



STAFF SENATE/SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2009

1:30 PM

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
CONFERENCE ROOM

CHAIR	Susan Duggins
ATTENDEES	Committee: Susan Duggins, Brenda Allen, Lillian Brown, Allison Bryant, Camile Currier, Tasha Fisher, Dave Nicklas, Chris Ringo, Cori Scroggins and Lindsey Wilkerson;
ABSENT	Pamela Saulsberry

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION	<p>A meeting of the Staff Senate was held on April 6, 2009 in the President's Office Conference Room, and called to order at 1:35 pm by Susan Duggins, chair.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting held March 23, 2009 were reviewed by the committee and approved.</p> <p><b>Old Business/ Updates:</b></p> <p>It was noted that our meeting room location has changed and will be in the President's Office Conference Room for future Staff Senate meetings due to a scheduling conflict with a larger group that needed the Administrative Conference Room – Library 622.</p> <p>Susan announced to the group that Stephanie Blackmon, Director of Human Resources will be at the next Staff Senate meeting on April 20 and will be available to answer questions regarding HR issues particularly the Faculty and Staff Shared Sick Leave policy and or the Employee Recognition options. Susan also told the group that the Faculty Senate did approve the policy as it was presented.</p> <p>Susan called upon Dave Nicklas to provide an update on Budget cut issues. He said that detailed budget cut plans are due to the Board of Regents by April 14 from the Universities. ULM's portion of the \$67M in Higher Education cuts will be \$8.2M on top of the \$2.4 M previously handed down in July 2008. The House Appropriations Committee meets again on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We are still hopeful they will use other options available to offset the cuts.</p>							
DISCUSSION	<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>Group discussions were held on research findings of what this group suggest for the Role, and Function of the Staff Senate should be. Several university websites were reviewed for format and possible wording to use in our statement.</p> <p>The group decided that it would be best for everyone to gather their information and suggestion and forward via e-mail attachment by Wednesday, April 1 to Allison Bryant. She will compile into one document and send out to the group for review prior to the meeting.</p>							
<p>Next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2009 @ 1:30 PM, President's Conference Room.</p>								
CONCLUSIONS	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.</p>							
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