



# Staff Senate Meeting Minutes for March 2024

<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, March 20, 2024	<b>Time:</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Location:</b> ULIB 622   Zoom for Guests
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<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Senators Present:</b> Chloë Beaver, Andrew Hardee, Dana Mejia, Meghan Olinger, Sara Webb, Shane Dykes, James Beinkemper, Therese Filhiol, Eron Bethard, Ahmaad Solmone, Chris Williams, Kelley Gentry, Sabrina McClain, Cindy Foust, and Sarah Siereveld.	<b>Senators Excused:</b> None <b>Senators Absent:</b> None <b>Visitors:</b> Kristi Davis, Melissa Rhodes, Deb Morse, Natalya Van, Brendan Rowley, Fernando Cordova, Allison Thompson, Jessica Griggs, Jennifer Huey, Joanna Hunter, and Lauren Weatherford.
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### Call to Order

- March 2024 Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Hardee at 10:04 a.m.
- Roll taken by Secretary Beaver.
- Visitors welcomed by President Hardee.

### Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes

- Motion made by Senator Filhiol to approve the Minutes of the February 2024 meeting. Seconded by Senator Bethard. The Senate approves the last meeting’s minutes.
- Guest speaker welcomed by President Hardee.

### Guest Speaker(s)

- Ms. Kristi Davis, Assistant VP of Budget & Administration and Executive Director, ULM Facilities, Inc.**
- ULM Facilities, Inc.
    - Clarke M. Williams Innovation Campus
      - Ms. Davis discussed the Clarke M. Williams Innovation Campus (formerly Lumen) as the Executive Director of ULM Facilities, Inc.
      - ULM Facilities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The Clarke M. Williams campus was donated to ULM Facilities, Inc.
      - The corporation currently has one lease with Lumen. ULM has hired 4 employees to assist with running and maintaining that property.
      - The operation has taken time to get the property set up for ULM to use.
    - Campus Master Plan
      - ULM Facilities, Inc. Is in the process of creating a Campus Master Plan. This project aligns with the ULM Strategic Plan.
      - The corporation hired architects to complete the Master Plan.
      - The completed Master Plan will be presented to the campus community in the coming months.
    - P-Card Group
      - Lobbying group hired by ULM

- Monitor and advance capital outlay program and business development opportunities.
  - Additional Projects of ULM Facilities, Inc.
    - Golf short-game facility
    - Malone Stadium Turf
    - Football Scoreboard
    - Manages/Maintains Housing (all-year)
    - Manages the Student HUB project
    - Purchased the Scottish Rites Building
      - Corporation is looking at property to determine how it will benefit the university best.
    - Purchased property across from Hemphill Hall
    - Owns building on Desiard across from UPD
      - Currently housing Speech-Language Pathology program and offices for Senator Jackson.
  - Questions from Senators on ULM Facilities, Inc.
    - Fant-Ewing Coliseum Update
      - The Coliseum is currently a Priority 3 for capital outlay project.
      - ULM currently has half of the money needed and is waiting on an approval letter from the state administration for remaining funding to move forward with the project.
    - Website on using the Clarke M. Williams campus.
      - Yes, webpage is attached to the ULM website.  
<https://www.ulm.edu/cmwic/index.html>
- Budget Update
  - Preliminary numbers indicate \$400,000 cut from the budget. This is a good start for preliminary numbers.
  - Spending plan
    - After Spring revenue hits, Office of VP of Business Affairs reviews enrollment and expenses. Enrollment was flat this past year. Keeping enrollment up helps the spending plan as does new revenue from different areas like Clarke M. Williams property leases and others.
  - Retirement Incentive- 10 faculty and 6 classified staff took the retirement incentive. Those positions will not be refilled. This will save the university \$1.4 million.
  - Cost of Dual Enrollment courses will increase next year. Louisiana Tech has done the same. The cost will go from \$50 to \$100 per credit hour.
  - Business Affairs is currently looking at things that can be done to increase revenue.
- Staff Raises
  - There has been no word yet on staff raises for next year.
  - The preliminary budget did have raises for classified staff allocated.

## Reports of Committees

- Communications- Senator Bethard reported that the Communications committee is posting the Staff Senate “snippets” on Facebook following each meeting. These posts will be a brief synopsis of topics discussed in the meeting to keep ULM constituencies aware.
- Constitution & Bylaws- Senator Webb reported that the committee is reviewing the Constitution & Bylaws and will likely propose a resolution regarding electronic meeting attendance for Senators. The proposal will be presented at next meeting.
- Elections- No Report.

- Staff Welfare & Handbook- No Report.
- President- President Hardee reported that he is working with the Faculty Senate President and is meeting with ULM administration to move the LGBTQ+ policy forward.

### Continuing Business

- No Continuing Business

### New Business

- SS Resolution 2324-03: I move to grant the Department of Alumni Affairs the amount of \$214.00 for the purchase of video and audio technologies to enhance their events and organizational promotion.
  - Motioned by Senator S. Siereveld and Seconded by Senator A. Solmone
  - Senator Siereveld spoke in support of this resolution. Alumni Affairs is trying to increase their media presence and the equipment will go to supporting that endeavor to reach the ULM and Monroe community.
  - Senator Solmone spoke in support of the resolution.
  - Senator Filhiol spoke in support of the resolution.
  - No Debate
  - Motion to approve the resolution passes: Yays 13; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

### Open Discussion

- Announcements
  - Women’s Symposium – March 20, 11:00 AM-Bayou Pointe Event Center
  - Grad Finale- March 21, 11:00 AM - ULM Bookstore
  - Shrek The Musical: Spring Musical- March 21, 7:00 PM, March 22, 7:00 PM, March 23, 7:00 PM, March 24, 2:00 PM
  - ULM Emily Williamson Lab School Presents “A Glimpse into the Future”- March 23, 6:00 PM- The Hangar
  - Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Combined Concert- March 26, 7:30 PM-Brown Auditorium
  - Big Band Extravaganza: Jazz- March 28, 7:30 PM- Brown Auditorium
  - Wine Over Water – April 4, 7:00 PM – Bayou Desiard Bridge
  - Jazz Festival and Clinic- April 12- Brown Auditorium
  - Bayou Steel: Steel Band Concert- April 15, 7:30 PM
  - Bayou la Belle and Warhawk Singers Spring Concert- April 16, 7:30 PM- Emy-Lou Biedenharn Recital Hall
  - Congratulations to the Women’s Basketball Staff and Players for making it to the second round of the WNIT!
  - Golf Tournament- April 26 at Frenchmen's bend. Funds go to nutrition and training for student athletes.
  - April 6-7- Miss Louisiana Teen Competition
  - Harlem Globetrotters- April 14, 3:00 PM at Fant-Ewing Coliseum
  - Spring Fever Week- April 8-12
- Senator Beaver announced the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)- Deadline for participants to complete the survey for a chance to win prizes is April 15.
- Senator Mejia made an announcement reminding senators to use the Google Forms link to notate service hours.
- Senator Filhiol thanked all staff and Senate volunteers who assisted with the 2024 Social Studies Fair.

**Adjournment**

- There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Bethard and seconded by Senator Solmone. Meeting adjourned by President Hardee at 10:45 a.m.
- The next Staff Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Library Conference Room 622.