



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

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JANUARY 14, 2014 9:00 AM

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ROOM 622

ATTENDEES	Jarrood Breithaupt, Kelli Cole, Michael Davis, Kristi Davis, Jason Dunavant, Richard Duran, Seth Hall, Russell Hollis, Shelly Johnston, Kyle O’Neal, Patricia Pate, Cyndy Robertson, Whitney Sutherland, Lindsey Wilkerson
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Amy Estes
ABSENT	

Agenda topics

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Staff Senate was held on Jan. 14, 2015 in the University Library Room 622 and called to order at 9:04 am by Michael Davis, Staff Senate President. A quorum was present.
MINUTES	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting held Nov. 12, 2014 were reviewed by the committee. The following changes were requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make changes from the notes taken (name errors). <p>Senator Johnston moved to approve the minutes with changes; seconded by Senator O’Neal. Motion passed.</p>
DISCUSSIONS	<p>Staff Senate President’s Report:</p> <p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of November 2014 minutes <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Elections Committee – Time frame <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kelli Cole, Chair ▪ Kristi Davis ▪ Seth Hall ▪ Meghan Mazza o Staff Senate President- the committee will need to meet this month and begin to get everything organized. Only comes around once a year and it is a big deal. o Staff Senate President - Staff Handbook needs to be

updated by the staff welfare committee. Nell-Garwood rewrote a lot of policies for the president and will be a big help. We have a policy that says this needs to be updated once a year. We updated who we represent, made it much clearer.

- Open discussion

o Budget

o Staff Senate President- talks of \$200-\$300 million cuts to higher education to the state. Start preparing so we will be able to help out our peers when the time comes. Anything new in our areas?

- Senator Hall- Business is doing a risk and talent search fair for risk management students. Big opportunity for these students. Also for women's month, they will be bringing in big time female alums to speak. "Super awesome job" last year.
- Senator Dunavant- Men's and women's basketball doing great. Come out to the game.
- Senator Cole- 5 year midpoint check for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. All will be completed by March.
- Senator Pate- New online advising center, huge transition. Picked up all students for advising, also pushback on higher tuition for online students compared to face-to-face students. All online advisors are new advisors. Their training has gone well, only will advise online students.
 - Staff President- is this something normal?
Senator Pate- It is common for online programs.
 - Senator Sutherland- Hear eULM students were really upset that no notifications were sent for the new fee structure for online classes.
 - Senator Breithaupt- this was mentioned in eULM subcommittee meetings.
 - Staff Senate President- Housing has seen traditional students drop to transition to eULM.
 - Senator Sutherland - Do we have a policy for

flipping from face-to-face to online. We do not think a policy currently exists.

- Senator Johnston- Major changes will take effect the following term.
- Senator O’Neal- Career fair this coming this term. Looking to partner with West Monroe/West Ouachita to start preparing students. In conjunction with West Monroe/West Ouachita Chamber. Feb. 11th is the career fair.
 - Senator Cole brings her class to the pre-career fair
- Senator Wilkerson- We are looking to switch servers to Microsoft cloud base, will significantly help our storage space. Subscription based (fee per employee), all students get it for free. It will be slightly cheaper than zimbra. It will also allow students to use their email for life.
- Senator Davis- Looking at electronic timing for clocking in and out of work. Certain issues will need to be worked through, such as coaches. We want to hold our employees accountable for their forty hours a week and time off. Trying out all staff as the first area. It will be an expensive endeavor. It will have to work with banner to feed into our system.

Adjournment:

Next Regular Meeting – February 11, 2015

CONCLUSIONS There being no further business, **Senator Breithaupt** made a motion to adjourn; **Senator Wilkerson** seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.