

MONTHLY COMMITTEE and/or LIAISON REPORT

COMMITTEE OR LIAISON: **Government Relations**

DATE & LOCATION

OF MEETING: **Friday, September 11th 2015, 1:30pm Johnston Hall room 124**

ATTENDANCE: Ramon Lopez, Brad Spring (LSU HR), Summer Steib, Jon DeRoche, Brent Corbitt, Andrew Mahtook (SGA President), Melonie Milton

SUMMARY:

I. Introductions

II. Recap of Government Relations activity 2014-15

Brad Spring provided an overview of activity and copies of correspondence from the previous year detailing plans. This included discussions regarding LSU staff day, the challenges faced when the budget cuts became public and outlines of a potential proclamation from the governor for LSU staff. Senator Steib also provided recollections of the previous year's events and challenges faced once the budget was announced. Brad Spring agreed to forward copies of his records and correspondence from the previous year to all members of the Government Relations committee. The committee also discussed and distributed copies of the communication sent from the LSU Staff Senate executive committee to the legislature in the previous year. SGA President Andrew Mahtook provided information on SGA's role in previous year organizing students to go to the capitol and future collaborations with Staff Senate.

III. Planning for Government Relations Committee 2015-16

Brad Spring reviewed timeline of events related to legislative session and potential special session for higher education. At this time, committees have not been established and due to election cycle it is not sure who will be leading committees or in elected offices. Dates for special session are also unknown. Upon further discussion and input from committee, we will continue to monitor news and dates prior to planning potential LSU Staff Day. Also will coordinate with SGA on dates as they plan events for Spring.

The committee reviewed and discussed the letter sent to legislators last year and were all in agreement that at some point, another communication piece should be drafted once more information is known on the coming year.

In brainstorming ideas for involvement, Andrew Mahtook informed the committee that LSU Tiger TV is hosting a gubernatorial debate in the Manship School on October 21st. After discussing Staff Senate attendance among committee, it was suggested that

due to the limited space of this venue, Staff Senate President Tammy Millican or one exec board member should attend debate and it would be good for exec to coordinate with Faculty Senate to develop questions related to LSU Staff and Faculty for potential inclusion in the debate. Andrew Mahtook also informed the committee of a forum hosted by SGA on October 27th in the Union Theatre. It was also discussed in committee and Staff Senate is encouraged to attend.

Submitted By:

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