



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2016

10:00AM

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARY,
ROOM 622**

ATTENDEES	Jarrold Breithaupt, Kristin Chandler, Kristi Davis, Katie Dawson, Chance Eppinette, Amy Estes, Erica Hopko, Sabrina McClain, Morgan Patrick, Cynthia Robertson, Michael Roboski
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Kirby Campbell, Arely Castillo, Kelli Cole, Treina Landrum, Mary Schmeer

Agenda topics

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Staff Senate was held on December 14, 2016 in University Library, Room 622, and called to order at 10:03 am by Kristi Davis, President. A quorum was present.
MINUTES	Minutes of the regular meeting on November 16, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the committee. Senator Cole moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Senator Schmeer. Motion passed.

DISCUSSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roll Call ❖ Guest Speaker: Dr. Eric Pani, Vice President of Academic Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Strategic Plan Update</u> – The current university vision plan was no longer aspirational and needed to be revised. The vision statement should reinforce three important points: Teaching, Research, and Innovation. - <u>The Health Sciences (niche in the state)</u> – ULM has more programs in the health sciences than any other institution in the state except for LSU Health Sciences in Shreveport. - <u>Doctoral Programs/New Program Offerings</u> – In the future, Dr. Pani hopes to see an increase in the number of doctoral programs that ULM offers. We need programs that are in different zip codes than we are already in. He hopes to also increase the number of endowed chairs in these areas. A Nurse Practitioner program may be implemented as a track in the MSN.
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**OLD
BUSINESS**

- **University Ranking** – ULM is currently in the top 300 (we rank around the 270 range.)
- **Weather Radar** – The weather radar operated 24/7. There have been some issues with the calibrating due to the recent storms.
- **Relocation** – Sponsored Programs and Research, the Computing Center, and other offices will be relocated.
- **Staff Changes**
 - Associate VPAA – Dr. Michael Camille
 - Exec Director Research – Dr. John Sutherlin
 - Assoc. Dean CAES – Dr. Chris Michaelides
 - Assoc. Dean of Graduate Studies and Research (CAES) – Dr. Dorothy Schween
 - Director of the School of Education – Dr. Leonard Clark
 - Interim Director of the Graduate School – Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy
 - Director – School of Sciences – Dr. Anne Case Hanks

❖ **Approval of meeting minutes from the following meeting: regular meeting on November 16, 2016.**

- **Correction** – Grammatical Corrections

❖ **Old Business**

- **Emergency Preparedness Training** – UPD is willing to offering the training. We are tentatively looking to offer the training on January 5, 2017 at 1:00 in either Strass 148 or Stubbs 100. The training last about 4 hours. They will try to do a condensed version, which will last about 3 hours. The training is very engaged and very intense. They will look into maybe recording the presentation for those who cannot attend.

❖ **New Business**

- **Library Space Discussion** – Senators Davis and Senator Dawson met with Dr. Bruno regarding concerns about the use of the space in the Library. Talks of renovations and relocations are in the works for the space. For instance, the Computing Center staff will be relocated so that everyone is in one location. In addition, study room space will be expanded. Further discussions revealed that some smaller groups that will be affected by these changes have been be lost in the communication/discussions.

❖ **Open Floor Discussion**

- **Payroll Changes** - Faculty Senate has a problem with going to a bi-weekly payroll because their monthly gross pay will be reduced by 8% because there would be 26 instead of 24 pay periods. They are looking at having a bi-monthly pay period for FLSA exempt employees. Everyone else would be on a bi-weekly payroll. FLSA

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rules state that you cannot pay FLSA employees bi-monthly. Proposed changes would take place July 1. Electronic timesheets would be begin before July 1.

- ❖ The next Staff Senate meeting will be held **January 18, 2017** at 10:00 in Library 622.

CONCLUSIONS

There being no further business, Senator Cole made a motion to adjourn; Senator Roboski seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.