

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES – March 3, 2015  
STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 422**

**Attendance:**

**Academic**

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

**Technical**

Carolyn Brown\*  
Brandon Buckner\*  
Toni LaGrone  
Shirley MacNeil  
Ed Quist  
Amanda Smith  
Lisa Smith  
Tonya Woods\*

**Guests**

Adriane Champagne  
Caitlin R. James

**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 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

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:** Mark Knowles reported that the first committee meeting was held February 16, 2015. Applications have been mailed to the local high school counselors, and an updated online application has been forwarded to the IT department. All applications are due by March 27, with an April 2, 2015 delivery of applications to committee members, and an April 13<sup>th</sup> committee meeting scheduled to review the applications and schedule interviews. The scholarship(s) will awarded by the end of April 2015.

### **Ad-hoc Committees:**

**Social Committee:** Jaime Clark reported that a flyer will be distributed before the end of the semester to remind all faculty members of the post-graduation dinner.

**Relay for Life:** Adriane Champagne reported that the campus committee has raised \$1144.00 from various campus activities in 2014. The registration forms for 2015 are now available, with flyers already distributed across campus. There are two options: an option to sign-up online, and /or purchase the t-shirt. Adriane reported that luminary bags will be available to purchase and personalize. The Relay for Life annual event is scheduled for April 24-25, 2015 at Nederland Bulldog Stadium.

### **Special Committees:**

**Nominating Committee:** No Report.

**LUB Faculty Senate:** Mavis Triebel reported that the LUB Faculty Senate meeting, Feb 4, 2015; discussed the format changes of the graduation ceremonies. Mavis reported that interviews were being conducted for Provost/VPAA, and the new position of a full time attorney.

**LIT Faculty Senate:** Ed Quist reported that the LIT senate addressed several concerns regarding their pay schedule and the development of a tenure policy.

**LSCO Faculty Senate:** No Report.

**Texas State University System Council of Faculty Senates (TSUS CFS):** Mavis Triebel reported that she attended the TSUS-CFS meeting, February 27, 2015, in Austin, Texas along with Michelle Askew and Jaime Clark. Drs. Moore, Gomez, Cunningham, and Wintemute met with the delegates from our eight system campuses. The items discussed included the changes to the grievance policy, the Outside Employment form, Hazelwood Act funding, legislative issues of the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (Texas Revenue

Bonds, campus carry laws, and formula funding.) Officers were elected for the 2015-2017 period: Mavis Triebel, president; Joseph Velasco, Sul Ross-Alpine, vice-president; and Patricia Nicossa, Sul Ross-Rio Grande.

**Texas Council of Faculty Senates (TCFS):** Michelle Askew and Mavis Triebel attended the TCFS meeting in Austin, Feb 27-28, 2015. Michelle Askew reported that the representatives of all the campuses discussed issues including tenure policies among the different campuses, and the pending Campus carry legislation.

**Executive Committee Report:** The officers of the faculty senate met with Dr Stretcher and Dr Reynard on Tuesday, Feb 24, 2015. The main topic of discussion was the Texas Campus Carry policy, currently in legislation, and the long range affects. Dr Reynard reported that current discussions would leave these campus decision at the system level.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business:**

**Tribute Fund Report:** Jaime Clark reported a balance of \$145.00 Michele reported that the funds that are not used would be transferred to the scholarship fund for next year.

Michelle Askew asked the Finance/Compensation Committee to explore the possibility of electronic submission of the Leave Form. Additionally she asked the Facilities Committee to investigate the possibility of long distance telephone service for all faculty members.

**Faculty Development Day Committee:** Michelle, Jaime and Mark, along with Jim Cammack, Caitlin James, and Toni LaGrone met with Dr Stretcher to discuss the Fall 2015 Faculty Development Days schedule. The committee has planned a two day session, Wednesday August 19, and Thursday August 20, 2015. The meetings will feature guest speakers, and breakout sessions.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Mark Knowles, Secretary