

Staff Senate Minutes

September 3, 2020 Zoom meeting 2:30p.m.

Senators Present: Courtney Fruge Michelle Richard
Andy Gaspard Patricia Gaspard
Ceslie O'Brien Amy Greagoff
April Fontenot

Senators Absent: Shelly Arnaud, Dillard Fair, Pam Veillon, Ray Zorn, Althea Jackson

Guests: Sondra Cormier, Corey LaLonde, Debbie Reaux, Debbie Seillhan, Jim Veillon, Lacey Frey and Dr. Sorenson

- I. Courtney Fruge, Chair, called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes accepted by Patricia Gaspard and seconded by Andy Gaspard and approved by Staff Senate.

III. New Business

- COVID-19 System tracker is currently in effect you can receive this via email or text message. Please make sure to send in this response everyday so that we can submit our campus numbers to Baton Rouge. The notifications are being sent out in one mass email. The text messages are not going as smoothly as the email messaging.

- According to LSU there is no threshold to going virtual and we are not necessarily setting any threshold and will just keep watch on the overall picture and go from there. As long as we can function, we will. If it comes to the point where we have to go virtual, we will. Students rather be in face to face option than online. As of right now this is where we will stand.

- National Guard will be on campus Tuesday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 9 and also Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following two weeks doing COVID testing which will open to anyone and everyone.

- Dr. Sorenson would like to commend Corey for spending the night Wednesday night during the storm and also Catherine Molleno for working with the students that stayed

at Bengal Village. Dr. Sorenson passed by LSUA campus and they are closed until September 8, they were severely hit with the storm. We are trying to serve our employees and students that were affected from the storm with issues and support them.

- Renaming of Computer Lab in the Library to Denise Foret's name is still on hold, the Board has just started meeting again and under the Governor's restrictions the full board has not been able to meet since only 50 people are allowed. Cary was asked to wait on the Mumphy item until the October meeting which is the item right before the renaming of the Computer Lab. We would like to promote fundraising to pay for the signage, ceremony and etc. Some ideas brought forward are a mum sale but we are a little late the nursery's need to be contact early before Falls starts, so Courtney will look into possibly having a poinsettia sale. We need to figure out how much everything is going to cost as to what a goal would be to our fundraising (etc. signage, ceremony - sandwiches or cake). Van said that we could reach out to him and he would give us the information for the people he use for signs and such.

- Welcome back to campus cookie and drink pick up scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 from 1:00-3:00. We had talked about having watermelon but we are too late for the harvest season of watermelons and Robin Farms would like to donate the watermelons for us next year.

- Peer recognition board - We can assign a bulletin board (there is the one right by the mail boxes in the hall) just to high-light something that someone has done that was over and beyond their job duties or going the extra mile. It can be a faculty, staff or student worker. It can be hand written typed up. We will draft up an email to send to campus once a week or once a month or as they come in. Once a month spotlight once staff, faculty and student in a newsletter, email or social media post.

- Adopt a new employee as a positive way to help a new employee navigate their first week on campus. We will table this for now and come around to it once we get the other items established and moving forward.

- Dr. Sorenson is still on board for the Employee Reduction/Exemption and is still planning on bringing this up to the Board and LSU Administration. It is on hold for now until they can get more people at the board meetings.

IV. **Chair's Report**

- The current account balance is \$4,859.81.

V. **Adjournment**

- The motion to adjourn the meeting by Andy Gaspard and seconded by Sondra Cormier the meeting was adjourned at 2:45p.m.