



Staff Senate Meeting Minutes for August 2023

Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023	Time: 10:00 AM	Location: ULIB 622 Zoom for Guests
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Attendees	Senators Present: Andrew Hardee, Chloë Beaver, Shane Dykes, James Beinkemper, Sabrina McClain, Dana Mejia, Sara Webb, Therese Filhiol, Meghan Olinger, Faith Wilson, Eron Bethard, Chris Williams, and Sarah Siereveld.	Senators Excused: Cindy Foust
		Senators Absent: Ahmaad Solmone
		Visitors: Jessica Griggs, Allison Thompson, Benji Buffington, Joanna Hunter, Ngoc Kim, Melissa Rhodes, and Kellye Blackburn.

Call to Order

- August 2023 Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Hardee at 10:09 a.m.
- Roll taken by Secretary Beaver.
- Visitors welcomed by President Hardee.

Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes

- Motion made by President-Elect Mejia to approve the Minutes of the May 2023 meeting. Motion to approve was seconded by Senator Filhiol. The Senate approves the May 2023 meeting minutes.

Guest Speaker(s)

- No guest speaker for the first 2023-2024 meeting.

Reports of Committees

- Communications- No Report
- Constitution & Bylaws- No Report
- Elections- No Report
- Staff Welfare & Handbook- No Report

Continuing Business

- President Hardee announced that the schedule for all 2023-2024 meetings is posted on the Staff Senate website.
- No reports from the Senate Executive Board.
- The joint resolution LGBTQ policy that was approved by the Staff Senate at the April 2023 meeting was not approved by the Faculty Senate within 90-day implementation period. If the Senate chooses to move forward, the resolution will need to be discussed and voted on by the Senate again before being sent to the Faculty Senate.
- Senator Wilson asked about the scheduled lunch socials for Week of Welcome and other student events. It was previously discussed that staff could participate in lunch socials and giveaways with students receiving priority. Senator Wilson inquired if staff could attend these events and participate in food and giveaways. President Hardee has received no information on the Senate budget for the 2023-2024 year but hopes to have information on budget to discuss at the September meeting.

Open Discussion

- Senator Sara Webb was appointed Parliamentarian for the 2023-2024 year by President Hardee.
- Senators were asked to indicate their preferences in committees and chairs for the upcoming year. Committees and chairs will be appointed by the September meeting.
- President Hardee discussed combining the Staff Welfare Committee and the Handbook Committee. The Handbook Committee is an Ad-Hoc committee. Revisions will need to be made to the Constitution and Bylaws before the committees can be combined into one.
- President Hardee acknowledged administrators and thanked them for 2.5% salary raises. A slight decline in enrollment was mentioned which may cause a slight decrease in the budget. The Senate will need to remain aware of this.
- ULM Football plays Army at home on September 2. There are many Fall events coming including Faculty/Staff vs. students softball game. Both teams will be challenged to bring donations for Strike Out Hunger and Hunger Free campus.
- Senator Filhiol asked about the Keep ULM beautiful campaign. On Saturday, September 16th students will be sent out to clean up the waterway. A grant is also being worked on to get new trash receptacles on campus. Information regarding the clean-up will be sent to students and employees by email.
- Senator Dykes mentioned issues with wildfires and the governor's memo regarding the fires and burn ban. There will be a memo going out soon prohibiting open flames on campus, especially for the football game.

Adjournment

- There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Filhiol and seconded by Senator Wilson. Meeting adjourned by President Hardee at 10:26 a.m.
- The next Staff Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 10:00am in the Library Conference Room 622.