

MONTHLY COMMITTEE and/or LIAISON REPORT

COMMITTEE OR LIAISON: **Budget & Finance**

DATE & LOCATION
OF MEETING:

Thursday, September 3, 2015, 10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Michelle Lowery (Chair), Igor Matkovic, Shelly Ortiz, and Jennifer Springstead. Also present were Tammy Millican (President) and Melonie Milton (Staff Senate Administrative Coordinator).

Absent: Robert Dufrene and Kevin Owens

PRESENTATION:

No outside presenters in attendance.

SUMMARY:

History – President Millican shared the history of the committee, which included joint meetings with the Governmental Relations Committee and visits from Tommy Smith (Associate Vice President for Budget & Planning and Vice Provost for Finance) and Jason Droddy (Executive Director of Policy and External Affairs) each semester.

Committee Ideas

- Joint Meetings
 - Staff Benefits – Retirement lawsuit
 - Governmental Relations – Potential special session of legislature post-Gubernatorial election (Tommy Smith & Jason Droddy)
- Guest Speakers
 - Gina Dugas, LSU Foundation
 - Ken Courtade or Derek Angeloz, Capital Outlay Projects (priority, deferred priority, etc.)
 - Laura Morrow, Facility Services Utilities
 - Dr. James Richardson, Revenue Estimating Committee

- Mary Stebbing or Sheri Thompson, Workday (replaces GeauxShop, etc.)
- Other Topics and Initiatives
 - Processes & Procedures (streamlining processes, eliminating paper forms and unnecessary steps)
 - Student Excellence Fee (new fee per credit hour that goes to the academic college offering the course - to enhance the student experience)
 - Funding Issues that Impact Staff
 - Facilities
 - Parking
 - Safety
- Communicating Issues to Staff
 - Info sessions/forums
 - Newsletter updates
 - Social media posts

Meeting Schedule - Monthly meeting schedule was set for the Fall semester. All meetings will take place at 11 a.m. and last for approximately one hour. Dates include:

- October 1
- November 12
- December 10

Spring semester dates and times will be set at a later date and based on Senator availability.

Next Meeting – The plan is to ask both Tommy Smith and Jason Droddy to speak on the budget and how the legislative process impacts the budget as well as other pertinent budgetary matters. The Governmental Relations Committee and full Senate will be invited at the next meeting of Staff Senate on September 16.

Submitted By:

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