



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

December 15, 2021 10:00 am Library Conference Room 622/Zoom

Attendees	Senators: Greg Andrews, James Beinkemper, Mallory Benedetto, Benji Buffington, Fernando Cordova, Therese Filhiol-Secretary, Andrew Hardee-Parliamentarian, Joanna Hunter, Meagan Morris, Meghan Olinger-Vice President/President Elect, Melissa Rhodes-President, Allison Thompson-Past President, Nicole Walker, Jimmy Waller, Sara Webb, Hope Young	
	Visitors: Jared Anders, Mike Camille, Kelli Cole, Christie Hemphill, Asja Jordan, Marla Herrington, Jennifer Huey, Mary Landry, Landon LeJeune, Sabrina McClain, Kelly Moravek, Noelle Prestridge, Tommy Walpole	
Excused/Absent	Kristal Anzalone, Mystee Burrell, Robyn Jordan	Jimmy Waller
Call to Order	December 2021 Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Rhodes Roll taken by Secretary Filhiol Visitors welcomed by President Rhodes	
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Senator Andrews to approve the Minutes of the November 2021 meeting Seconded by Senator Hunter	
Guest Speakers	<p>Asja Jordan, Miss ULM 2022 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jordan is a ULM graduate in Communications (2020) and current student in the Master’s in Public Administration program at ULM. She is also a yoga teacher, fitness instructor, and community event planner. Ms. Jordan is a committee member of Healthy Funroe, as well as a member of Keep West Monroe Beautiful. Her campaign for the year of her reign is entitled “Mission ULM 2022 – A year focused on enhancing the relationship between the campus and the community.” • As a Graduate Assistant in Community Engagement, Ms. Jordan has aligned the goals of Miss ULM and of her GA position under three pillars: visibility, volunteerism, and vision. To enhance visibility for ULM, Ms. Jordan will edit a webpage that captures the story of ULM’s community engagement and shares opportunities for volunteerism to members of the ULM community and of the larger off-campus community, and attend local events in the sash and crown to visibly represent ULM. She has implemented the hashtag #volunteerULM to keep the mission in focus on social media platforms through an archive of events. Vision for future projects includes a Warrior Princess Project to provide an opportunity for young girls in the area who may not be involved in athletics to get involved in an activity and complete a multi-week program. Another aspect of the vision is the leadership aspect, which focuses on “helping others become better.” The final aspect of the vision is the social impact initiative (formerly known as the platform). Ms. Jordan’s social impact initiative is Potential to Kinetic (P2K), a program she designed herself to be a catalyst for positive change in individual lives. • Ms. Jordan shared some highlights of her path to starting with her enrollment at ULM as a first-generation freshman in 2015, and going on to study abroad 2018 and becoming first runner-up in the 2019 Miss ULM pageant, becoming a first-generation college graduate in 2020, enrolling in Graduate School, making the Top 10 in the Miss Louisiana pageant, and now serving as Miss ULM 2022. She reiterated her commitment to being a force to follow the ULM mission of changing lives. <p>Jared Anders, Mr. ULM 2022 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Anders is a student in the ULM School of Pharmacy as a candidate for the Pharmacy Doctorate degree. His major project for Spring 2022 is the Poor Man’s Run and Jambalaya Cook-Off to Benefit St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy (SVDP), which is an annual event hosted by the ULM College of Pharmacy and Pharmacy Student Council. • Health care in Louisiana faces a challenge of having enough primary care physicians. Pharmacists sometimes fill in the gaps in care. For North Louisiana, SVDP serves in that roll of offering community care to 19 parishes. Located in Monroe since 1999, SVDP has filled more than 230,000 prescriptions and served more than 7,200 patients. Proceeds from the Poor Man’s Run and the Jambalaya Cook-Off 	

go to SVDP for supplies and operating expenses.

- The three big challenges each year are getting sponsors signed on, spreading the word, and boosting participation. This year, Mr. Anders has revamped the sponsorship agreements to make them more straightforward and attractive to prospective sponsors. He is also using his role as Mr. ULM 2022 to bridge the isolation between the College of Pharmacy and the main ULM campus. He is also soliciting participants when he goes on official visits. Another plan to help make the fundraising effort more effective is to visit with the director of SVDP and assess suggestions for other activities.

Tommy Walpole, Executive Director of Auxiliary Enterprises and Student Services –

- Mr. Walpole provided an update on construction of the HUB, a new food service and study/meeting location for students. Completion date is set for July 7, 2022 and will be ready to open for business in Fall 2022. Five restaurants are going into the HUB: Starbucks, Subway, Chick-fil-A, Bento Sushi, a Flip Kitchen, and a market. The second floor seats 150 in a lounging and study area with movable walls. Senator Andrews also shared that there will be a giant screen for viewing football games, outdoor movies, etc. Student groups can use the outdoor area for block parties and other events. Policies for renting the HUB are still being planned.
- A 24/7/365 unmanned food concept called Quick Eats is being planned for the retail space in Warhawk Village Apartments, and it is hope that it will be open Fall 2022. The plan for the current Starbucks location is to establish the Warhawk Information Center, which would entail moving the current mail and copy services over from the SUB. A work station, a print station, a fax machine and a package pick-up center in there. All residential mailboxes except those for the apartments will be located there. There is also hope to replace the USPS substation there. There will be an information desk manned by a student worker. Another plan under consideration is to move the Career Closet to the same area. The current SUB will be closed, but the full-service Aramark kitchen will remain and will be the main kitchen for Aramark Catering. Many discussions are underway potential uses of the first floor of the SUB.
- Schulze Cafeteria will be converted from steam heating and cooking to natural gas. This will involve replacing all of the appliances and the heating and A/C system. Finally there will be a \$3-million rebuild of Schulze scheduled for five or six years down the road. Separately, a generator has been installed in Schulze to keep it operational during power outages.
- Aramark is covering 60% of the HUB, and student fees are covering 40%. Aramark will cover all the other costs in the contract in exchange for remaining the contract food service provider for the duration of the contract.

Reports of Committees

Communications – Senator Olinger will be the next Senator featured in “Meet the Senator” on our Facebook page.

Handbook – No report.

Constitution & Bylaws – No report.

Elections – No report.

Welfare – No report.

Unfinished Business

Updates:

- CERT Training completed. ALICE Training will be conducted during University Week. ULMPD will come to any department to provide safety training. Senator Hardee thanked Senator Olinger and Dr. Mark Johnson for organizing CERT for ULM. Equalizer training will be offered soon, led by Senator Olinger.
- Seth Hall and Dr. Berry are meeting this week about the Strategic Plan. President Rhodes thanked Senators for their participation on the committees.

New Business

- University Week takes place the first week after the holiday break. Senators are encouraged to look at the schedule and see which meetings would be beneficial for them. One session will feature a panel of faculty and staff discussing lessons learned while working at ULM.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Hardee and seconded by Senator Olinger.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2022 at 10:00 am in the Library Conference Room 622. Guests may attend via Zoom.