

January Meeting – January 25, 2016

Call to Order

The January 25, 2016 meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Ropp Center, Room 105, by President Patrick O’Neal.

Roll Call

Kim Barlow

A quorum was met. Those absent without excuse or proxy are: Rich Mancil, Teddy Allen, and Andy Cline.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for December 14, 2015 were presented for ratification; a motion to approve of the minutes as presented was made by Greg Schelonka and seconded by Steven Toaddy. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Business

1. Guest Speaker – Dr. Jim King

- Presented the “Big Picture” for Louisiana Tech as it relates to growth, recruitment, and retention.
 - Five new recruiters dedicated to each college
 - New Social Media Coordinator
 - Balancing tuition discounting/scholarships
 - Current criteria ACT and High School GPA
 - Housing construction and improvements
 - Parking improvements
 - Emphasized having a “Personal Touch” with each prospective and current student
 - Handwritten notes
 - Welcoming smiles
 - Approachable
 - Available
 - Responsive

2. President's Opening Remarks

- Important Dates and Updates
 - Feb 20, 2015: ALFS in Alexandria, Guest Speaker: Rallo (Commissioner of Higher Education)
 - Feb 22, 2016: Guest Speaker: Brooks Hull (University Foundation)
 - University vision for growth of private funding, rules for raising money, rules for spending money

- March 3, 2016: CLCU in Baton Rouge (Conference of Louisiana Colleges & Universities)
- March 9, 2016: University Senate President Patrick O'Neal visits ULL Senate
- March 16, 2016 Wed, 4 PM: Meeting of all university faculty and staff @ Howard Auditorium
- Hotel Planner: Mandate removed
- Library Update:
http://www.latech.edu/masterplan/graphics/wt_plan.pdf
- Ad hoc committee chair: Terri Murray
- Work-Day Update: (See ex: <http://www.utexas.edu/asmp/workdayut>)
- AROS Survey: Rollout is imminent, wait and see re: Senate Climate Survey V2

3. Business

- **Old Business**
 - Request: Professorship Update
 - The Louisiana Tech University Senate Request for Changes in the Management and Distribution of Professorship Funds Executive Summary was presented to the Senate and a motion to bring it forward to President Guice was made by Bill Stammerjohan and seconded by Steven Toaddy. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
 - Awards for unclassified staff
 - Three possible awards are being discussed
 - Work-Life Policies Update
 - Modified Duties
 - Mid Tenure Review
 - Child Care 7:45am-5:15pm for Louisiana Tech University employees and students.
- **New Business**
 - New Items to be moved to Committee – None
- **Other Business** – None

4. Voluntary Remarks – None

5. **Adjournment** - The motion to adjourn was made by Ernie Ruffleth and seconded by Shawn Trivette. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm. Kim Barlow, Recording Secretary