

LSU | Staff Senate

MEETING MINUTES August 16, 2023

President Joshua Duplechain presided over the August 16, 2023, Staff Senate meeting held in 225 Peabody Hall at LSU at 10:30 a.m.

Unclassified

Executive/Administrative/Managerial

P - Tammy Millican ('24)

Professional/Non-Faculty

P - Bonner, Amber ('26)

P - Breaux, Kevin ('25)

P - Campen, Ryan ('24)

Pr - Canady, Robyn ('26)

P - Carney, Mo ('24)

P - Compton, Skylar ('26)

P - Duplechain, Joshua ('24)

P - Ferguson, Amanda ('24)

P - Gresham, Deanna ('24)

P - Guttner, Ginger ('25)

P - Hicks, Emmy ('24)

P - Jeffcoat, Danielle ('26)

P - Kennison, Jennifer ('25)

P - Lee, Quinnea ('24)

P - Martin-Whitaker, Neely ('25)

P - Miller, Cassandra ('24)

P - Mimms, Anissa ('26)

P - Oster, Anthony ('24)

P - Owens, Jace ('26)

P - Phelps, Olivia ('26)

A - Rafati, Karina ('24)

P - Robison, Becca ('26)

P - Roser, Kimberly ('25)

P - Smith, Henri ('24)

A - Trahan, Amy ('25)

Pr - Walker, Jason ('24)

A - Washington, Valori ('26)

P - Waters, Bradley ('26)

P - White, Dayton ('25)

P - Williams, Amberlon ('24)

A - Williams-Carter, Tyrslai ('24)

A - Williamson, Jeannie ('26)

Classified

Skilled Crafts

P - Constance, Taylor ('25)

P - Corbitt, Brent ('24)

Technical/Paraprofessional

Pr - Matkovic, Igor ('26)

P - Nehlig, Mark ('24)

Clerical/Secretarial

P - Jensen, Jerri ('26)

P - Smith, Celeste ('26)

Service/Maintenance

P - Chauffe, Mary Ann ('26)

P - Robertson, Winkeyssa ('24)

P - Indicates Present

Pr - Indicates Proxy

A - Indicates Absent

GUESTS:

Tricia Cobb, LSU Faculty Senate
Casey Coughlin, Campus Federal Credit Union
Brian Ainsworth, Campus Federal Credit Union
Zacki Soliman, Campus Federal Credit Union

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Joshua Duplechain at 10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

There was a quorum with three proxies noted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Dayton White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July 19, 2023, Staff Senate Meeting

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Senator Neely Martin-Whitaker. The motion, seconded by Treasurer Henri Smith, carried.

Staff Senator Appointment

The Staff Senate Executive Committee has approved the appointment of Kimberly Roser.

Senator Roser works with the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. She will fill a vacancy in the Professional/Non-Faculty, Unclassified Staff Group through June 30, 2025.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Joshua Duplechain reviewed relevant meetings in which he attended.

- August 2 – attended the Staff Senate Mentor/Mentee event.
- August 2 – attended the Executive Committee meeting in preparation for the August General Meeting
- August 11 – attended summer Commencement as part of the Platform Party
- August 17 – invited to attend the Pride Mixer Resource Fair in the Union Ballroom
- The Executive Committee met with Leslie Blanchard and Kimberly Lewis

- The Executive Committee is scheduled to also met with Clay Jones and Nikki Norton with HRM

Duplechain announced that he has been invited to participate on the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board this year. The first meeting will be held September 12.

A Happy Hour at the Faculty Club is be planned on September 15. Senator volunteers will be needed during the event.

The Annual Benefits Fair will be held October 24. Senator volunteers will also be needed during this event as well.

President-Elect Olivia Phelps announced that she will be attending the LSU Commuter Crew Luncheon on September 13, where optional routes will be discussed.

Staff Senate Caucus Liaisons

President Duplechain announced that Amberlon Williams who works with Residential Life will serve as the Liaison for the Black Faculty & Staff Caucus this year instead of Kelli Bates.

Duplechain also mentioned that Von Iyengar is no longer at LSU. The Staff Senate will contact the Asian and Asian American Pacific Islander Faculty & Staff Caucus for a representation.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Fest

President Duplechain announced that the LSU Staff Senate is hoping to partner with Student Government and Campus Federal Credit Union again this year to host the 360 Photo Booth for Fall Fest which will be held on Friday, September 22, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the Parade Grounds. Senator volunteers will be needed. An electronic volunteer sign-up will be sent out soon.

Committee/Liaison Assignments

President Joshua Duplechain announced that a list of the committee members was included in the meeting packet. He went through each committee's charges/initiatives for the year. A copy will be sent out to the full Senate.

All Co-Chairs have been contacted to begin scheduling their committee meetings. Please hold a meeting before the September General Meeting for reporting.

2022 Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Civil Service Award

President Duplechain announced that nominations are open for the Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Civil Service Award which is an annual state-wide award for civil service employees. The Dunbar Award is the highest honor a classified state employee can receive for their service to the citizens

of Louisiana. Nominations are open until Friday, September 28, 2023, at:
<https://www.civilservice.louisiana.gov/StateEmployees/Dunbar/default.aspx>

Please share with your colleagues and consider nominating someone at LSU.

Staff Senate Budget/Gift Fund

Treasurer Henri Smith provided a written financial report for July that was included in the meeting packet for Senate review. She also encouraged Senators to contribute to the Staff Senate Gift Fund.

Senator Portraits

Staff Senate Administrative Coordinator Melonie Milton announced that if anyone needs a professional photographed headshot for the Staff Senate website, President Duplechain is scheduling with the College of Engineering. Please reach out to schedule.

Staff Senate Apparel

Melonie Milton announced that the Staff Senate apparel store is open for orders. The link to order was shared with the full Senate. The deadline to place an order is August 20.

Future Guest Speakers

The Executive Committee has identified some upcoming guest speakers for the fall. If anyone has any suggestions, please send those to the Executive Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Senator Birthday

Staff Senator August Birthdays:

- Senator Neely Martin-Whitaker celebrated her birthday on August 8.
- Senator Kimberly Roser celebrated her birthday on August 8.
- Senator Brent Corbitt celebrated his birthday on August 13.

Happy Birthday!

MOTION TO ADJOURN – With there being no more business, Senator Brent Corbitt made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by President-Elect Olivia Phelps, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Quinneka Lee, Secretary

QL/mm