

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

**Attendance:**

**Academic**

Michelle Askew  
Sally Griffin Byrd  
Jim Cammack  
Jamie Clark  
Michelle Judice  
Zeb Lowe  
Mark Knowles  
Grace Megnet  
Mavis Triebel

**Technical**

Carolyn Brown\*  
Brandon Buckner  
Toni LaGrone  
Shirley MacNeill  
Robert Peeler\*  
Ed Quist  
Amanda Smith  
Lisa Smith  
Tanya Woods

**Guest**

Adriane Champagne

**Adjunct Representative**

Albert Faggard

**Staff Representative**

Karon Jackson

\*Denotes Absence

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**Call to Order**

Michelle Askew, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00. Michelle announced that the Membership List and the Committee Assignments had been updated, and distributed copies to each faculty senate member.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as printed.

**Correspondence**

None

**Committee Reports**

**Academic Issues:** No report

**Awards Nominations:** Ed Quist previously reported that Grace Megnet will be our Piper Professor Award nominee.

**Facilities:** No Report

**Faculty Development/Welfare:** Grace Magnet reported that she had met with Dr Stretcher regarding the two eight-week sessions scheduling problems, and that adjustments were being made.

**Faculty & Campus Relations:** No Report

**Finance/Compensation:** No Report

**LSCPA Educators' Memorial Scholarship:** Members will begin their work earlier in the spring to allow the process to conclude prior to final exams in May 2015.

**Ad-hoc Committees:**

**Social Committee:** Jamie Clark announced that there will be a Pot Luck Dinner and Game night scheduled for Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the LSC Student Center. This event is for all staff and faculty members, and their families.

**Relay for Life:** Adriane Champagne announced that the recent fundraiser in the LSC Student Center raised \$240.00 from merchandise sales over a two day period. Adriane brought the graphics for the newly designed team shirt, which should be available in December or January. The Fall 2014 version of the Relay for Life T-shirts are available by contacting Dayna Hyatt in the LSC Student Success Center.

**LUB Faculty Senate:** Mavis Triebel reported that the Lamar Beaumont Faculty Senate would meet on Wednesday Nov 5, 2014.

**LIT Faculty Senate:** Ed Quist reported that the LIT Faculty Senate welcomed Dr. Paul Szuch and David Moses for an extended discussion detailing faculty salary contracts, advancement opportunities, and economic factors.

**LSCO Faculty Senate:** Jaime Clark contacted the re-organized LSC-Orange Faculty Senate, and was advised that the website would provide all updates and announcements.

**Texas State University System Meeting:** Mavis Triebel reported Drs. McCall, Moore, and Cunningham discussed requested legislative construction costs, Hazelwood funding for veterans, formula funding, changes in leadership and committee appointments in the Texas Legislature, and standardization of policies for community colleges offering four-year degrees in Nursing.

**Texas Council of Faculty Senates Meeting:** Jaime Clark reported that each college gave an update on the status of their campus during the afternoon session. Later discussion topics included the de-professionalism of education, and academic ownership of online courses.

**Executive Committee Report:** The Executive Committee (Michelle Askew, Jamie Clark and Mark Knowles) met with Dr. Reynard and Dr. Stretcher on Wednesday October 29, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in MM 209.

Items discussed included:

- Dr Reynard showed us the new TV commercial. The advertising agency is currently at work on a digital billboard as well as additional TV commercials.
- The homepage has been updated, and updating the back pages are in the works.
- The class schedule has been reformatted to allow it to be printed on 8 ½" x 11" paper. This can be done directly from the web by anyone viewing it.
- The Faculty Incentive Awards will be given on Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Student Center.
- The Christmas Barbecue will be held on Thursday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parker Center.
- Next fall, the two eight-week sessions will be held back to back, eliminating the second eight-week session run-over past graduation.

**Old Business** None

### **New Business**

**Tribute Fund Report:** Jaime Clark reported a balance of \$85.00 Michelle Askew proposed that a book contribution be made to the Gates Library in memory of Mary Mulliner. This motion was met with approval and passed unanimously.

**Committee Assignments:** No further changes

**Refreshment List:** No changes needed

### **Announcements:**

- Saturday Nov 8, 2014, 2pm, LSC Parker Center. The LSC Seahawks Basketball Team home opener vs. Houston Community College. Spectators that are dressed in 60s or 70s period clothing will be admitted to the game free. After the game, stay for the FREE Beatles Tribute Concert in the Parker Center Parking Lot.
- Monday, November 10, 2014, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Frankie Clark will be the guest speaker for the Seahawks book club at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Parker Center. She will be discussing dysfunctional families.
- Friday Nov. 22, 7:30pm and Saturday Nov 23, 2:30pm. Tickets for Tennessee Williams' American classic "The Glass Menagerie" are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students

from other campuses and senior citizens. Students, faculty and staff of Lamar State College-Port Arthur are admitted for free with ID. Call 409-984-6111 for reservations.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Knowles, Secretary