



MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2022

President Amber Salvadras presided over the April 20, 2021, Staff Senate meeting held in the Event Room in Barnes & Noble at LSU at 10:30 a.m.

Unclassified

Classified

Executive/Administrative/Managerial

P - Tammy Millican ('23)

Skilled Crafts

A - Corbitt, Brent ('22)

Professional/Non-Faculty

P - AMatkovic, Igor ('23) 3

P - Braden, Laurie ('22)

P - Carney, Mo ('24)

P - Cummings, Ellen ('22)

A - Duplechain, Joshua ('24)

A - Garner, Karen ('22)

A - Garza, Jorge ('24)

P - Ghebreyessus, Walta ('22)

A - Harb, Ryan ('23)

P - Herman, Catherine ('22)

P - Hicks, Emmy ('24)

P - Law, Shemeka ('24)

A - Lee, Quinneka ('24)

P - Levesque, Jonathan ('22)

P - Nickerson, John ('22)

P - Rafati, Karina ('22)

P - Sansoni, Gerald ('23)

P - Shaw, Linda ('24)

A - Shows, Haley ('23)

P - Slocum, Jenee ('23)

P - Smith, Henri ('24)

A - Stone, Megan ('23)

P - Trahan, Amy ('22)

Pr - Walker, Jason ('24)

P - Washington, Valori ('23)

P - Williams-Carter, Tyrslai ('24)

A - Wilson, Derek ('23)

A - Yan. Le ('22)

Technical/Paraprofessional

A - Nehlig, Mark ('24)

Clerical/Secretarial

P - Salesneves, Sarah ('22)

P - Salvadras, Amber ('22)

P - Sparks, Donna ('24)

Service/Maintenance

P - Christopher Hopkins ('24)

A - Robertson, Winkyessa ('24)

A - Indicates Absent

P - Indicates Present

Pr - Indicates Proxy

April 5 - held the Executive Committee meeting in preparation for the month of April

April 7- attended the Council of Staff Advisors Meeting

April 8 - The Executive Vice President and Provost Search Committee Meeting was held to review the 12 candidate's references to narrow the candidate list down to 4 candidates

April 13 – the Executive Committee met with Kimberly Lewis, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer as an introductory meeting. Kimberly provided an update on the search for a new Director for the Emergency Operations Center. She is serving as interim until a new Director is chosen, There are 3 candidates who will be interviewed in the coming weeks

The Staff Senate Executive Committee has also been invited to open forums and to interview candidates for the next Vice President for Online and Continuing Education.

President Salvadras had the opportunity to judge for the Tiger 12 this year. Each spring, LSU recognizes 12 outstanding seniors who contribute positively to the life of the campus, surrounding community, and/or society. These 12 individuals are then recognized as the Tiger Twelve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Appreciation

The Staff Night at Alex Box will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. for a Baseball Tailgate before LSU plays Nicholls.

The Professional Development Fund criteria is being reviewed.

Staff Benefits, Policies & Development

Senator Jenee Slocum met with Senator Emmy Hicks regarding the Campus Climate Survey that the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion publishes for data collection.

Campus Communicators

Senator Joshua Duplechain provided a written report for the Campus Communicators meeting that was held on March 29, 2022, as part of meeting packet for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Staff Senate Budget/Gift Fund

Treasurer Catherine Herman provided a written financial report that was included in the

meeting packet for review by the full Senate.

LSU Staff Senate Resolution 22-01 in Calling for the review and eliminations of fees for staff enrolled in Tuition Exemption, sponsored by the LSU Staff Senate

First Reading, read by Past-President Jonathan Levesque

WHEREAS, one of the primary charges of the LSU Staff Senate, the elected representative body for staff members, is to advocate for staff and serve as a bridge between staff and administration on matters of importance and concern; and

WHEREAS, the Tuition Exemption program offered to staff has not been updated since the introduction of new fees to the funding structure of LSU; and

WHEREAS, the current Tuition Exemption program does not exempt employees from fees which now number in the hundreds of dollars per semester; and

WHEREAS, the current LSU Online Tuition Exemption policy only discounts online tuition at 70% with fees not excluded; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Senate expresses serious concern the Tuition Exemption policy no longer serves the original intent of access to education at a low cost for LSU Employees as a retention strategy

THEREFORE, be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Remy Starns, Chair of the LSU Board of Supervisors; William Tate, LSU President; Matt Lee, Interim Executive Vice

NEW BUSINESS

May Meeting

The May 18, 2022, General Meeting will be held in the Lawton Room in Tiger Stadium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Senator Birthday

Staff Senator April Birthdays:

Senator Valori Washington celebrated her birthday on April 6.

Senator Sarah Salesneves celebrated her birthday on April 12.

Senator Jason Walker will celebrate his birthday on April 22.

Happy Birthday!

Linking Diverse Suppliers to the Tiger Supply Chain event hosted by the LSU Procurement will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. The event is free to attend with food and giveaways. Don't miss this opportunity to Geaux diverse and expand LSU's diversity footprint.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – With there being no more business, Senator Jenee Slocum made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Senator Sarah Salesneves, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

John Nickerson, Secretary

JN/mm