



# Staff Senate Meeting Minutes for October 2023

<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, October 18, 2023	<b>Time:</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Location:</b> ULIB 622   Zoom for Guests
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<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Senators Present:</b> Andrew Hardee, Dana Mejia, Sara Webb, Eron Bethard, Sabrina McClain, James Beinkemper, Therese Filhiol (Online)</p>	<p><b>Senators Excused:</b> Chloë Beaver, Shane Dykes, Ahmaad Solomone, Faith Wilson, Meghan Olinger</p> <p><b>Senators Absent:</b> Cindy Foust, Sarah Siereveld, Chris Williams</p> <p><b>Visitors:</b> Joanna Hunter (Online), Jennifer Huey (Online), Lisa Miller, Speaker</p>
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**Call to Order**

- October 2023 Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Hardee at 10:02am
- Roll taken by President Hardee
- Visitors welcomed by President Hardee

**Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes**

- Motion made by Senator McClain to approve the Minutes of the September meeting. Seconded by Senator Bethard. Senate approves the last meeting’s minutes.

**Guest Speaker(s)**

- Lisa Miller, Vice President, Enrollment Management and University Relations
- Mrs. Miller first shared her appreciation for the work that the Staff Senate does. She went on to discuss several events that are upcoming. First, she spoke Envision 2023 on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the Clark M. Williams Innovation Campus. The event will include performances by the Envision Singers which is comprised of university employees, alumni, university chorus and our Centennial Scholars. Sarah Sheffield and Greg Baccharini have worked with this group to prepare the entertainment. Anita Whitaker, former Miss Louisiana will be performing “The Impossible Dream” and discussing her time at ULM as a nursing student. The night champagne, good food, good music and will conclude with a firework finale.
- Another event happening is Kaleidoscope put on by VAPA. Dr. Bratcher is filled with lots of ideas and will be an affordable event. You don’t want to miss out.
- Browse on the Bayou, this Fall event was the largest Fall Browse in history. Great response with survey at end. Due to a high demand, ULM will host a mini Browse up in November – more of a Saturday Preview Day. Scholarship offerings for housing awards have been increased to help in recruiting/admission.
- Redirecting efforts to serve non-traditional students. A new area will be housed in Sandel Hall with Krystal Anzalone focusing on transfer and non-traditional students and Emma Herrock focusing on Continuing Education students. A one stop shop. Working with large companies in the area who have

tuition incentives. Working with Delta and special incentives. Trio has grants to cover cost of daycare for our non-traditional students.

- Homecoming upcoming next week. Centennial Scholars will be a part of the parade on Thursday.
- Compete LA is a great program through the system that provides a discounted rate.
- Mrs. Miller again thanked staff for all they do. Encouraged us to be involved in the upcoming events.

## Reports of Committees

Communications- No Report

Constitution & Bylaws- No Report

Elections- No Report on Elections. President Elect Mejia reported 54.25 total service hours. Encouraged everyone to use QR Code to record hours. Provided report of hours for review.

Staff Welfare & Handbook- Senator Beaver provided report to President Hardee. Committee met during the month and began review of current handbook to allow for updates to make prior end of Academic Year, discussed opportunities for an upcoming staff appreciation to be held possibly prior to Winter Break.

Contingent on funds from Senate.

## Continuing Business

### Old Business

- Committee Appointments – posted in minutes and on website.
- Senate Resolution 2324-01: Resolution Amending the Constitution and Bylaws
- Senate Resolution 2324-02: Budget Approval

### New Business

- United Way kickoff - Looking for volunteers needed on Thurs., Oct. 19 at 11 AM-1 PM outside the HUB – Senator Webb indicated it is an email campaign this year. Drawings as an incentive to give.

### Announcements

- Women Entrepreneurship Week Celebration - Oct. 18 at 11 AM - The Hangar.
- Grad Finale - Oct. 18 at 11 AM to 4 PM - ULM Bookstore
- FREE Flu Vaccination Clinic - Oct. 19 at 10 AM - In front of the HUB
- ULM Soccer - Oct. 19 at 7 PM, Oct. 26 at 6 PM - Monroe, LA, Brown Stadium
- ULM Volleyball - Oct. 20 at 6 PM; Oct. 21 at 2 PM, Nov. 3 at 6 PM, Nov. 4 at 2 PM, Nov. 9 at 6 PM, Nov. 10 at 2 PM - Monroe, LA, Fant-Ewing Coliseum
- Research Symposium 2023 - Oct. 23 at 8 AM - The Terrace (7th Floor of the ULM Library)
- Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally - Oct. 26 at 5:30 PM - Northeast Dr. > Fant Ewing > Pecan Grove
- Good Morning Gala - Oct. 28 at 10 AM - Bayou Pointe Event Center
- ULM Football (Homecoming) - Oct. 28 at 4 PM, Nov. 11 at 1 PM - Monroe, LA, Malone Stadium
- Envision 2023 - Nov. 2 at 5:30 PM - Clarke M. Williams Innovation Campus
- Fall Opera - Nov. 2-4 at 7:30 PM - Brown Auditorium
- Chili Cook-Off - Nov. 11 at 8 AM-1 PM – Pecan Grove
- ULM Women’s Basketball - Nov. 11 at 7 PM - Monroe, LA, Fant-Ewing Coliseum

## Open Discussion

None

**Adjournment**

- There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator McClain and seconded by Senator Beinkemper. Meeting adjourned by President Hardee at 10:23am.
- The next Staff Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 in the Library Conference Room 622.