



# STAFF SENATE MINUTES

**January 18, 2023 10:00 am Library 622**

<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Senators:</b> Greg Andrews, Kristal Anzalone, Chloe Beaver, James Beinkemper, Mallory Benedetto - Parliamentarian, Fernando Cordova, Cindy Foust, Meghan Olinger-President, Dana Mejia, Melissa Rhodes – Past President, Sarah Siereveld, Nicole Walker, Sara Webb, Chris Williams, Faith Wilson</p> <p><b>Visitors:</b> Gregory Baccarini, Anna Grigsby, Tom Torregrossa, Ayush Gupta, Jennifer Huey, Jessica Griggs, Chasity Green, Mary Elizabeth Parker, and Alana Stevenson</p>
<b>Excused/Absent</b>	Therese Filhiol, Andrew Hardy, Joanna Hunter, Ahmaad Solmone, Jimmy Waller
<b>Call to Order</b>	<p>January Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Olinger</p> <p>Roll taken by Chloe Beaver</p> <p>Visitors welcomed by President Olinger</p>
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>Motion made by Senator Mallory Benedetto to approve the Minutes of the December 2022 meeting. Seconded by Senator Greg Andrews.</p>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<p>Miss ULM 2023 Leslie Hobgood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leslie’s social impact is based on learning disabilities. She was diagnosed with ADHD later in life and has seen the impact that diagnosis has had on her educational performance.</li> <li>• Hopes to bring awareness and training on how to handle and work with student’s with learning disabilities to ULM. Nicholls currently has a testing center for learning disabilities and Leslie plans to reach out to them for guidance. She also plans to work with the Counseling Center to set up workshops for the ULM community on learning disabilities.</li> <li>• She is also preparing to compete and represent ULM at the Miss Louisiana pageant which will take place on June 15-17, 2023 in Monroe at the Jack Howard Theater.</li> </ul>
<b>Reports of Committees</b>	<p>Communication- NR</p> <p>Handbook – The Handbook Committee will receive a new committee head since the secretary will now head the Finance Committee. A new committee head has been discussed and will be chosen by</p>

the executive council and Meghan will contact the new committee head and new committee members soon. The committee will be announced at next month's meeting.  
 Elections- - Per Meghan on behalf of Drew- The election committee will begin next month discussing and planning for this year's election.

Staff welfare-NR

By-Laws – By-Laws- New by-laws were approved. Mallory discussed ways that service hours will be tracked. Senators will be required to do 10 hours of service per semester. A sheet will be passed around at each senate meeting and senators can record how many hours they did that month. Service hours will be tracked by Drew's position.

**Continuing Business**

None

**New Business**

- CAB/SGA Sponsored Meals- The CAB/SGA meals during Week of Welcome, Spring Fever Week, etc. are paid for using student fees and there has been a large attendance of faculty and staff attending these events and taking part in the free meals. Meghan proposed that staff senate begin to contribute a sum of money to SGA/CAB each semester or year to help pay for staff lunches. There will be a vote to come to approve the request to contribute money and the amount. Meghan will reach out to Janelle McDaniel to discuss a joint contribution from both Faculty and Staff Senates.
- Senate Resolution regarding deceased staff members- Faculty Senate has drafted a resolution on ways to recognize deceased faculty members. Faculty Senate has approached Staff Senate to draft a joint resolution that will go to the VPAA for approval. The joint resolution would outline how faculty and staff members could be recognized when they pass by the institution. Meghan will send out draft of Faculty Senate resolution for senators to read and draft Staff Senate resolution for future approval.
- Volunteer/Service Hours implementation- Mallory discussed changes in report of Constitution and By-laws Committee.
- New Finance Committee- Meghan added that she will be contacting the new committee members this month and the committee will be announced at next month's meeting.
- Shared Governance Meeting- Meghan has a shared governance meeting with Faculty Senate President, Dr. Arrant, and the President set for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have anything you would like discussed in that meeting, send to Meghan before Monday morning. Meghan will report on that meeting in our February senate meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Faith Wilson and seconded by Senator Kristal Anzalone. Meeting adjourned by President Olinger. The next Staff Senate meeting will be on February 15th at 10:00 am in the Library Conference Room 622.

