

LSU | Staff Senate

MEETING MINUTES October 15, 2025

President Quinneka McDonald presided over the October 15, 2025; Staff Senate meeting held in the Capital Chamber Room in the LSU Student Union at 10:30 a.m.

Unclassified

Executive/Administrative/Managerial

P – Millican, Tammy ('27)

Pr – Sanders, Meridia ('28)

Professional/Non-Faculty

P - Blanchard, Debbie ('27)

A - Bonner, Amber ('26)

P - Boes, Xavi ('27)

P - Carney, Mo ('27)

P - Champney, Roberto ('28)

P - Cristina, Jennifer ('26)

P - Drake, Dalmer ('26)

P - Faulkner, Carli ('27)

P - Franks, Stephenie ('28)

P - Garcia, Alexandra

P - Gresham, Deanna ('27)

Pr - Guttner, Ginger ('28)

Pr - Hope, Olivia ('26)

P - Kennison, Jennifer ('28)

Pr - Madison, Vickie ('28)

P - McDonald, Quinneka ('27)

P - Miller, Cassaundra ('26)

A - Mimms, Anissa ('26)

P - Muller, Casey ('26)

P - Nassif, Haley ('26)

P - Oster, Anthony ('27)

Pr - Owens, Jace ('26)

P - Popov, Jennifer ('26)

P - Rust, Brooke ('28)

P - Smith, Henri ('27)

P - Thompson, Keith ('27)

P - Waters, Bradley ('26)

P - Whittington, Paige ('26)

Pr – Williams, Allison ('28)

Unclassified

P - White, Laquita ('28)

Pr - Williams, Amberlon ('26)

P - Wilson, Derek ('27)

Classified

Technical/Paraprofessional

P - Matkovic, Igor ('26)

Clerical/Secretarial

P - Butler, Whitney ('28)

Pr - Jensen, Jerri ('26)

P - Probst, Steven ('27)

P - Smith, Celeste ('26)

Service/Maintenance

P - Armstrong, Alisia ('26)

Pr - Brown, Shawn ('26)

Pr - Jackson, Shanatae ('28)

Pr - Robertson, Winkeyssa ('27)

P - Royal, Kendra ('28)

P - Indicates Present

Pr - Indicates Proxy

A - Indicates Absent

A/P - indicates Absence not Counted

GUESTS:

Daniela Escobedo, Human Resource Management
Zacki Soliman, Campus Federal Credit Union

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

There was a quorum with ten proxies noted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Jennifer Cristina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – September 17, 2025, Staff Senate Meeting

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Senator Alexandria Garcia. The motion, seconded by Senator Xavi Boes, carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Quinneke McDonald reviewed relevant meetings in which she attended.

On September 18, hosted a Welcome Reception with Guests Interim President Matt Lee and Interim Provost Troy Blanchard.

On September 22, attended a meeting regarding the LSU Early Childhood Education Laboratory Preschool, regarding personal concerns but highlighted a non-negotiable of a meeting to be held with faculty and staff to discuss previous concerns regarding the center, academic performance. As of last week, no response was provided to those updates.

On September 23, attended the University Council Meeting.

On September 26, attended a meeting with LSU Police Chief Marshall Walters regarding the Run, Hide, Fight training for staff.

On October 3, attended a meeting with a member of the University of Oklahoma Staff Senate to discuss communication and plans to potentially join an SEC Staff Senate Group.

On October 7, President-Elect Tammy Millican attended the Campus Safety and Security meeting on behalf of the Staff Senate.

President-Elect Tammy Millican reported that Scooters were discussed. LSU is going to work on reducing the speed and geographical fencing. Stickers are being put at entrances to let people know that scooters cannot be brought inside a building. A Scooter policy will be coming out soon.

They also talked about the establishment of a Campus Security Access office. That office is going to install access devices on campus that would allow us to shut the campus down by stopping people from going into the buildings or coming through the gates if there was some type of emergency. There was also discussion about communication across campus with regards to new construction, student housing, and parking.

