

President Rhodes, Financial Aid –

- Working on two years simultaneously to get applications processed, awards loaded into Banner, and to send award letters.
- Continuing to award for Spring. Summer is a very hands-on awarding process.

Senator Hunter, ULM Online –

- Recruitment is ongoing.
- Tutoring is available.
- Numbers are increasing, and classes are filling up, which is good.

Senator Andrews, IT –

- Seven STAP proposals have been awarded.
- Upgrades are being made to 17 classrooms in an effort to get all the smart classrooms outfitted the same.
- The HUB equipment is on hand and ready to be installed.
- Athletics has improvements coming that will be announced in March.
- Adding more tech capabilities and more smart classrooms. It is a good idea to contact the Helpdesk with any problems in classrooms so they can be addressed.
- Live streaming will be added to Brown Theater and the Recital Hall in Biedenharn.
- Single sign-on is facing some obstacles with compatibility with the various applications involved. It is a priority and it is progressing.
- Library 2nd floor has new furniture, including group-study pods. They are piloting a program for 50" Surface tablets to be made available to students when they study in groups. There is a need since the study rooms are closed during the COVID Pandemic.

Reports of Committees

Communications – The effort to include credentials in the employee directory is ongoing. Social media posts are ongoing.

Handbook – No report

Constitution & Bylaws – No report

Elections – Shared a list of members showing their status in terms of elections – whether one needs to run again to remain on the Senate, or needs to sit out a year between terms. Nominations will open up after the March meeting.

Welfare – Will meet soon to discuss new initiatives.

Unfinished Business

Updates: Strategic Plan draft is due to be released prior to March 1st.

Feedback on Supplies – It came to the Senate’s attention that not all buildings are supplied with enough things like paper towels, restroom tissue, etc. President Rhodes plans to contact the Physical Plant to make sure supplies are distributed consistently, and is seeking input from Senators about their buildings.

New Business

Accessibility on campus –

- Senator Thompson pointed out the problem with students not knowing how to get temporary ID access to elevators. Also, she brought up the ongoing concern about handicap accessibility of Hannah Hall. The parking spaces on the front of the building, yet the ramps are on the back side of the building.
- Senator Filhiol brought up several inTd(bui)-2.612.7 (6.16 1852 366593 (l)-2.7 (-)-13 (br)-2.7 (o)-11.3 (ug)-0.7 (h (ug)-0.7 o) (g)-0.7 (-)-6.3 44 Tm(N)2.7 (e)-6