

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES – February 3, 2015
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: Mark Knowles circulated a thank you card from the Mary Mulliner family for the contribution to Gates Memorial Library.

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: Mark Knowles reported that the committee will begin their work this month. The faculty/staff contribution forms will be distributed through the campus mailboxes, with all funds collected and managed by the LSC-PA business office.

Ad-hoc Committees:

Social Committee—Jamie Clark appealed to the faculty senate members for feedback regarding on-campus or off-campus social activities. The faculty senate members voiced an opinion that a post-graduation gathering at a local restaurant was the most popular choice.

Relay for Life: Adriane Champagne reported that the LSC-PA chapter has raised \$1,144.00 from various activities in 2014. The newly designed team shirt, designed by Bethany Smith; should be available soon. The Relay for Life annual event is scheduled for April 24-25, 2015 in Nederland at Bulldog Stadium. Registration forms will be available on campus, or may be completed online. Adriane reported that about \$21,000 of the \$250,000 goal has been collected.

LUB Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel reported that the Lamar Beaumont Faculty Senate met in December 2014 to discuss the ongoing interview process for campus Provost, and Vice President for Academic Affairs. They also discussed the changes in the pending December 2014 graduation process.

LIT Faculty Senate: No report

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 Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the President's conference room.

Items discussed included:

- Dr. Reynard reported the current wave of layoffs may be complete until August 2015.
- Dr. Stretcher reported that the noncredit course for Class B driver's license is full and has a waiting list. The certified nurse aides have received a lot of inquiries.
- Dr. Stretcher requested that all online syllabi be updated and posted to the website the week before school begins each new semester.
- Dr. Stretcher requested that the LSC-PA Faculty Senate create a committee to discuss, contribute and plan activities for the Faculty Development Day each semester.

- Dr. Stretcher reported that the Early College High School associate degree program is moving forward, a joint effort between LSC-PA and Port Arthur ISD, Memorial High School.
- The Spring 2015 student enrollment had risen approximately 3% to 1,181 students.
- The LSC-PA campus will host a Mardi Gras Party on February 12, 2015 at 4:30 pm in the Parker Center parking lot.

Old Business None

New Business

Tribute Fund Report: Jaime Clark reported a balance of \$100.00. Members are encouraged to pay dues.

Committee Assignments: In response to the Executive Committee request, a Faculty Development Day Planning Committee has been created. It will consist of the faculty senate officers (Michelle Askew, Jamie Clark and Mark Knowles), Caitlin James, Toni LaGrone, and Jim Cammack. The committee will meet with Dr Stretcher, Tuesday, February 10, 2015 to discuss the preferred format, recommendations from previous evaluation forms, and any relevant topics.

Refreshment List: No changes needed

Announcements:

- The LSC-PA drama department presents “Clybourne Park” on Friday and Saturday, February 6-7th at 7:30pm, and Sunday February 8th at 2:30 p.m.
- The Lady Seahawk Softball team travels to the Wallace State tournament, Feb. 6-8, 2015.
- The men’s basketball team travels to Costal Bend College, Feb 7, 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Knowles, Secretary