On October 8, the Executive Committee met to prepare for the October General Meeting.

On October 8, Committee Chairs were invited to attend the Executive Committee meeting to share updates and ask questions. They have access to the Staff Senate Operational Calendar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Appreciation & Events

The Geaux Gourd Pumpkin Decorating Contest is scheduled to judge entries on Friday, October 31.

Staff Senate has reserved a table to participate in the Benefits Fair on Thursday, October 30, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the LSU Student Union.

The New Staff Reception will be held on Thursday, November 13, at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and 4:30 p.m. for dinner.

The 35th Annual Holiday on Campus event is scheduled on Tuesday, December 2, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the LSU Student Union.

As we prepare for Holiday on Campus, we ask Senators to please buy 2 bags of candy which will be used to fill 200 Goody Bags for the children who attend the event.

Please do not purchase candy that has Halloween themed wrapping paper as we would like to keep with the season. The candy can be picked up during the week on November 10, so we can begin getting the bags ready.

The Holiday Decorating Contest will be scheduled after Holiday on Campus. The committee is looking for suggestions for a theme. Mike as a Meme was mentioned.

Nominations & Elections

The committee met to review the charges and discuss a timeline to tackle those charges. There was a discussion on how to recruit staff members when vacancies arise and to set up a list of people who are interested but may not have been eligible during the last election.

Staff Benefits & Policy

The committee met to review the charges which include continuing to work on the dependent tuition exemption for employees as well as discussing some potential new charges. We also discussed whether space either at the childcare center or lab school can possibly be allotted to newly recruited employees who have children.

Staff Crisis Fund

The committee met to discuss a fund proposal for staff who may experience a crisis. The committee will draft a document for Executive approval then bring it to the full Senate for review and approval. Then we can discuss with the administration regarding how to raise funds.

Onboarding & Experience

The committee met to discuss some questions to ask new Senators regarding their experience on Staff Senate so far to help assist the committee in developing a list of priorities for new Senators.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Senator Appointment

The Staff Senate Executive Committee has approved the following appointment.

Daniela Escobedo with Human Resource Management is the last runner-up from the last general election expressed and is interested in getting involved in the Staff Senate. She has been employed at LSU since 2024. She is filling a vacancy in the Professional/Non-Faculty (Unclassified) Category through 2028.

Active Shooter Training

The active shooter training will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. We plan on scheduling some further emergency type situation training in the future as well.

Campus Safety & Security

President Quinneke McDonald reached out to Michael Antoine with the Office of Emergency Preparedness regarding a staff concern with LSU not providing emergency call boxes around campus. Those boxes used to be on campus but were being abused. Michale Antoine shared that LSU is focusing on the new activation system. The LSU application is on longer being supported only the LSU Shield application will be promoted around campus.

If anyone else has anything about campus safety and security, please let us know. We're trying to figure out resources that we can share to support staff who are concerned due to some of the recent events.

Holiday on Campus

President McDonald invited all Senators to attend Holiday on Campus scheduled on December 2, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the LSU Student Union.

The Student Union spaces and food for the event have been reserved. If anyone has suggestions for entertainment, please let the committee know.

OLD BUSINESS

Staff Senate Budget

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

Future Guest Speakers

If anyone has any suggestions, please send those to the Executive Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on November 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the Event Room on the second floor of Barnes & Noble at LSU.

The Executive Committee will hold a Holiday Luncheon immediately following the December General Meeting.

Staff Senator Birthday

Staff Senator October Birthdays:

- Senator Stephenie Franks celebrated her birthday on October 3.
- Senator Allison Williams celebrated her birthday on October 10.
- Senator Carli Faulkner celebrated her birthday on October 14.
- Senator Jennifer Popov will celebrate her birthday on October 17.
- Senator Paige Whittington will celebrate her birthday on October 19.
- Senator Xavi Boes will celebrate his birthday on October 29.

Happy Birthday!

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Bradley Waters, Secretary

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