



<b>STAFF SENATE MINUTES</b>
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**MINUTES**

January 15, 2020

10:00 AM

ULIB 622

<b>President</b>	Deborah Beaver
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p>Senators: Colton Bernstein, Kristin Chandler, Fernando Cordova, Dan DeJarnette, Jason Dunavant, Leslie Exmeyer, Andrew Hardee, Erica Hopko, Sabrina McClain, Tommie Nelson, Meghan Olinger, Melissa Rhodes, Allison Thompson, and Lamont Windom.</p> <p>Visitors: Mark Johnson, DeVaria Ponton, Tammy Anderson, Myra Gulotta, and Noelle Prestridge</p> <p>Guest Speaker(s): Dr. Alberto Ruiz and Dr. Kelsey Bohl</p>
<b>ABSENT (EXCUSED)</b>	Christie Hemphill, Hope Young

**Agenda topics**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Call to Order/Approval of Minutes</b>
<p>The meeting was called to order by President Beaver. Motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made by Senator Colton Bernstein and seconded by Senator Jason Dunavant.</p>	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Guest Speaker – Dr. Alberto Ruiz</b>
<p>President Beaver advised the Senate that Sami Owens would be unable to attend the meeting. President Beaver asked Dr. Ruiz if he would be able to update the Senate.</p> <p>Dr. Ruiz briefly discussed Dr. Bruno’s retirement announcement. VCOM expects to start classes in August with 165 students.</p> <p>The Physical Therapy school is anticipated to have the first class in July 2022. ULM has received funding for Sugar and Caldwell renovations are planned for completion in June or July of 2022. ULM is trying to make Sugar and Caldwell the Health Science Corridor.</p> <p>The search for a Dean of Health Sciences is underway with that person to be hired by April and start in June or July.</p> <p>There is a possibility that a dental school will be located in the future somewhere in north Louisiana.</p>	

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Guest – Dr. Kelsey Bohl</b>
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Dr. Bohl has now been appointed as the Executive Director of Marketing and Communications. Her new roles as Director include the areas of recruitment, Spring magazine, graphic design for the departments, website updates, and videos. She stated that all marketing and communications are currently being geared toward Dr. Bruno's priority of recruitment. No Pay November increased applications significantly.

New promos include #BeAWarhawk and ways that students can be entered into a contest by applying to ULM, submitting a FAFSA, registering for Prep, and enrolling by specific dates.

Upcoming recruitment events include scholarship nights and Browse on the Bayou. Recruiting is also working on bringing back a Health Science Day.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Old Business / Committee Updates</b>
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Senator Allison Thompson reported on behalf of the Handbook Committee that updates to the staff handbook would be completed today and sent out to the other committee members for review/comments.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>New Business</b>
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President Beaver forwarded the Recycling Initiative as sent from the Faculty Senate to the Staff Senate for review. The Faculty Senate is asking for support of the Resolution to Recycle. President Beaver will table any discussion for now until the next meeting. (The meeting room was booked immediately after the Senate meeting.)

Mark Johnson, ULMPD, reported that as a result of the CERT training survey 85 responded, with 75 stating they wanted to do the training.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Closing</b>
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There being no other business, Senator Andrew Hardee made a motion to adjourn; Senator Meghan Olinger seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be February 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in ULIB 622.