

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES – APRIL 1, 2014
STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 422**

Attendance:

Academic

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

Technical

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

Adjunct

Caitlyn James

Staff

Karon Jackson

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

Michelle Askew, 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 Ed Quist.

Correspondence

An email was received from David Lydic, the incoming TCCTA (Texas Community College Teachers' Association) president requesting that any TCCTA members who are interested in serving on state committees notify him.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Committee Reports

Academic Issues: No report

Awards Nominations: Ed Quist reported that the Faculty Senate will be giving a Staff Appreciation Award. He distributed a ballot for members to reflect their choices. Due to the large number of member absent individual ballots will be emailed to them. The selections are due by April 7, 2014. Recommendations were also made for the Piper Professor Nominations. The recommended individual will be contacted by the Committee.

Facilities: No report

Faculty Development/Welfare: No report

Faculty & Campus Relations: No report

Finance & Compensation: No report

LSCPA Educators' Memorial Scholarship: One application has been received so far, but applications are still being accepted.

Ad-hoc Committees

Social Committee: Gene Byrd reported that the second game night had been well received. Approximately ten members of the faculty and staff were present for the pot luck dinner and games. A number of the group were new to the event. In light of the participation the plan will be to have another in the fall, perhaps earlier in the semester.

Relay for Life: Shirts have been sold already and will also be available for sale at the Relay on April 25, 2014. A number of activities are in the works, so be on the lookout for the news.

LUB Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel reported that the Beaumont Faculty Senate will be making up days which were due to the icy weather. The campus is in the process of demolishing the Brooks Shivers Building. An office building will be constructed in its place. The campus computers must be turned off for upgrades. The next Beaumont Faculty Senate will be on April 2, 2014.

LIT Faculty Senate: Ed Quist reported that he will be attending the meeting at LIT on Thursday afternoon.

LSCO Faculty Senate: No report

Luncheon with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor: Jamie Clark, Sally Byrd and Jim Cammack attended a luncheon with Chancellor McCall, Vice Chancellor Moore, Dr. Monroe and community leaders. The discussion during the luncheon included the community's expectations of a new president as well as what the faculty perceived as needs.

Executive Committee Report: Dr. Sam Monroe, Dr. Gary Stretcher, Michelle Askew, and Jamie Clark met to discuss events on campus on March 26, 2014.

Items discussed included:

- Chancellor McCall and Vice Chancellor Moore will be in Beaumont and Port Arthur Friday, March 28 to meet with people being considered for the future President of Lamar State College Port Arthur. They will interview two candidates in Beaumont and Dr. Stretcher from our campus. This will include a luncheon with community leaders on Friday to which the Senate Officers have been invited.
- The softball field open with a ribbon cutting ceremony and barbecue on Wednesday, April 2. A double-header will follow at 1 and 3. Funds have been provided by ITEX, Ritter Lumber and Parker Lumber.
- April 17, 2014 will be the next meeting with the developers of the dormitory project. A final decision about which developer to use will be made within the next couple weeks.
- Labiche Architectural Firm is currently doing a feasibility study to determine how the Parker Center can best be adapted to house the Volleyball Coach and team. Additionally a study is being conducted to determine how the current Food Services area can be adapted to feed student athletes and dormitory residents.
- The Gulf Coast Gala will be held on April 26, 2014 with Johnny Rivers as the guest performer. So far \$82,000 in tables have been sold. The faculty and staff may buy tickets at the reduced price of \$100/seat. The guest, Johnny Rivers, grew up on Baton Rouge. He will be inducted into the Museum of the Gulf Coast on April 26.
- Patricia Granger has been appointed to serve on a state committee that is working on revisions to the Workforce Education Course Manual.

The president asked Michelle Judice, Shirley MacNeill and Amanda Smith to serve on the Nominations Committee for next year. It was agreed that Shirley MacNeill will serve as chairman.

Refreshments were provided by the Karon Jackson, Caitlyn James and Michelle Judice.

Being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Michelle Askew, President