Lamar University Staff Council Meeting

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Dr. Mustapha Jourdini Director, International Student Programs and Services

Dr. Jourdini discussed 3 upcoming events on campus and asked that we help promote the events in our areas.

Interfaith Panel Women in Holy Scriptures March 21, 2019 4-6 pm Landes Auditorium Learn and examine the portrayal of women and their contributions in building communities. International Poetry Reading April 2, 2019 11 am 2 pm 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Library April is International Poetry Month Food will be provided 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Oultural Festival April 13, 2019 2-6 pm Setzer Center Events and dinner showcasing both international and domestic events and cuisine Invitations will be mailed out soon. limit is 300 attendees.

Dr. Jourdini has asked that we please share information about the upcoming events within our Represented areas. He would like to see more participation among staff and faculty at cultural events on campus.

## Dr. Judith Mann Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Mann discussed a Hurricane Harvey Assistance Program for students LU Strong LU received a 2-year grant from the Department of Education to provide financial assistance/resources to LU students affected by the storm. They are waiting for approval regarding an additional 1 ½ year grant from an outside agency.

LU Strong Center is located under Student Engagement in coordination with the Office of Student Financial Aid and Student Health Center.

A few examples of eligible expenses are tuition and books, temporary housing, help with utilities and food, mental health expenses, replacement of personal belongings, etc.

There will be an application process and documentation of damage is required.

A survey was conducted among students identified as affected by Harvey. When asked the question where are you currently living 10% responded other or between places. Dr. Mann stated this could mean they are homeless and the LU Strong Center is hoping to locate these students and help them.

Dr. Mann has asked that we please share the flyer provided and help reach out to students affected by Harvey.

The next Staff Council meeting will be April 9, 2019 in the Library.

Gina Decuir, moved to adjourn the meeting and Yolanda Monroe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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