

# LSU | Staff Senate

## MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2021

President Jonathan Levesque presided over the May 19, 2021, Staff Senate meeting held by Zoom Video Conferencing at 10:30 a.m.

### Executive/Administrative/Managerial

P – Reonas, Barbara ('21)  
P – Tammy Millican ('23)

### Professional/Non-Faculty

P – Aslin, Jessica ('21)  
P – Baldrige, Samantha ('21)  
P - Braden, Laurie ('21)  
A – Bonner, Amber ('21)  
A – Dawan, Hope ('21)  
Pr - Ghebreiyessus, Walta ('21)  
P - Henry, Rachel ('21)  
P – Lane, Madison ('21)  
A – Olson, Darcee ('21)  
P - Rafati, Karina ('21)  
P - Cummings, Ellen ('22)  
P – Garner, Karen ('22)  
P – Herman, Catherine ('22)  
A – Lee, Mark ('22)  
P – Levesque, Jonathan ('22)  
P – Nickerson, Jon ('22)  
P – Roth, Nicole ('22)  
P – Clemmons, Jill ('23)  
P – Kimmell, Alyssa ('23)  
A – Harb, Ryan ('23)  
P – Lewis, John ('23)  
P – Marrero, Ali ('23)  
P- Sansoni, Gerald ('23)  
Pr – Shows, Haley ('23)  
P – Slocum, Jenee ('23)  
P – Stone, Megan ('23)  
P – Wilson, Derek ('23)

### Service/Maintenance

### Skilled Crafts

Pr – Corbitt, Brent ('22)

### Technical/Paraprofessional

A – Matkovic, Igor ('23)

### Clerical/Secretarial

P – Salesneves, Sarah ('22)  
P – Salvadras, Amber ('22)

A – Indicates Absent

P – Indicates Present

Pr – Indicates Proxy

## **GUESTS:**

Aaron Cherry, Facility Services  
Susannah Knoll, Faculty Senate  
Brian Ainsworth, Campus Federal Credit Union

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Jonathan Levesque at 10:30 a.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

There was a quorum with three proxies noted.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Jonathan Levesque led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – April 21, 2021, Staff Senate Meeting**

The April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes were deferred for review and approval electronically.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Jonathan Levesque reviewed relevant meetings in which he attended.

Levesque mentioned that the messaging received during the last storm closure was received the morning of the closure which created a lot of frustration as employees were already on the way to campus. He is working in conjunction with Faculty Senate President Dr. Mandi Lopez to coordinate some type of timeline with university for these type of weather closures. Many employees were out in the weather who did not need to be.

Levesque also gave his thoughts regarding the LSU Presidential Search Candidates.

That concludes the president's report.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Long Range Review & Planning**

Senator Nicole Roth announced that the committee has finalized all the revisions to the LSU Strategic Plan 2020-2025. The draft sent out in the meeting packet is not the most up-to-date version. The finalized version will be sent out for a final review by the full Senate.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Staff Appreciation**

President-Elect Amber Salvadras announced that the nominations received for the second quarter of Staff Stripes Awards will be sent out to the judges this week for review.

## **Scholarship**

President Jonathan Levesque announced that the Scholarship Committee met with Tori Young with Financial Aid and Scholarship regarding this year's award recipients. We received a list of potential candidates for the Staff Fee Support Scholarship. There are also 4 recipients that have been chosen and awarded for the Staff Senate Scholarship which is for staff dependents. We hope to recognize all recipients during the next meeting. The committee meeting scheduled on Thursday, May 20, 2021, will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

## **Staff Senate Budget**

Treasurer Catherine Herman provided a brief written financial report in the meeting packet for review by the full Senate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Staff Senate Executive Officer Speeches**

President Levesque announced the 2021-2022 Staff Senate Executive Officer Candidates. The full Senate will hear their election speeches during this meeting today and voting will be open this afternoon. The results will be tabulated after the deadline to vote on May 31, 2021. The new Officers will be announced during the June meeting.

Treasurer	Catherine Herman (unopposed)
Secretary	John Nickerson Haley Shows Jenee Slocum
Member-at-Large	John Lewis Gerald Sansoni
President-Elect	Samantha Baldrige Tammy Millican Nicole Roth

### **Future Guest Speakers**

President Jonathan Levesque announced that the June 16, 2021, End of the Year General Meeting will be held in person in the Lawton Room in LSU Tiger Stadium. The Staff Senate will also host a lunch afterwards. If you have any suggestions on food vendors, please let us know.

Please submit any suggestions for future guest speakers to the Staff Senate Executive Committee.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator John Nickerson announced that the Faculty and Staff Kickball Leagues registration is open through University Recreation. This is free and open to all faculty and staff members.

There will also be sand volleyball leagues forming later this summer.

President Levesque announced that the Executive Committee met with Jane Cassidy regarding our Title IX Resolution along with some of those Senator Authors. She warmly received it and thanked us for the feedback. We went line by line on the therefores. Jane provided an update on some of the items that we asked about and that they already completed or working towards completing but she solicited our feedback in a number of ways particularly on training and reporting expectations. We are scheduled to meet with her again in about 3 weeks for another update on progress. Updates are posted online, he will share the link as it is hard to find. Jane wants Staff Senate to be a partner in this program with helping her office identify the needs.

### **Staff Senator Birthday**

Staff Senator May birthdays:

- Senator Karina Rafati will celebrate her birthday on May 22.
- Senator Nicole Roth will celebrate her birthday on May 30.

Happy Birthday!

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – With there being no more business, Past-President Rachel Henry made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Senator Nicole Roth, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Jessica Aslin, Secretary

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