

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES – May 7, 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

Guests

Robert Peeler
Jim Cammack

Alternate(s)

Jamie Clark

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

Cindy Guidry, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were accepted as printed with a motion by Michelle Judice and seconded by Carolyn Brown.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Old Business

Jon-Michael Wallace and Damon Gengo will be attending the TCCTA Great Teaching Round-Up this May.

New Business

Tribute Fund: We received a thank you card from Mary Mulliner.

New Senate Members: Cindy Guidry welcomed new members to the Senate.

Outgoing Senate Members: Cindy Guidry thanked the outgoing Senate members for their service.

Committee Reports

Academic Issues: No Report.

Awards Nominations: Ed reported on the Staff Award. Carl Brown will be the recipient this year. Ed also reported that Keith Cockrell will be our Piper Professor Award nominee.

Facilities: No Report.

Faculty Development Welfare: No Report.

Faculty & Campus Relations: No Report.

Finance/Compensation: No Report.

LSCPA Educators' Memorial Scholarship: Carolyn Brown stated that we now have \$960 in the account.

Ad-hoc Committees:

Social Committee: No Report.

Relay for Life: We raised \$8,200 for the event. Our goal was \$6,000 this year. Kim worked really hard on this event.

Nominating Committee: Ed Quist presented a slate of officers to the Senate members. The nominating committee presented Michelle Askew as president, Jamie Clark as vice-president, and Kathy Guidry as secretary. The Senate voted unanimously to accept this slate of officers.

LUB Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel reported that the Senate was still working on their parliamentary procedures and learning *Robert's Rules of Order*.

LIT Faculty Senate: No Report.

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 April 23, 2013.

Items discussed included:

- We have two instructors who will be attending the TCCTA Great Teaching Round-up this year— Zeb Lowe and Damon Gengo.
- State Board of Nursing is here today. They are examining the program here on campus. We are on conditional approval and not accepting students at this time. We have a passing rate of 68 percent and need one of 80 percent. They have given us recommendations and we have been implementing those. In September, our testing year ends and we will know then if we can continue with our program. We are making changes to the requirements for entering this program.
- Gulf Coast Gala is this weekend. We have sold 70 tables. It is going to be a profitable evening. This is our tenth year for this event. We have made \$833,000 so far for this scholarship. The cost is \$65 per person. Tony Orlando will be the evening's entertainment.
- On May 7, the BBB is hosting a dinner in Beaumont and giving a scholarship to all of the Lamar campuses.
- On May 8, we will have our Faculty/Staff picnic and awards program.
- On May 10, we have commencement exercises.
- The Board of Regents meeting is being held May 23-24 in San Marcos.
- We have an agreement with Academic Partnership. They will market our programs state wide. We will have 8- and 16-week classes. The programs being targeted are academic studies, teaching, business studies, and criminal justice.
- Tom Neal is working on making financial aid available to online students for the fall 2013 semester.
- The Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation will have their annual meeting on May 29. This foundation supports the college through scholarships.
- The legislative session has been relatively quiet. They have more money to allocate to the needs of the state than usual.
- Senate Bill 16 is another measure important to us. It will provide \$2.5 million for the Allied Health building. We have been working to enlarge the building.
- House Bill 2473 deals with money for a dormitory on campus. We have not had a dormitory since 1963. The campus is located inside the zone for the city's sales tax. The City of Port Arthur is interested in giving money to the campus.
- Phi Theta Kappa is having its initiation on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m.
- On Thursday, April 25, we will have a student music performance.
- We are losing Heath Vercher and Aaron Horne in Commercial Music.

Refreshments were provided by Sheila Guillot, Cindy Guidry, and Michelle Judice.

Being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Sheila Guillot, Secretary