

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES – December 2, 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 MacNeil
Robert Peeler*
Ed Quist
Amanda Smith
Lisa Smith
Tanya Woods

Guest

Adriane Champagne
Catlin James

Adjunct Representative

Albert Faggard

Staff Representative

Karon Jackson

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

Michelle Askew, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as printed.

Correspondence None

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

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 discussed the Pot Luck Dinner and Game night held on Tuesday, November 18th, which had low attendance. The future events may be scheduled earlier in the semester. This event is for all staff and faculty members, as well as their spouses.

Relay for Life: Adriane Champagne announced a recent Pool Tournament fundraiser in the LSC Student Center raised \$105.00 . 44 of the Fall 2014 Relay for Life T-shirts were sold to raise approximately \$1,000. The newly designed team shirt, designed by Bethany Smith; should be available in Spring 2015.

LUB Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel reported that the Lamar Beaumont Faculty Senate met on Wednesday Nov 5, 2014. They discussed the tenure/promotion application form confusion, the dissolving of the retention committee, the success of their distinguished lecture series, the Piper Professor nominee, and the changes in the graduation process.

LIT Faculty Senate: Ed Quist reported that the LIT Faculty Senate has created a subcommittee for salary issues, various administrative and faculty vacancies, and several new deans on campus.

LSCO Faculty Senate: No Report

Executive Committee Report: The Executive Committee (Michelle Askew, Jamie Clark and Mark Knowles) met with Dr. Reynard and Dr. Stretcher on Wednesday Nov 26, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in the presidential conference room.

Items discussed included:

- Dr Reynard reported the Board of Regents approved a tuition increase of \$7.54 per semester hour for the Spring 2015 semester. There will also a convenience fee for all credit card payments.
- Dr Reynard also discussed the noncredit courses that will include training for Class B drivers' licenses, certified nurse aides, medication aides, massage therapy, and continuing education for surgical technicians.
- The Faculty Incentive Awards will be given on Wednesday, Dec. 10th on the 4th floor of the Student Center which will include more than \$6000 in awards.
- The Christmas Barbecue will be held on Thursday, Dec 11th in the Parker Center.

- The Fall 2014 graduation ceremony will feature live music from the Commercial Music department band. There will be several different campus personnel join the onstage procession.

Old Business None

New Business

Tribute Fund Report: Jaime Clark reported a balance of \$90.00 Members are encouraged to pay dues.

Committee Assignments: No Report

Refreshment List: No changes needed

Announcements:

- The Faculty Incentive Awards will be given on Wednesday, Dec. 10th on the 4th floor of the Student Center.
- The Christmas Barbecue will be held on Thursday, Dec 11th in the Parker Center, 11am-1pm
- The Fall 2014 graduation ceremony will be Friday Dec 12, 2014 at 6:30 pm
- The next Faculty Senate Meeting will February 3, 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Knowles, Secretary