

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES – March 4, 2014  
STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 422**

**Attendance:**

**Academic**

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

**Technical**

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

**Adjunct**

Caitlyn James

**Staff**

Karon Jackson

**Guest Speaker**

Laura Stafford

**Alternate(s)**

\*Denotes Absence

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**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were accepted as printed with a motion by Cindy Guidry and seconded by Sally Byrd.

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

After a correction to the title of the document, a motion made by Mavis Triebel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon Buckner to address recommended changes to the LSCPA-Educators' Memorial Scholarship. After a question and answer period, the vote was unanimous to accept the changes outlined by the committee.

**New Business** none

Tribute Fund: No Report.

Guest Speakers: Laura Stafford was in attendance to address the issue of Faculty Development days. The question had been raised about the necessity of having Faculty development in 2 half days or 1 full day. Laura reported that the August faculty development days are scheduled to be on Wed. Aug 13<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. Aug 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30- noon. The central focus will be on BlackBoard training with different sessions available dependent on your specific need and current use of the Blackboard program.

## **Committee Reports**

Academic Issues: No Report.

Awards Nominations: No Report.

Facilities: no report

Faculty Development Welfare: No Report.

Faculty & Campus Relations: No Report.

Finance/Compensation: No Report.

## **Ad-hoc Committees:**

Social Committee: Gene Byrd reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty and Staff potluck and game night will be March 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-9.

Relay for Life:

TSUS Update: Mavis Triebel reported that at the TSUS CFS meeting Dr. Perry Moore, VCAA, discussed the LSCPA presidential search, the rainy day fund and outcomes based funding. He also stated that the Coordinating Board as a result of the Sunset Commission review, does not have the authority to close academic programs: only the Regents do and furthermore, the coordinating board is a negotiating board not a governing board. Only the Texas Legislature can approve Sunset recommendations. About 12 programs of TSUS that were killed as low producing programs are to be continued by the Regents at their next meeting.

TCFS Update: Jamie Clark reported

Attendees: Michelle Askew, Jamie Clark, Mavis Triebel

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**Harvey Kronberg:**

**Owner and Editor of the “Quorum Report”**

The session consisted of Mr. Kronberg discussing upcoming elections. It was reported that this is the most significant election of the last 15 years. It was reported that Ted Cruz has nationalized the election and in doing so has caused individual to take sides. Mr. Kronberg stated that this election will consist of the Tea Party versus the Chamber of Commerce. He also advised that by the year 2020, five states will be able to choose the President of the United States due to the states number of electoral votes. He advised that the five states include Texas, Florida, California, New York, and either Pennsylvania or Ohio. He further stated that Gregg Abbot will be elected Governor, because he has made fewer mistakes than Wendy Davis.

**Women in Higher Education Panel:**

**Dr. Kimberly Childs, Stephen F. Austin University**

**Dr. Claire Phelan, Mary-Hardin Baylor University**

**Tracy Manier, St. Edwards University**

Dr. Kimberly Childs is the Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. She discussed the need for more female teachers and female administration in STEM classes (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). She gave a personal history of teaching math in the public school system and later making a decision to return to school and teach teachers how to teach STEM classes.

Dr. Claire Phelan is an Assistant Professor in the College of Humanities. She discussed the need for advancement of females in higher education. However, she discussed that this could be difficult for females in Christian schools, especially those involved with the Southern Baptist denomination. She also discussed that in her opinion, students view the female teachers differently than male teachers. She stated that students seek her rather than male teachers to discuss personal issues and this could be due to women being thought of as more nurturing. When observing others in the room, I am not sure if this was the general consensus or not.

Tracy Manier is the Associate Vice President and Dean for Admission. She discussed the need for advancement of females in higher education and her concern for the emphasis being placed on the business model in higher education. She discussed the importance of support systems needed for advancement including the choice of a life partner and co-workers.

**We’re All in This Together:**

**Faculty Senates and The AAUP – Panel**

**Shared Governance: What’s the Faculty’s Share?**

**Dr. Lynn Tatum, Baylor University**

1. Mutual Understanding
2. Joint Effort
3. Governing Board

4. President
5. Faculty
  - Student Matters
  - Concerns
    - Adjunct Faculty (helps budget)
    - Dorm Life
    - Academic Coaches
    - Unbundling (moving teachers away from students)

### **Faculty Senates and AAUP**

#### **Dr. Jim Klein, Del Mar College**

Ways to work together through the faculty senates were discussed. The issues addressed were salaries and tenure, academic freedom, and student complaints.

#### **Working Together: Tools in the Toolbox**

#### **Ann McGlashan, Baylor University**

Ways the AAUP can help faculty senates were discussed. It was advised that institutions should pay special attention to personnel policies. These types of policies were briefly discussed. It was explained that these policies can be accessed through the AAUP website ( [www.aaup.org](http://www.aaup.org) ).

#### **TCFS Roundup Reports:**

Brief reports were given describing the institution, the faculty senate, and up to two major issues on the campus.

#### **Banquet:**

#### **Sandra S. Harper, Ph.D.**

#### **President**

#### **McMurry University**

The dinner session involved a discussion regarding Dr. Harper's experiences as a teacher and as a leader in higher education. Items discussed included mentoring and obtaining self-knowledge.

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#### **Statewide Issues from Roundup Reports**

#### **Murray Leaf**

The morning session involved discussion of statewide issues. It was determined that the topics for the Fall Conference will be shared governance and intellectual property. The Fall Conference will be October 24-25, 2014.

#### **Business Meeting**

Past minutes were accepted.

Web page has been improved. Email will be given for comments regarding the web page.

Finances were approved.

Survey will be conducted regarding post tenure review.

Feedback regarding providing a family friendly environment will be discussed in next roundup reports.

Michael Farmer was re-elected as West Region Vice President.

Murray Leaf was re-elected as Northeast Region Vice President.

Dana Cooper was elected as President Elect.

LUB Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel reported that the Lamar Beaumont Senate discussed the makeup of ice days on Saturdays, salary compression and equity, ballots for Senate election, and uniform computers for faculty.

LIT Faculty Senate: No Report.

LSCO Faculty Senate: No Report.

Executive Committee Report: Dr. Sam Monroe, Dr. Gray Stretcher, Michelle Askew, Jamie Clark, and Kathy Guidry met to discuss events on campus on Monday, March 3, 2014.

Items discussed included:

- The search for a new president will begin with an internal search within the Texas State University system. If that is not successful an outside firm will be hired to conduct the search.
- A meeting was held on campus with prospective developers, system officers and members of our administration. Everybody is looking to get the most for the money. Hopefully by 2017 we can get another dorm.
- The Volleyball team as signed their first player.
- The Softball Field is progressing with work in progress on the dugouts with donated materials and labor. Hopefully, it will be complete by April 1, 2014.
- The Gulf Coast Gala will be April 26, 2014 with Johnny Rivers as the guest performer.
- Mardi Gras was very successful.
- Dr. Stretcher reported that the success of our Online students is comparable to the students on campus.

- Citizen Bee will be held at the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 6, 2014.
- 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 Cindy Guidry and Grace Megnet.

Being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Kathy Guidry, Secretary