



Staff Senate

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2026

President Quinneke McDonald presided over the April 15, 2026, Staff Senate meeting held in the Event Room on the Second Floor of the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at LSU at 10:30 a.m.

Unclassified

Executive/Administrative/Managerial

- P – Millican, Tammy ('27)
- P – Sanders, Meridia ('28)

Professional/Non-Faculty

- P - Blanchard, Debbie ('27)
- A - Bonner, Amber ('26)
- P - Carney, Mo ('27)
- P - Champney, Roberto ('28)
- P - Chauffe, Mary Ann
- P - Chu-Rodriguez, Daniela ('26)
- P - Cristina, Jennifer ('26)
- A - Drake, Dalmer ('26)
- P - Escobedo, Daniela ('28)
- P - Faulkner, Carli ('27)
- P - Franks, Stephenie ('28)
- P - Garcia, Alexandra
- P - Gresham, Deanna ('27)
- P - Guttner, Ginger ('28)
- P - Hope, Olivia ('26)
- P - Kennison, Jennifer ('28)
- P - Klinko, Cassaundra ('26)
- P - McDonald, Quinneke ('27)
- P - Miller, Cassaundra ('26)
- A - Mimms, Anissa ('26)
- P - Muller, Casey ('26)
- P - Nassif, Haley ('26)
- A - Oster, Anthony ('27)
- P - Owens, Jace ('26)
- A - Popov, Jennifer ('26)
- P - Rust, Brooke ('28)
- P - Smith, Henri ('27)
- P - Thompson, Keith ('27)
- P - Waters, Bradley ('26)
- A - Whittington, Paige ('26)
- A – Williams, Allison ('28)

Unclassified

- P - White, Laquita ('28)
 - P - Williams, Amberlon ('26)
 - A - Wilson, Derek ('27)
 - P - Zhang, Elizabeth ('26)
- Classified

Technical/Paraprofessional

- P - Matkovic, Igor ('26)

Clerical/Secretarial

- P - Butler, Whitney ('28)
- P - Probst, Steven ('27)
- A - Smith, Celeste ('26)

Service/Maintenance

- Pr - Armstrong, Alisia ('26)
- P - Brown, Shawn ('26)
- P - Jackson, Shanatae ('28)
- A - Robertson, Winkeyssa ('27)
- Pr - Royal, Kendra ('28)

P - Indicates Present

Pr - Indicates Proxy

A - Indicates Absent

A/P - indicates Absence not Counted

GUESTS:

Shemeka Law, Physics & Astronomy
Carolyn Landry, LA Board of Ethics
Shelbi Boudreaux, Construction Management
Chandler Hayes, Construction Management
Brandi Simmons, CXC
Adrienne Steele, Engineering
Michelle Lowery Gussman, MLG Consulting
Brent Kreko, Environmental Health & Safety
Callie Melancon, HRM
Kristie Galy, CSRS
Kelsey Gresham, LSU Libraries
Elizabeth Duffy, Art + Design
Trey Truitt, Past President Staff Senate
Lori Hillen, Campus Federal Credit Union
Annemarie Galeucia, CXC

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Quinneka McDonald at 10:30 a.m.

STAFF SENATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

The Senate invited and heard from numerous past presidents of the Staff Senate on their experience leading the Senate.

STAFF STRIPES AWARDS

The Senate awarded STRIPES awards to recipients. Awardees were nominated by their colleagues in recognition of their service to their department and the university, going above and beyond!

ATTENDANCE

There was a quorum with two proxies noted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Guttner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approvals were made to the minutes of March 2025 by Senator Gresham and Senator Probst.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Please see attached to end of minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Appreciation & Events

The Staff Appreciation Committee was in the midst of Staff Appreciation Week, recognizing staff and showing appreciation through a variety of events.

Long Range Review and Planning

The review of the constitution and bylaws of the Staff Senate were going through a final review before amendments were brought forth for the Senate to determine.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Officer Nominations

Nominations for Executive Officer roles within the Senate were officially opened. Senators may nominate themselves or another Senator for the role of Member-at-Large, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President.

Presidential Term

A discussion was held regarding the amendment of the Staff Senate President term, increasing the term from 1 year to 2 years. Senators discussed the pros and cons of this change and how it would affect the role and the Senate. Current processes include a 3-year commitment with 1 year serving as President-Elect, President, and Past-President. This amendment would adjust it to a 4-year term with changes being made to the election process for the President-Elect role.

Senate Bill 8

The Senate discussed the potential impacts of Senate Bill 8, a bill to amend the Louisiana Constitution to allow the State Legislature to unclassify Civil Service Positions without approval from the Civil Service Commission. The Executive Committee confirmed they would send out an email to all staff with a breakdown of all the amendments that would be on the May State Ballot and what a yes/no vote would mean.

OLD BUSINESS

Pie a Senator Fundraiser

Staff Appreciation Committee held a fundraiser for Staff Senate by allowing individuals to pie them in the face.

Resolution 26-01

The resolution was passed in the Senate and sent to the Council of Staff Advisors for approval and reading.

Staff Senate Budget

Treasurer Henri Smith reported on the budget and relayed all actuals for the month. The Senate still has some state funds to be utilized and the Senate was asked for suggestions on what to spend the funds on prior to June 30, 2026.

Future Guest Speakers

The floor was opened to hear suggestions for future guest speakers. Suggestions included a member of the Planning, Design, and Construction department as well as a member of the Parking & Transportation Services department. Others included UREC admin and a member of ITS to discuss ongoing centralization efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Senator Birthdays

Staff Senate celebrated the birthdays of Senators: Cristina, Smith, and Owens. Happy Birthday!

MOTION TO ADJOURN – With there being no more business, Treasurer Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Senator Gresham, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Bradley Waters, Secretary

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