



**Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**  
***Tuesday, July 19, 2022***  
***11:30 A.M.***  
***Eagle's Nest***

**Senate Members:**

Angela Clark – President	Joul Ghorayeb – Finance and Operations
Stephanie Finley – Vice President	<del>Homero Lozano – Strategic Initiatives</del>
Kathy Hawsey – Secretary	<del>Ebony Simpson – Strategic Initiatives</del>
Monica Pier – Treasurer	<del>Amber Clark – Strategic Initiatives</del>
Melinda White-Davis – Student and Academic Success	John Randall – Student and Academic Success
Lauren Case – Finance and Operations	<del>Monica Cuccia – Finance and Operations</del>
Justine Landry – Student and Academic Success	VACANT – Past President/Member at Large (nv)

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**I. Call to Order** – 10:09 am by Angela Clark, quorum established with 9 in attendance, 4 absent

**II. Minutes Review**

- a. May – Monica Pier made motion to approve, Stephanie Finley 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved
- b. June – Stephanie made motion to approve, Kathy Hawsey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved

**III. Old Business**

- a. Staff Senate Incentive – Jackets were ordered on July 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be extra jackets
- b. Elections/Vacancies – Will send out 1 more reminder to staff and will then close on Friday.
- c. Budget Update/Review – Monica will oversee refreshments for August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be held at 11:30 am. It will be a transitional meeting.

**IV. New Business**

- a. Presidential Search Update – 3 names were given to the Chancellor by the committee. He will make the final decision and LIT should receive an announcement by the end of July as to the name of the new President. There is a three-week period of waiting after the announcement then the new president will take office on September 1<sup>st</sup> while Dr. Lonnie Howard will remain at LIT during the interim.

**V. Open Floor**

- a. John Randall – 18 current applicants for the fire academy. 28 is the cap for the program. Mentioned the hiring of a new admin for the PBSS department.
- b. Joul Ghorayeb – New programmer has been hired, Geraldo. Gateway almost fully functional with all things connected. Currently conducting inventory and getting the campus ready for Fall.

- c. Justine Landry – Recommendations of another staff member to have an outside bomb threat professional to come through for assessment. Also mentioned the departure of our career services employee: Celine Hodge.
- d. Melinda Davis – TDCJ is now conducting training at the Gateway center. All the current portable buildings will be removed. There are problems being addressed with the cleaning company. Facilities is researching either hiring from within or seeking another vendor. Students are expressing issues with accessing MyLIT after having received a copy of the LIT acceptance letter.
- e. Kathy – No official department leader over Workforce Training and Continuing Education since the departure of Dr. Phillips. Dr. Prince has been assigned to oversee the new admin and coordinator of continuing education. With the executive associate and manager of workforce reporting to the Dean of Academics. Currently sorting out logistics with Gateway with the movement of the TDCJ professionals. Truck Driving has 2 full time instructors with 1 part time. Currently no admin has been hired after the resignation of the previous admin. All individuals in truck driving report to Marc Jones.
- f. Lauren – Summer II, July 27 drop approaching. CARES applied last week.

VI. **Adjournment** – 11:13 am. Stephanie Finley motioned, Monica Pier 2<sup>nd</sup>.