

# 17 April 2026 General Meeting

## *LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus*

### **Executive Committee Reports:**

- President Report
  - Reminder! We are currently seeking nominations for the Executive Committee. Please nominate or self-nominate here: <https://forms.gle/meRnPygDW27q99Pr7>. Nominations will close on Wednesday, April 22.
    - Voting will take place between April 23 and May 8 (next caucus meeting)
  - Assessing Spring Caucus Events
    - Books & Boardgames, Coffee meetups - no more events this semester due to low turnout
  - Special Vote: Use Caucus Funds for Pride Sendoff Celebration hosted by Spectrum. The total amount would go towards providing refreshments and/or cords for graduates.
    - Spectrum reports that there are 15 graduates registered and 50 attendees registered
    - Call to Vote: Motion to allot \$200 of the Caucus' funds towards the Pride Sendoff Celebration.
      - Unanimously passed
      - Contact Marz (Spectrum's Secretary) if you'd like to volunteer at the event
- Treasurer Report - Nicole
  - No report
- Secretary Report - Lauren
  - No report
- Grad Rep Report - Seth
  - None at this time.
- Staff Senate Liaison Report - Cassandra
  - Celebrated Staff Senate's 50th Anniversary!!
  - Still evaluating changes to the Staff Senate Constitution.....
    - This week discussed Staff Senate President term length. There was a discussion about whether the Presidential role should be changed to 2-year term which would make it a 4-year commitment with President Elect responsibilities. Variety of opinions on the matter. Staff Senate is going to send out a formal vote for Staff Senate membership to vote on if it should be changed and if so, when it should take effect.

- If you have any opinions, feel free to let me know!
- Resolution 26-01 (Dependent/Spousal Tuition Proposal) is moving forward to President Rouse.
- Discussed Louisiana Senate Bill 8 Amendment 1 is up for May election. Staff Senate looking to possibly craft a statement on what it is and how it could impact Higher Education positions being unclassified.
- April 22nd is the deadline to vote for Staff Senator elections! Cast your ballot!
- Open Forum:
  - If you have any other issues to raise at Staff Senate meetings, we will continue to have open forum time each meeting. The next meeting is April 15th. You can send me issues directly at [cklinko@lsu.edu](mailto:cklinko@lsu.edu). All issues will be raised anonymously at the meeting to keep privacy of members. You can also email any issues directly to the Staff Senate email ([staffsen@lsu.edu](mailto:staffsen@lsu.edu)) or Quinneka McDonald ([qlee@lsu.edu](mailto:qlee@lsu.edu)).
  - May 20th is the next meeting - be sure to send Cassaundra questions or concerns beforehand ([cklinko@lsu.edu](mailto:cklinko@lsu.edu)).

## Committee Reports

[None]

## Lagniappe: General Announcements/Campus Happenings/Discussion:

- The LSU Libraries' Book Bazaar is happening this week (**Thursday, April 16 - Saturday April 18**)! The event is a fundraiser for the library and there are many items available for sale. Most are very low cost! There are books for all ages, CDs, DVDs, Vinyl records, and much more. They accept a variety of payment options including Venmo, Paypal, Apple Pay, Credit/Debit card, and cash. The sale is happening inside the Parker Coliseum. For hours and more information please see here: <https://lsu.libcal.com/event/16486703?hs=a>
- Nicollette would like to share about the Black Maternal Health Panel. Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) will be held April 11 - April 17. BMHW is a campaign founded and led by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance to build awareness, activism, and community to highlight the voices, and lived experiences of Black mothers and birthing people of all genders. BMHW coincides with Minority Health Month and falls just before Women's Health Month in May. **On Tuesday, April 21st at 5pm** join us for a panel discussion with LSU faculty and scholars, Dr. Ifeyinwa Davis, Dr. Latoya Paul, Dr. Ebony K. Williams, and Destiny Jelks, MS. We will watch a short video on the Black Maternal Health Crisis and the panelists will share about their research, insights, and experiences. It will be in the LSU Library, first floor, room 109. Here's additional information: <https://lsu.libcal.com/event/16676667>

- The Caucus is on Facebook (search: LSU LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff Caucus) or find us [here](#). We're also on Instagram [at] lsulgbtqcaucus or [here](#).

## Notes