



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

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September 16, 2020 10:00 AM

ZOOM Conference Call

President	Allison Thompson
ATTENDEES	<p>Senators: Debbie Beaver, Mallory Benedetto, Benji Buffington, Fernando Cordova, Dan DeJarnette, Leslie Exmeyer, Therese Filhiol, Andrew Hardee, Christie Hemphill, Robyn Jordan, Meagan Morris, Meghan Olinger, Melissa Rhodes, Lamont Windom, Hope Young</p> <p>Visitors: Tammy Anderson, Kelly Cole, Shane Dykes, Sid Gaulle, Sabrina McClain, Jamie Norris, Noelle Prestridge, Dr. Donald Simpson, Tom Torregrossa, Jamare Williams</p>
Excused	Mystee Burrell

Agenda topics

September meeting called to order by President Thompson. Roll call by Secretary Hemphill. Motion to approve the August 13, 2020 Staff Senate Meeting minutes approval made by Senator Hardee and seconded by Senator Rhodes.

President Thompson welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

Guest Speaker **Scott McDonald – Athletic Director**

There is still a lot of uncertainty going into the fall football season. The student athletics that are in season are being tested once every week for Covid-19. Home game this Saturday, September 19, 2020. It will be nationally televised on ESPNU. Kickoff is at 6:30. Malone Stadium will be restricted to 25% capacity in the stands. We are expecting a COVID sell out. Next Saturday's Game has been moved to 2:30 and will be nationally televised on ESPN3.

Guest Speaker **Shane Dykes – Safety Officer**

The National Guard will be offering Pre-testing within the next two weeks on campus. More details will follow. The guidelines have changed. We are now in Phase 3 and most places are 75% capacity. If you have questions, you can visit <https://opensafely.la.gov/> for information.

Continuing Business	
	<p>Committee update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication Committee - Senator Beaver – no updates at this time. ➤ Staff Welfare Committee – Senator Hemphill – no updates at this time. ➤ Handbook Committee – President Thompson – no updates at this time. ➤ Constitution and Bylaws – Senator DeJarnette - no updates at this time. ➤ Elections Committee – Senator Rhodes – no updates at this time. <p>Questions from staff about the new Holiday Schedule. Is this the continuing Tend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 18/19 there were 5 university closure days • In 19/20 there were 6 university closure days • In 20/21 there are 6.5 university closure days <p>The information received is based on the 14 legal holidays per calendar year.</p>
New Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President Berry has agreed to be our October speaker. ➤ Spoke to Kristi Davis about the budget and it has been submitted to the system. ULM still has options to adjust that budget. ➤ ULM is participating in an effort by the system to assist our McNeese cowboy students with difficulties that they may have experienced due to Hurricane Laura with offering spots at ULM to the students that are interested. Contact person is Treina Kimble.

Adjournment	
	<p>There being no other business, a motion was made by Senator Buffington to adjourn, seconded by Senator Windom.</p> <p>The next meeting will is scheduled for October 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.</p>