

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES – February4, 2014
STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 422**

Attendance:

Academic

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

Technical

Carolyn Brown
Amanda Smith
Shirley MacNeill
*Cindy Guidry
Kathy Guidry
Robert Peeler
Ed Quist
Shirley MacNeill
*Brandon Buckner
*Sherry Lejeune

Adjunct

*Caitlyn Jones

Staff

Karon Jackson

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

President, Michelle Askew, 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 Carolyn Brown.

Correspondence

none

Old Business

Ed Quist stated that he has heard from students that the registration process was easier and smoother this semester.

New Business

Carolyn Brown, chair of the Lamar State College Educator Memorial Scholarship fund, stated that the committee has been working under a set of rules that have not been approved by the Senate and wanted to have approval from the Senate for a working set of rules. This item was tabled until the March meeting when each member will have a set or the previous set of rules and the changes that have been in place but not voted on so that the faculty senate can be in agreement over the procedures for awarding scholarships from this committee.

Ed Quist stated that there have been some complaints from students that LSCPA's financial aid seems to come in slower than financial aid at Lamar State College Orange making it hard for students to purchase their books in a reasonable amount of time. Also addressed was the issue of the financial monies going straight to the book store and not allowing the students to purchase their books from a cheaper source. This item was assigned to the Faculty Campus and Relations committee, Cindy Guidry, chair.

Other new business discussed was the "killing of a class" while registration is ongoing and why we didn't wait to kill a class until after registration was closed. This item was assigned to Faculty Development welfare committee, Grace Megnet, chair.

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.

Lamar State College Educator Memorial Scholarship: The fund currently has \$570

Ad-hoc Committees:

Social Committee: Gene Byrd is going to be looking for a date to have another game night for faculty and staff of LSCPA for some time after Spring break.

Relay for Life: Mavis reported that Kim Jones would be distributing T-shirts that had been ordered

LUB Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel attended the Lamar University Senate meeting but stated there was nothing of interest to report

LIT Faculty Senate: Ed Quist stated LIT has not had a committee meeting since the last faculty senate meeting.

LSCO Faculty Senate: No Report.

Executive Committee Report: Dr. Sam Monroe, Dr. Gray Stretcher, Michelle Askew and Jamie Clark were in attendance on Wednesday, February 29th 2014

Items discussed included:

- 12th day rolls are expected Friday, January 31, 2014
- Enrollment in campus courses, Continuing Education courses, Online courses and Co-enrollment courses is 2,891 students, which is slightly ahead of last Spring (approximately 50 students). The Nursing Online courses will begin on Monday, February 3, their 500 students will count with Summer I enrollment.
- We will **not** be making up the missed days for the weather.
- The dormitory project is proceeding. On Thursday, February 6, several developers will be on campus for a question and answer session at 1:00 p.m. It is unknown at this time how many will be here. We will plan to work with three for development of plans. Each will receive \$10,000. The plan will include having the developer under contract and beginning construction by October 2014. Occupancy is anticipated August 1, 2015.
- The softball field modifications are coming along well, but will not be finished by February 15 when the season begins. The team will begin the season playing on the Memorial High School fields.
- Jessica Callahan has been hired to coach the new girls' Seahawk Volleyball team. She has experience as a player at a two-year college in Utah and the University of Houston. She formerly coached the Lumberton High School team and a club team in Nederland. Her aim is to recruit locally. The team will be playing in the Parker Center beginning in Fall 2014.
- The Online Nursing program was not reinstated. The students in the program will be allowed to finish. They last group will finish in March 2015. We have hired three new Nursing faculty members.

- A response to our SACs Report will be filed by April 15, 2014. It will include the new hires in the Nursing program. The response from SACS is anticipated by June. Hopefully this will conclude this round with SACS.
- The Regents will meet February 26-27, 2014 at Texas State University. Drs. Monroe and Stretcher will attend as will Mary Wickland.
- Peter Bergen will be the guest speaker at the next distinguished Lecture Series event. He is a security expert who interviewed Osama Bin Ladin. The lecture will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014 in the Parker Center. A reception will precede the speech.

Refreshments were provided by Robert Peeler and Michelle Askew

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

Kathy Guidry, Secretary