

MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2016

10:00AM

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ROOM 622

ACTING CHAIR	Kelli Cole
ATTENDEES	Jarrold Breithaupt, Arely Castillo, Kelli Cole, Kristi Davis, Michael Davis, Katie Dawson, Kirby Campbell, Michael Davis, Chance Eppinette, Amy Estes, Russell Hollis, Treina Landrum, Sabrina McClain, Mary Schmeer
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Jason Dunavant

Agenda Topics

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Staff Senate was held on April 20, 2016 in the University Library, Room 622 and called to order at 10:04 am by Kelli Cole, President. A quorum was present.
MINUTES	<p>Minutes of the regular meeting on February 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the committee.</p> <p>Senator Campbell moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Senator Breithaupt. Motion passed.</p>

DISCUSSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roll Call ❖ Approval of meeting minutes from the following meeting: Regular meeting on February 17, 2016. ❖ Corrections/Discussion – None ❖ Guest Speaker: Lisa Miller, Assistant VP of Marketing, Recruitment, and Communication - Ms. Miller presented an enrollment presentation to the group. The presentation showed information regarding how we compare to other universities in different areas.
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Some of the information in the presentation was gathered from the statewide student profile system (institutional research department) which is a part of the Board of Regents site under Data and Publications. Other sources of information were ACT.org and other university websites.

- Some of the information that was compared includes ACT scores, number of students receiving TOPS, and enrollments numbers (both graduate and undergraduate).
- The question was asked about the importance of relationships with high school counselors. Ms. Miller stated that this is important and that counselors are sent emails informing them of events that are being offered for potential students.

❖ **Guest Speaker: Dr. Nick Bruno, ULM President**

- Dr. Bruno is currently compiling an email to employees regarding what is going on with the budget.
- There will be a \$1.2 - \$1.3 million cut if no changes are made to the governor's budget plan.
- At this time, we are unsure what will happen to TOPS.
- The ULS System presidents had a meeting last week with the governor's chief of staff. The governor is proposing another special legislative session after the regular session is over.
- Please contact your legislators when bills are being approved. It was asked if President Bruno thinks that emails really have an effect. There is power in numbers.
- Question: Do we have a no compete policy at ULM? It violates a person rights. It was suggested that employees are not hired back at the new salary rate when this happens.

❖ **Committee Reports**

- **Staff Welfare Committee** – The committee has sent President Cole the committee's work on the handbook. She will work on making the corrections that are needed so that they can be sent to Melissa Ducote for approval. The Faculty Senate handbook committee is still working, but their work will extend into the Summer.
- **Communications** – The Communications committee will meet to discuss ways to push for members of the

NEW BUSINESS	<p>ULM and larger community to contact legislators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Elections – Elections are open. Please encourage everyone to vote.○ Constitution and Bylaws – No Report. <p>❖ Open Floor Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elections were held for the following 1) Secretary - Sabrina McClain, 2) Vice President – Katie Dawson. Kristi Davis is President Elect. The Parliamentarian will be appointed at the next meeting.
CONCLUSIONS	There being no further business Senator Estes made a motion to adjourn; Senator Davis seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.