

# Faculty Senate News

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Each member of faculty is encouraged to approach your faculty senator regarding policy and problems associated with your course work. Also, feel free to speak directly to your campus Dean.

# Adronisha Frazier

Adronisha Frazier was Northshore Technical Community College's nomination for the President's Award for Teaching Excellence which makes her a contender for a grant toward her educational goal of a Ph.D. at LSU.



Don't forget, Faculty Senate Dues go towards continuing educational opportunities for ALL faculty members. Contact Dawn Brownlow for details.

Hi. My name is Adronisha Frazier. I am a Biology Instructor at Northshore. My professional career started off in an amusing way. I graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) in December 2014 with a Master of Science in Biology. I was offered and accepted a part-time Biology Teacher position at SLU's Upward Bound Program on February 3. On February 4, I was offered and accepted a full-time position at the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) as a Microbiology Laboratory Technician. I was so passionate about teaching my high school students that I would leave Houston every other Friday evening around 6:30pm with my daughter to drive to my parent's home in Tangipahoa Parish. I would wake up early Saturday mornings to teach for 8am. I enjoyed the experience so much that I inquired about teaching in UHD's Upward Bound Program in the Fall semester. I was temporarily teaching until I discovered I could not teach part-time while being employed full-time. This incident motivated me to pursue teaching as a full-time profession. So, I enrolled in Prairie View A&M University's Alternative Teacher Certification Program. I learned so many strategies and techniques I had been unaware of as a teaching assistant in graduate school. After acquiring a Probationary Teaching Certificate, I began teaching high school chemistry at YES Prep Public Schools. But, my experiences had opened another door for me. I began researching doctoral programs in science education. I was interested in University of Houston-Clear Lake, Texas A&M University, Louisiana State University. I chose LSU because of the proximity to my family but the faculty accomplishments and projects are amazing. The faculty take great pride in their careers and I knew they would help me in my career. Since enrolling at LSU, I have completely restructured the way I teach and develop curricular content. I strongly believe my students are reaping the benefits of my schooling through improved instructional quality.

## ...In the September Meeting

The September meeting of the Faculty Senate took place on September 6, 2019 at the Sullivan Campus in Bogalusa.

**Dr. Wainwright** addressed several issues concerning capital improvements on the different campuses.

**Dr. Wainwright and Dr. Leader** addressed several concerns with paper contracts, payment of teachers and teacher workload due to the transitioning of the HR department and demands from Southeastern.

**Dr. Wainwright** addressed course workload, stating that teacher workload stands as 7 courses taught per semester with a possible 8th course allowed with permission from the campus Dean.

**Dr. Leader** addressed the issue of Second Start classes and the possibility of online courses being taught.

Meeting times and dates were discussed with an emphasis on continuing to visit all NTCC campuses and accommodating as many schedules as possible.