



MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2020

President Rachel Henry presided over the April 15, 2020, Staff Senate meeting held by Zoom Video Conferencing at 10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Executive/Administrator/ Manager

Service/Maintenance

P - Millican, Tammy ('20)

A - Matkovic, Igor ('20)

P - Barbara Reonas ('21)

Professional/Non-Faculty

P - Braud, Jennifer ('20)

P - Clemmons, Jill ('20)

A - Hernandez, Kristen ('20)

P - Kimmell, Alyssa ('20)

P - Lemoine, Nathan ('20)

P - Stone, Megan ('20)

P - Wilson, Derek ('20)

P - Astin, Jessica ('21)

P - Bokham, Trey ('21)

P - Bonner, Amber ('21)

P - Dawan, Hope ('21)

P - Henry, Rachel ('21)

P - Lane, Madison ('21)

P - Garner, Karen ('22)

P - Herman, Catherine ('22)

P - Holstein, Lindsey ('22)

A - Lee, Mark ('22)

P - Levesque, Jonathan ('22)

P - NDC q72.024 526.25 214.15 91.224 reW

LSU has started doing some planning exercises for potential budget cuts in the fall. We currently have a hiring and spending freeze in place.

The Faculty Senate Courses and Curriculum Committee and the Admissions, Standards and Honors Committee came to a supportive plan in terms of pass no credit. Students will have a window of time to select which option they want. Then there will time for those students to rethink those choices so that we have a very generous appeal period. The Advisors have done a great job to keep students on track.

Compared to other large 4-year institutions, we are 10% ahead of freshman students paying their deposit for fall enrollment. The colleges are doing an amazing job answering questions for these students.

We hoped for about 1,800 students to participate in SPIN, LSU's orientation event for high achieving students. We currently have 2,768 students who have signed up for our virtual SPIN event this year.

We have been able to manufacture PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) in the PMAC. Interim President Galligan was being interviewed by FOX News this morning regarding this initiative set up to help the healthcare professionals.

Q: How many staff members attended the LSU Town Hall Meeting?

A: There were about 1,000 staff members and about 300 faculty members who attended.

Q: What are some transition issues that students are facing?

A: There have been some parents who have reached out but there have not been too many issues that she has heard of.

Q: Do you know of any legislative bills, other than COVID-related issues, that might affect our campus?

A: There was one bill to eliminate all required fees for students at every campus. I think they were unaware of what a huge impact that would have on those budgets. There was another bill that would prohibit the Board of Regents from taking any money if campuses should exceed their exceptions.

Q: Will the entire \$18,000,000 in stimulus money be going to the students?

A: Half of those dollars will go to the students and some is going towards expenditures associated with this pandemic. There is some Governor's discretion money that we are hopeful to receive as well.

Q: With the Governor's decree about schools not going back into session, is there a plan for employees with school age children?

President-Elect Jonathan Levesque gave a big shout out to Senator Aaron Cherry for his efforts coordinating the PPE initiative while working at the PMAC. Interim President Tom Galligan gave a great interview with FOX News regarding this effort ping10

Senator Aaron Cherry mentioned that Facility Services received the call last week that they would be setting up some type of manufacturing in the PMAC. They started with one person, then brought in four more people. Currently, they have 24 people working on the floor. They started out making one gown an hour but now they are able to make a gown from start to finish in about five minutes. The biggest hurdle has been getting the material. They are hoping to be able to make five to six thousand gowns a week. They worked with the College of Engineering to make a gown template to work off of. They have been able to streamline the process with the working tables being placed for proper social distancing.

Cherry has heard that the gowns that they have made are already being used in the Intensive Care Units in New Orleans. Coca-Cola has donated drinks and some area restaurants have donated food

The LSU Staff Senate will contact Faculty Senate on this collaborated effort.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Amber Salvadras announced that the LSU Staff T-Shirts have been received. She emailed everyone who made a purchase that once we are back on campus, we will send out pick up instructions.

The staff appreciation event t-shirts have been received as well. We will store these for the fall event.

Staff Senate Budget

Treasurer Amber Salvadras provided a financial report to the full Senate.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Survey

President Henry announced that the LSU Staff Survey is live on the Staff Senate Website. There was some discussion with Strategic Communications regarding content and distribution which had to be worked out but there is roughly about 15 questions. The point of this survey and the reason we stood firm to keep it with the Staff Senate is this is our opportunity to really start at living and breathing our mission. She thinks that there is a huge number of staff on campus that need the Staff Senate to advocate for them and this is how we are going to find out what they need from us. Henry is going to work with Strategic Communications to see how the survey can be distributed to all staff members in as many ways as we can. She encouraged everyone to share that message with your areas of influence as well to see what it is we need to be doing for staff.

Executive Officer Nominations

The Staff Senate Executive Officer Call for Nominations is now open. The nomination forms were circulated to all Senators electronically in the meeting packet. The deadline to return your nominations is April 24.

Future Guest Speakers

Please submit any suggestions for future guest speakers to the Staff Senate Executive Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Senator Birthday

Melonie Milton announced the following birthday:

Senator Jill Clemmons celebrated her birthday on April 7.

Senator Sarah Salesneves celebrated her birthday on April 12.

Happy Birthday!

