha Walker, and Donna Wilridge.

#### I. Call to Order

President, Sherri Fitzgerald, called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

#### II. Roll Call

Secretary, Diann Brodnax called roll. A quorum was seated.

#### III. Minutes

Megan Hale made a motion and Don Curl seconded to accept the December 2009 minutes. The Senate unanimously approved the December 2009 minutes.

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### Executive Committee:

There was not a meeting with Dr. Simmons in December 2009.

##### Bylaws Committee:

The committee will meet to discuss adding the postponement of the January, March, and August meetings to accommodate registration peak times and Spring Break. Staff Senate will vote at the February Meeting.

##### Community Service Committee:

Anna LaLonde will hold a committee meeting to discuss relief efforts for Haiti and to do something for the troops.

##### Compensation and Budget:

No news at this time. Don Curl said the Waters Company should complete the marketing data in February.

##### Issues Committee:

None

##### Nominations Committee:

None

##### Staff Awards Committee:

Diann Brodnax made the announcement that the chair of the Awards Committee needs to contact the previous chair, Faye Johnnie at 7698, ASAP to organize the Awards Ceremony.

#### V. Unfinished Business

Cynthia Ksiazek announced employees that are attending Lamar as a student will have the same services at the Health Center as a student. An employee attending with student status must present their student ID. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Shawn Gray, Director of the Health Center.

#### VI. New Business

Valarie Black asked if Staff employees can march in the Graduation procession. Staff provides services for student success and graduation. Sherry Wells, Registrar, said she would speak to Dr. Smith about this matter.

It was brought to our attention that there needs to be a recycle campaign at Lamar. Valarie Black stated there are two student organizations on campus to contact regarding recycling at Lamar. She will provide the information. It was stated that the Business Dept brought the issue to Dr. Simmons attention for a campus wide campaign. Megan Hale announced used ink cartridges can be taken to the Supply Center for recycling.

Sherri Fitzgerald, President, made an announcement concerning job security. Since many departments are under reconstruction, it is best to approach your supervisor with any concerns about your job security. Staff Senate cannot bring this issue before Dr. Simmons.

VII. Good of the Order

Dr. Mary Gagne expressed her sadness over the departure of Jana Daigle.

Barb Barker-Milstead introduced the new Registrar, Sherry Wells.

Diann Brodnax introduced two guests, Celine Hodge and Tristan Jackson, both are advisors in Developmental Studies.

Valarie Black announced Food Fest will be February 25, 2010 in the Student Setzer Center.

Valarie announced Homecoming and Open House are February 27, 2010.  
There will be a Basketball game that evening.

Valarie stated a Haiti Relief Effort is underway. She will provide information.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Megan Hale to adjourn, Sharlene Hatch seconded, and all were in favor.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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**OPEN MEETING**

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
STAFF SENATE MEETING**

**February 9, 2010  
10:00 A.M.**