



<b>STAFF SENATE MINUTES</b>
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June 25, 2019

9:30 AM

ULIB 622

<b>President</b>	Deborah Beaver
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p>Senators: Colton Bernstein, Kristin Chandler, Dan DeJarnette, Jason Dunavant, Leslie Exmeyer, Andrew Hardee, Christie Hemphill, Sabrina McClain, Tommie Nelson, Meghan Olinger, Allison Thompson, Lamont Windom, Hope Young</p> <p>Visitors: Tammy Anderson, Kelli Cole, Katie Dawson, Mark Johnson, Judith Naslund, Noelle Prestridge, Jeanette Robinson, Patience Talley, Tom Torregrossa</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Alberto Ruiz, Vice President for Academic Affairs</p>
<b>ABSENT (EXCUSED)</b>	Fernando Cordova, Erica Hopko, Melissa Rhodes

**Agenda topics**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>General Announcements</b>
<p>Vice President Thompson agreed to take minutes in Secretary Rhodes' absence.</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by President Beaver. Review and approval of May meeting minutes was postponed until next meeting.</p> <p>The next Staff Senate meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM in ULIB 622.</p>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Senator Resignation/Replacement Appointment</b>
<p>Senator Joey McNamara resigned from the University; President Beaver, as authorized in the Senate Bylaws, designated as his replacement Hope Young, staff member in the Office of Marketing and Communications, to represent the Athletics/President's Office area. Senator Hemphill made a motion to approve the appointment; Senator Hardee seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>New Business/Open Floor Discussion</b>
<p>Mark Johnson, Assistant Director of University Police Department, shared information about current ULMPD initiatives including the new ULM SAFE App and upcoming Everbridge Warhawk Alert system decommissioning, the establishment of a FEMA/American Red Cross Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) at ULM, and continuing Active Shooter Training opportunities for faculty, staff, and students on campus.</p> <p>Jeanette Robinson, Digital Media Specialist in the Office of Marketing and Communication, noted that OMC published a new University Newsletter today, distributed to all employees via Warhawk mail.</p>	

**DISCUSSION****Guest Speaker**

Dr. Alberto Ruiz, newly appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced himself to Staff Senate. He expressed his belief in the importance of Staff Senate and its purpose, and he explained that he will always make decisions based on the best interest of students.

He updated Senate on the current budget outlook, discussed ideas about scholarship offer strategies, confirmed intentions to continue with operating margins calculations for academic programs, and expressed interest in strengthening ULM's relationship with Delta Community College.

**DISCUSSION****Closing**

There being no further business, Senator Dunavant made a motion to adjourn; Senator Hardee seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.