

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES – February 5, 2013
STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 422**

Attendance:

Academic

Michelle Askew
*Gene Byrd
Sally Griffin Byrd
Damon Gengo
Kim Jones
*Michelle Judice
Grace Megnet
Laura Stafford
Mavis Triebel

Technical

*Carolyn Brown
Eursula Davis
*Mark Douglas
Sheila Guillot
*Cindy Guidry
Kathy Guidry
*Aaron Horne
Sherry Lejeune
Shirley MacNeill
*Mary Mulliner
Ed Quist

Adjunct

James Pitre
*Ken Carona

Staff

Karon Jackson

Guest Speaker

Darren McIntire

Alternate(s)

Jamie Clark

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

Sheila Guillot, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were accepted as printed with a motion by Sally Byrd and seconded by Michelle Askew.

Correspondence

Voice mail was received by Cindy Guidry stating that she would be absent as would Michelle Judice.

Old Business

The topic regarding the status of getting a copy machine in the Student Center for student use was brought up.

New Business

Tribute Fund: The \$400 slated for the Gayle Sims Scholarship had not been donated yet. A book was donated to the Gates Library in memory of Janet Hamilton. The remainder of the money will be given to the Gayle Sims Scholarship.

Guest Speaker: Darren McIntire was our guest speaker. He discussed what his job entailed and how he was there to help both faculty and students with Blackboard (online) issues. He also answered questions from Senate members.

Committee Reports

Academic Issues: No Report.

Awards Nominations: No Report.

Facilities: Sherry Lejeune stated that Mr. Neal said he would have an answer regarding the possibility of having a copier for student use in the Student Center by the March meeting.

Faculty Development Welfare: No Report.

Faculty & Campus Relations: No Report.

Finance/Compensation: No Report.

Gayle Sims Scholarship: Dr. Stretcher put out a phone message asking faculty to consider donating money to the scholarship in honor of Janet Hamilton. In addition, the issue of changing the name of the scholarship was discussed. Laura Stafford made a motion that we change the name of the Gayle Sims Scholarship to reflect a more generic name—Lamar State College-Port Arthur Educators Memorial Scholarship. The motion was seconded by Ed Quist. The members voted and the motion carried.

Ad-hoc Committees:

Social Committee: There will be a Mardi Gras party on Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Parker Center.

Relay for Life: Kim Jones reported that our team has reached Silver Status. We have raised \$3,500 so far this year. Dr. Stretcher donated snacks for the team to sell; Dayna Hyatt is in charge of t-shirt sales. The team has received a lot of support from Cosmetology. Team recruitment is coming up and Kim asked everyone to encourage students to join.

LUB Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel attended the Lamar University Senate meeting. She stated that Jimmy Simmons will stay until a new president is hired. He will remain on the faculty in the music

department. The presidential search is ongoing. They hope to narrow down the applicants to ten by February.

They have had a five percent spring enrollment increase.

They are working on linking Blackboard and Banner. This link will cost \$25,000.

They are going through the new budget and are working on the core curriculum. They also discussed handbook changes.

Their meetings were lasting two to three hours so a recommendation was made to limit the meeting to one hour.

LIT Faculty Senate: Ed Quist notified the Senate that the LIT meeting is now scheduled for the same date/time as our meeting so he will not be able to attend the LIT meeting.

LSCO Faculty Senate: No Report.

Executive Committee Report: Dr. Sam Monroe, Dr. Gray Stretcher, Cindy Guidry, Michelle Judice, and Sheila Guillot met to discuss events on campus on January 29, 2013.

Items discussed included:

- Enrollment is at an all-time high. According to the 10th class day rolls, we have an enrollment of 4,023. This number includes online, prison, etc. This high enrollment comes at a great time. We are in a legislative session. Our contact hours are 13.7 percent ahead of last year. We are funded based on contact hours.
- The Board of Regents will meet on February 14-15. We will be introducing four new degree plans: (1) AAS in Graphic Design; (2) AAS in Medical Coding; (3) AAS in Sound Design for Visual Media and (4) AAS in Live Sound in Electronics.
- The Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation purchased the property on Lakeshore Drive for the college. We will take the information to the Board and then to the Coordinating Board. If approved, this will be a great addition for the college. This area will make a great parking area or a good site for potential dormitories.
- Dr. Monroe and Mary Wickland made a presentation to the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Williams represents our area. He was the chair of the Finance Committee. The presentation went well.
- We asked for support for paying our insurance premium which runs \$500,000 for a year.

- Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 1 treat LSCPA very well. We receive \$1.7 million from Senate Bill 1 and \$1.6 million from House Bill 1. The growth we have seen in summer and fall has helped us. We are showing very strong numbers. During the last session we lost money. If we receive help with the insurance premium, we will be in a strong position for the next biennium.
- We are still working on this project. The Port Arthur EDC has decided that we need to introduce legislation for the city to allow for student housing. We could have dorms ready by the fall of 2014.
- Our softball season starts this week. The basketball team is doing well.
- The TCCTA conference is February 21-23. The school would like to have everyone share rides. On Thursday night, they will honor the Piper Professor Award recipients at the banquet. Our own Mavis Triebel is among these honorees.
- We have rearranged some of the faculty and administration positions on campus. Ben Stafford is now the chair of the nursing department. In addition, he will keep part of the Institutional Effectiveness position. Nancy Cammack will serve as the dean and will also take back some of the IE duties. We are reactivating the Business and Technology Department chair position. Sheila Guillot will serve as the acting chair. We will be posting the position and will make a permanent selection by the end of February.
- We met with the state board of nursing on January 17. Our status has moved from full approval with warning to conditional. We have to get our pass rate up to 80 percent. The testing year runs from October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013.

Refreshments were provided by Kathy Guidry, Eursula Davis, and Shirley MacNeill.

Being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Sheila Guillot, Secretary