

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES – April 2, 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

Alternate(s)

Jamie Clark

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

Cindy Guidry, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were accepted as printed with a motion by Michelle Judice and seconded by Sherry Lejeune.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received by Grace Megnet and Laura Stafford that they would not be able to attend the meeting. Mary Mulliner said to tell everyone "hello." There will be a benefit for Mary Mulliner on April 6 at St. Charles Church in Nederland from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Tribute Fund: We have \$20 cash in the fund.

Piper Professor Nominee: Damon Gengo made a motion to accept Laura Stafford as our nominee for the Piper Professor Award. The motion was seconded by Shirley MacNeill. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Academic Issues: No Report.

Awards Nominations: Ed reported that he would be getting an e-mail out to everyone to select a staff member for the Faculty Senate Staff Award.

Facilities: No Report.

Faculty Development Welfare: No Report.

Faculty & Campus Relations: No Report.

Finance/Compensation: No Report.

LSCPA Educators' Memorial Scholarship: No Report.

Ad-hoc Committees:

Social Committee: No Report.

Relay for Life: We met our goal of \$6,000 and now are working towards a \$10,000 goal. We made \$900 overall in the Easter Basket auction. The Relay for Life is being held on April 26 at Nederland Bulldog Stadium.

LUB Faculty Senate: Kenneth Evans is the final choice for the position of president. The Board of Regents has to make the final decision. The Senate made the decision to place *Robert's Rules of Order* on their website.

LIT Faculty Senate: No Report.

LSCO Faculty Senate: No Report.

Executive Committee Report: Dr. Sam Monroe, Dr. Gray Stretcher, and Sheila Guillot met to discuss events on campus on March 26, 2013.

Items discussed included:

- Senate Bill 1 has passed the Senate; which will give the campus an increase in funding. House Bill 1 is scheduled for debate in the next two weeks. HB 1 also gives us additional funding, but not as much as Senate Bill 1. We are encouraged by the atmosphere and numbers. Our contact hours have grown because of the online nursing program.

- HB2473 (sponsored by Joe Deshotel) gives the Port Arthur EDC authority to consider providing funding for student housing. If it passes, it will affect only Port Arthur and Orange. Also, if it passes, then we can work with the EDC and Port Arthur City Council to work on a package for a dormitory. The Board of Regents and Coordinating Board would also have to approve the plan.
- Out of 53 community/junior colleges, only eight schools had a growth in contact hours. LSCPA was one of those schools.
- At the end of the legislative session, we will know where we stand with funding. There will be allocated funding for new faculty positions, new programs, and new online courses.
- We are working on a contract with Academic Partnership for new online programs. We will have it ready for the May agenda with the Board of Regents.
- There will be a HUB summit in Beaumont. This summit encourages people to bid for work with any of the TSUS campuses.
- Thursday (March 28) we will have our annual Port Arthur Historical Society meeting.
- Friday (March 29) we will have an administrative leave day for Good Friday. The campus will be closed.
- The Athletic Director has recommended rehiring our men's basketball coach, Lance Madison. We are happy with his work.
- The women's softball team is still playing. We still have a chance to make the Region 14 tournament.
- The 2.2 acres of property has been purchased and approved by the Coordinating Board. This acreage will be part of future campus development.
- We need to encourage two faculty members to attend the TCCTA Great Teaching Round-Up in Fredericksburg, Texas, at the end of May.
- We need to recommend a nominee for the Piper Professor Award.
- The SACS report was mailed on Monday, March 25.
- The Board of Regents has received the information on the new Medical Coding and Graphic Design degrees and the Nurse's Aide certificate.
- On April 15, the nursing report is due.
- We will be having the IE planning committee meetings on Wednesday (March 27) and Thursday (March 28).
- Our guest lecturer for the fall semester will be Dan Rather.

Refreshments were provided by Mavis Triebel, Sally Byrd, and Gene Byrd.

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

Sheila Guillot, Secretary