

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

Attendance:

Academic

Michelle Askew
Gene Byrd
Sally Griffin Byrd
Michelle Judice
Grace Megnet
Mavis Triebel
Jim Cammack
Jamie Clark

Technical

*Carolyn Brown
Shirley MacNeill
Amanda Smith
Kathy Guidry
*Cindy Guidry
*Sherry Lejeune
Shirley MacNeill
Ed Quist
*Pat Granger

Adjunct

*Caitlyn James

Staff

Karon Jackson

Alternate

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

Michelle Askew, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were accepted as printed with a motion by Mavis Triebel and seconded by Michelle Judice.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Tribute Fund: Money is still being collected. We currently have \$114 in the account.

TCCTA Leadership Conference Report: The following is a summary of the events at the leadership conference.

Texas Community College Teachers Association
34th Annual Conference for Faculty Leaders
October 11-12, 2013

Attendees: Michelle Askew, Jamie Clark, Mavis Triebel

October 11, 2013

Faculty Senate Best Practices:

Fred Newbury (Richland College) and Lise Uhl (McLennan Community College)

The breakout session began by presenting concerns including faculty rank, outcome based funding, autonomy, and student complaints. However, the audience of the session appeared to have interests or concerns in the following areas:

- New Core Curriculum and Faculty Participation
- Evaluation of Deans
- Adjunct Teachers in the Faculty Senate

Advice for new core curriculum and faculty participation involved establishing a committee to oversee the core curriculum. Upward Evaluations were discussed regarding the evaluation of deans. It was stated that over one half of the 2 year institutions in Texas are using these. The number of adjunct teachers is increasing and represents a significant percentage of the faculty. Faculty Senate guidelines should be posted on the institution's website or handbook.

Student Success Initiatives:

John Fitzpatrick (Educate Texas)

The dinner session involved a discussion regarding performances and challenges of 2 year institutions.

- Community Colleges are ahead of K12 and 4 year schools regarding change and innovation
- Common Course Numbering System
- Competency Based Education
- 78% of Bachelor's Degrees in Texas started in Community College
- Stress on the Financial Model
- Books versus Online or Shared Resources
- Demographics on finances of students

Legal Issues on the College Campus:

Jay Brim (Attorney at Law, Brim, Arnett, Robinett, Connors & McCormick, P.C.)

The evening session involved a discussion of teachers' rights and 2 year institutions.

- Perry vs Sindermann
- Grievance Policies, Disability, and Retaliation
- Academic Freedom

Report from TSUS:

Mavis Triebel reported that the TSUS CFS meeting was an excellent opportunity to interact with four of our administrators at TSUS. Drs. McCall, Moore, Cunningham and Harper all were available. Topics discussed included but not limited to the following: increased system enrollment, delay on TRB funds for system, core curriculum, Ken Evans investment, legislative increase in system funding, Hazelwood veterans program, outcome based funding, system DASH board data, and 60 hour associate degree limit. However, one of the most significant items was the new focus on the Coordinating Board in that it should be a coordinator not a governing board. All eight institutions were represented at the meeting.

Committee Reports

Academic Issues: A follow up report from Sally Byrd and academics committee regarding the numbering of courses for 5 week classes was given and was reported that according to Connie Nichols there are no numbers available in the system to set aside for 5 week courses.

Awards Nominations: No Report.

Facilities: No Report.

Faculty Development Welfare: No Report.

Faculty & Campus Relations: No Report.

Finance/Compensation: No Report.

Gayle Sims Scholarship: No Report.

Ad-hoc Committees

Social Committee: Information from Gene Byrd re: the faculty supper game night scheduled for Thursday, Nov 7th.

Relay for Life: Flyers available to order from a choice of two shirts with proceeds to benefit the Relay for Life fund.

LUB Faculty Senate:

Mavis Triebel reported that Lamar University Senate met in October with the main focus on merit raises, the investiture of the new University President, the minutes of the Senate style, and the computer replacement standardization policy.

LIT Faculty Senate: Ed Quist is hoping to attend a senate meeting on either Nov 20th or Dec 3rd

LSCO Faculty Senate: No Report

Executive Committee Report:

Attendees: Dr. Sam Monroe, Dr. Gary Stretcher, Michelle Askew, Jamie Clark

Items discussed included:

The Regents will meet next week:

Wednesday meetings will include

- Dr. Monroe's annual evaluation.
- Chancellor's Meeting to discuss dual credit enrollment
- Permission to buy the Verrett Building for \$89,500. It is located diagonally across the street from the Physical Plant, on three city lots, has roughly 7000 square feet, is currently occupied and in good condition and will be used for storage.

Dorm Project:

- Port Arthur EDC has guaranteed \$500,000 with more promised up to \$2.5 million when the developer and an approved plan are in the works. When the plan is approved we will have a nationwide advertising campaign for 21 days to seek bids.

Martin Field:

- Approval was received for \$47,000 for the first phase of the improvement project. The field needs to be realigned off the easement, new scoreboards, dugouts and a new surface for the field. Provided all goes as planned this will be completed by the Spring season on February 1. On November 4, we will be asking the EDC for \$40,000.

Alumni Banquet

- The Alumni Banquet was a success. Dr. Stretcher gave a good report about the status of the college. Tom and Linda Neal as well as other cast mates presented music from "*The Fiddler on the Roof*" that was well received.

Announcements

- Schedules for the Spring semester are printed and available.
- Dr. Laura Stafford will submit the changes to the Core by November 4.
- The Counselors' Luncheon will be Friday, November 1.
- The Scholarship Luncheon will be Monday, November 4.

- Dan Rather Lecture will be Tuesday, December 3.

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

Being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Kathy Guidry, Secretary