



MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

1:30 PM

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ROOM 622

ATTENDEES

Members: Katrina Branson, Brandon Bruscato, Tresea Buckhaults, Kirby Campbell, Kelli Cole, Larry Estess, Catherine Estis, Tasha Fisher, Laura Knotts, Stacy Lamb, Cindy Leath, Anthony Malta, Gail

DISCUSSION***Minutes of September 13, 2011 (Continued)***

Catherine Estis suggested the Adopt-A-Road (or Highway) program. Estis explained the team would be responsible for going to the adoption spot once a quarter and picking up trash. Estis expressed the program is good exposure for organizations. Applications are handled by the state or local government office.

Estis also suggested "ringing the bells" during Christmas and volunteering at local soup kitchens. Estis mentioned these organizations plan far in advance so if the Staff Senate agrees, there should be a sense of urgency to be calendared for the upcoming Christmas season.

Knotts declared according to Constitution & Bylaws, the purpose of the Staff Senate is to operate on behalf of the staff body and for the betterment of the university. Any programs, projects, or events planned by the Staff Senate should adhere. Ringo followed; Staff Senate outreach remains within the university community and is not opposed to receiving funds outside the university, as long as funds are appropriated for the university.

Knotts reiterated bridging the gap between faculty and staff is an initiative previously discussed. Knotts raised an issue worth investigation in regard to faculty receiving a 15% bookstore discount, while the staff only receives a 10% discount.

Stacy Lamb mentioned the establishment of a permanent program for campus recycling. Lamb expressed ULM is one of the few institutions without a recycling program. Recycling contributes to the betterment of the university community, is a worthy cause, and teaches values to the younger generation.

Tresea Buckhaults explained a recycling program had been previously implemented by Residential Life and many students did not place items in the proper containers. Recycling companies will not pick up contents in the container if intended recyclables are not properly disposed. Wilkerson suggested implementing the