



# Staff Senate Meeting Minutes for November 2023

<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, November 15, 2023	<b>Time:</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Location:</b> ULIB 622   Zoom for Guests
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<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Senators Present:</b> Andrew Hardee, Chloë Beaver, James Beinkemper, Sara Webb, Shane Dykes, Eron Bethard, Therese Filhiol, Dana Mejia, Chris Williams, Ahmaad Solmone, Sarah Siereveld, and Meghan Olinger.</p>	<p><b>Senators Excused:</b> Faith Wilson and Sabrina McClain.</p> <p><b>Senators Absent:</b> Cindy Foust</p> <p><b>Visitors:</b> Melissa Rhodes, Jessica Griggs, Joanna Hunter, Jennifer Huey, and Allison Thompson.</p>
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### Call to Order

- November 2023 Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Hardee.
- 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 October 2023 meeting. Seconded by Senator Bethard. The Senate approves the last meeting’s minutes.

### Guest Speaker(s)

David Hernandez- Student Government Association (SGA) President

- SGA President, David Hernandez, spoke on SGA priorities for the 2023-2024 year which are Campus Safety, Mental Health, and effective student government. As mental health is a major concern for our student body, Mr. Hernandez has formed a mental health subcommittee and task force in SGA. They are working with the Special Accommodations Center and sponsored a Mental Health Day in the HUB at which over 300 students were in attendance. SGA is also promoting events for Stress-Out Prevention during the week of finals. Campus Safety is another priority for SGA and their Executive Council did a campus safety walk with University Police during which they covered the entire campus. To promote a more effective student government, SGA is working to show senators how they can be involved. SGA Senators are currently tasked with brainstorming new initiatives.

### Reports of Committees

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

### Continuing Business

- Staff Senate T-shirts are now available and distributed at the meeting. Senate nametags will be available soon.

- President-Elect Mejia reported on Senate service hours. Currently, the Senate as a body has accrued 79.5 service hours for the Fall semester. Senators may use Google Form to submit new service hours.

### **Open Discussion**

- No new business to report.
- Campus announcements for rest of the month.
  - Keep ULM Beautiful America Recycles Day - Nov. 15 at 11:30 AM - The HUB
  - ULM Men's Basketball - Nov. 16 at 6:30 PM, Nov. 20 at 6:30 PM, Nov. 28 at 6:30 PM, Dec. 5 at 6:30 PM -Monroe, LA, Fant-Ewing Coliseum
  - Mr. ULM - Nov. 17 at 6 PM - ULM Brown Auditorium (Desiard Street entrance)
  - Miss ULM - Nov. 18 at 6 PM - ULM Brown Auditorium (Desiard Street entrance)
  - Miss ULM's Teen - Nov 19 at 11 AM - ULM Brown Auditorium (Desiard Street entrance)
  - ULM Women's Basketball - Nov 21 at 6:30 PM, Dec. 5 at 11 AM, Dec. 12 at 6:30 PM - Monroe, LA, Fant-Ewing Coliseum
  - Kaleidoscope: A Global Holiday Celebration - Nov. 28 at 6 PM - Brown Auditorium (Theatre)
- Benefits Open Enrollment deadline today, November 15, 2023.
- Safety Training needs to be completed by all staff that have not yet completed it.
- Ask that staff keep Louisiana Tech and the Tech community in their thoughts.

### **Adjournment**

- There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Filhiol and seconded by Senator Bethard. Meeting adjourned by President Hardee at 10:30 a.m.
- The next Staff Senate meeting will be on December 13 at 10:00 am in Library Conference Room 622.