



# STAFF SENATE MINUTES

## MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2014

9:30 AM

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ROOM 622

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| <b>ATTENDEES</b>        | Kelli Cole, Kristi Davis, Michael Davis, Seth Hall, Jeff Hendrix, Russell Hollis, Shelley Johnston, Patricia Pate, Cyndy Robertson, Whitney Sutherland, Lindsey Wilkerson |
| <b>ABSENT (EXCUSED)</b> | Christi Bailey, Jason Dunavant, Richard Duran, Kyle O'Neal,   |

### Agenda topics

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| <b>CALL TO ORDER</b> | A regular meeting of the Staff Senate was held on April 9, 2014 in the University Library Room 622 and called to order at 9:30 am by Lindsey Wilkerson, President. A quorum was present.                                |
| <b>MINUTES</b>       | Minutes of the previous meeting held March 12, 2014 were reviewed by the committee. A change was proposed and noted. Shelley Johnston moved to approve the amended minutes; seconded by Cyndy Robertson. Motion passed. |

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| <b>DISCUSSIONS</b> | <p><b>President's Report:</b></p> <p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Communication:</b> Jeff Hendrix had nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Constitution and By-Laws:</b> Kyle O'Neal had an excused absence and will update the staff senate at our next schedule meeting on May 14, 2014.</p> <p><b>Staff Welfare:</b> Kelli Cole reported that the committee, Richard Duran, Russell Hollis, Whitney Sutherland, and Kelli Cole, updated the staff handbook, which is an annual process. It was submitted to Fred Baragona, Director of Human Resources. The following information was updated: the web links and verbiage associated with ULM's new strategic plan and the verbiage associated with the college reorganizations. Lindsey will also forward the updated staff handbook to Dr. Graves for approval.</p> <p><b>Elections:</b> Michael Davis noted that the Executive Vice President's</p> |
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office had 5 nominations with only 1 seat available. The election will be April 15 and 16. Lindsey noted that our constitution doesn't specify that one can only vote in his/her own division. Michael Davis asked if that made sense to be able to nominate outside of your division but not to be able to vote outside of your own division. Most of the staff senate agreed that this logic does not make sense. Lindsey said this issue should be addressed in future elections or the possibility of an amendment to clarify this.

**Unfinished Business:** Lindsey Wilkerson is working on the staff survey.

**New Business:** For future elections, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee will investigate combining Athletics and the President's office as one (1) Organizational Unit, as well as looking at having the Past-President's Organizational Unit seat be an "at-large" to open up a seat for another seat.

Lindsey gave a reminder that nominations for secretary and vice president would be called for in our next scheduled staff senate meeting on May 14, 2014. Richard Duran has self-nominated for the secretary position.

Lindsey announced that he would ask President Bruno to provide lunch/food at our next staff senate meeting for our new members rotating in and for our members who are rotating out.

Lindsey also said that he would ask the President if he would consider allowing a small budget for the staff senate to have lunch once a year and/or for a small travel budget.

**Next Regular Meeting** – Wednesday, May 14, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m. in the Academic Affairs Conference Room 622.

**CONCLUSIONS** There being no further business Whitney Sutherland made a motion to adjourn; Russell Hollis seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.