

# LSU | Staff Senate

## MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2023

President Tammy Millican presided over the May 17, 2023, Staff Senate meeting held in the Barnes & Noble at LSU Event Room at 10:30 a.m.

### Unclassified

#### Executive/Administrative/Managerial

P - Tammy Millican ('23)

#### Professional/Non-Faculty

P - Alvarez, Capri ('23)

A - Bates, Kelli ('23)

P - Campen, Ryan ('23)

P - Carney, Mo ('24)

P - Cummings, Ellen ('22)

P - Duplechain, Joshua ('24)

P - Gresham, Deanna ('23)

P - Guttner, Ginger ('23)

P - Hicks, Emmy ('24)

A - Jackson, Percy ('23)

P - Kennison, Jennifer ('25)

P - Lee, Quinneka ('24)

P - Miller, Cassaundra ('23)

P - Oster, Anthony ('24)

P - Phelps, Olivia ('23)

A - Rafati, Karina ('23)

A - Sansoni, Gerald ('23)

A - Shows, Haley, (23)

A - Slocum, Jenee ('23)

P - Smith, Henri ('24)

A - Trahan, Amy ('25)

A - Walker, Jason ('24)

P - Washington, Valori ('23)

A - Williams-Carter, Tyrslai ('24)

A - Wilson, Derek ('23)

### Classified

#### Skilled Crafts

P- Constance, Taylor ('25)

Pr - Corbitt, Brent ('24)

#### Technical/Paraprofessional

A - Matkovic, Igor ('23)

P - Nehlig, Mark ('24)

#### Clerical/Secretarial

P - Broussard, Margaret ('23)

A - Salesneves, Sarah ('25)

P - Salvadras, Amber ('23)

P - Sparks, Donna ('24)

#### Service/Maintenance

A - Robertson, Winkyessa ('24)

A - Indicates Absent

P - Indicates Present

Pr - Indicates Proxy

## **GUESTS:**

Jennifer Popov, Human Resource Management  
Kim Roser, Philosophy & Religious Studies  
Mia Brudnicki, Office of Strategy  
Gelda Calfey, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Dominique Barrett, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Robert Burnstein, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Dwayne Buntin, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Bertha Williams, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Harry Battiste, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Jacob Smith, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Mahon Kinot, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Daria Manogin, Family Member of Jennifer Smith  
Anita Chenier, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Sharee Chavis, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Elizabeth Rodgers, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Lisa Mae Phelps, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Destiny Stuart, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Skylar Compton, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Julia Lemoine, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Brian Ainsworth, Campus Federal Credit Union  
Casey Coughlin, Campus Federal Credit Union  
Roxane Berthelot, Campus Federal Credit Union

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Tammy Millican at 10:30 a.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

There was a quorum with one proxy noted.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Senator Olivia Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – April 19, 2023, Staff Senate Meeting**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Senator Deanna Gresham. The motion, seconded by Senator Olivia Phelps, carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF FLAG TO THE FAMILY OF JENNIFER SMITH**

President Tammy Millican announced that the Staff Senate would like to present the flag honoring Ms. Jennifer Smith to her family.

Jennifer Smith was hired on July 28, 2008 as an Administrative Coordinator for LSU Online/Continuing Education. She moved over to the School of Veterinary Medicine on February 25, 2019, as an Administrative Coordinator where she remained until she passed away on April 18, 2023, with 15 years of service as an employee of LSU.

Ms. Jennifer Smith's flag was flown over the Parade Grounds in her honor on May 5, 2023, then folded and placed in an engraved case to present to her family today.

President Millican shared several statements from some of Jennifer Smith's co-workers of what she meant to them.

Members of her family thanked the LSU Staff Senate for honoring Jennifer Smith.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Tammy Millican reviewed relevant meetings she attended.

- May 3 – attended a call with the search firm for the Vice President of Communications
- May 3 - attended the Staff Senate Executive Committee Meeting
- May 3 – attended the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting
- May 9 - attended the University Council Meeting

Senator Ginger Guttner presented the new templates for the Staff Senate Website. The format needed to change to be in compliance with LSU's new fierce website platform. Each page was reviewed for additional feedback before the new site launches within the next couple of weeks. There is still access to the old version in case we forgot to post anything further. Everyone was encouraged to further review and send feedback to Senator Ginger Guttner.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Staff Benefits & Policy**

Senator Mo Carney announced that the committee met on May 16. The committee received working group updates. The committee agreed to pass along information that this year's committee worked to include service awards, staff stripes awards and flexwork policy in an effort for the next year's committee to begin where they left off.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Staff Senate Budget/Gift Fund**

Treasurer Henri Smith provided a written financial report that was included in the meeting packet for Senate review.

President Millican announced that the Executive Committee would like to recognize our sponsors this year with a plaque during the June 21, 2023, General Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

President Millican announced the 2023-2024 Staff Senate Executive Officer Candidates. Staff Senators will hear their election speeches during the meeting today and voting will be open electronically this afternoon.

The written speeches that have been received will be shared with the full Senate for those who were unable to attend today's meeting.

The results will be tabulated after the deadline to vote on May 31, 2023. The new Officers will be announced during the June meeting.

Member-at-Large	Mo Carney (unopposed)
Treasurer	Henri Smith (unopposed)
Secretary	Ginger Guttner Quinneke Lee Emmy Hicks (withdrew her nomination)
President-Elect	Taylor Constance Olivia Phelps Valori Washington

### **Mentor/Mentee Event**

President Millican announced that there will be another Mentor/Mentee event held before the senate year ends. Please be on the lookout for your invitation to attend.

### **June Meeting**

The June meeting will be held at a restaurant to be announced soon to celebrate recognitions and the end of the senate year.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Deanna Gresham announced that her baby brother passed away recently from a heart attack. The family is hosting a blood drive to help with his medical costs. Anyone can donate in Thomas Gresham's memory (birthdate April 5, 1975) up to one year following his death.

President Millican announced that Senators Linda Shaw and Donna Sparks have resigned their seat on the Staff Senate which creates a vacancy in the unclassified and classified group until 2024.

Senator Ellen Cummings will also be resigning her seat after the June 21, General Meeting which creates a vacancy in the unclassified group until 2025.

Senator Margaret Broussard is retiring from LSU. Her last day on campus is May 31, 2023. There will be a vacancy in the classified group until June 30, 2023.

Staff Senate wishes them all the best!

### **Staff Senator Birthday**

Staff Senator May Birthdays:

- Secretary Quinneke Lee celebrated her birthday on May 11.
- Senator Karina Rafati will celebrate her birthday on May 22.

Happy Birthday!

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – With there being no more business, Senator Olivia Phelps made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Secretary Quinneke Lee, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Quinneke Lee, Secretary

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