

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES – April 7, 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

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**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as printed with a motion by Michelle Judice and seconded by Zeb Lowe. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Committee Reports**

**Awards Nominations:** The awards committee chair, Ed Quist, will contact members of the committee in regard to the Staff Appreciation Award.

**Facilities:** Shirley MacNeil reported that further investigation of long distance calling being made available for faculty is progressing.

**Finance/Compensation:** Jim Cammack reported that his committee is working to get the Faculty Leave Report modified to include an online completion capability.

**LSCPA Educators' Memorial Scholarship:** Mark Knowles has been receiving applications for this scholarship which will be distributed to the committee for consideration.

**Ad-hoc Committees:**

**Social Committee:** Jamie Clark stated that according to the wishes of faculty, faculty will have an after graduation dinner at Tequilla's in mid-county.

**Relay for Life:** Adriane Champagne reported that the LSC-PA Seahawk Strutters' team has met our goal of \$2000; however, we are working to exceed that goal. 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. Tee shirts may still be ordered through April 13, 2015. Luminary bags are available to memorialize someone for \$2.00 each.

**Tribute Fund Report:** Jaime Clark reported a balance of \$155.00.

**LUB Faculty Senate:** Mavis Triebel reported that the Lamar Beaumont Faculty Senate met March 4, 2015 and April 1, 2015. Topics of discussion were the new softball field, changes to the core, modification to the Piper Award nomination process, promotion procedure to full professor, changes to the F2.08 evaluation, and development leave application process.

**LIT Faculty Senate:** Ed Quist reported that discussion was held on concerns about tenure, base teaching load for faculty of 15 hours, and guns on campus and in the classroom.

**Executive Committee Report:** Members of the Executive Committee of the Senate, Michelle Askew and Mark Knowles, met with Dr. Reynard and Dr. Stretcher on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the President's office. Items discussed by Dr. Reynard included:

- The planning process for the dormitories and process technology building are proceeding. The final decision is pending with the Texas Legislature approval of TRBs.
- Graduation will be held on May 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- There will not be a barbecue held at the end of the semester this year.
- We are interviewing candidates to design a new web page. We need to make it more user-friendly. This will be a one-time hire. It will be maintained by the Information Technology.
- 12-week classes are being designed to start four weeks after the beginning of the fall semester.
- The summer schedule has been changed for Summer I to begin on June 8, 2015 and Summer II will begin on July 13, 2015. Summer graduation will be held on August 14, 2015. Each summer session will last 20 days, Monday through Thursday. (Copies of the new schedule were distributed to Senate members.)

**Old Business:** The chair stated that with the request by Dr. Stretcher for the Senate to plan the Faculty Development Days, the following events will take place on August 19 and 20, 2015:

- The meetings both days will begin with breakfast items served and the second day will include lunch.
- Ken Carona will make a presentation on both days concerning shooter safety on and off campus. By then, legislation will have been finalized by the Texas Legislature regarding guns on campus and open carry laws. Ken should be able to provide invaluable information. The Faculty found Ken's presentation several years ago to be informative and informational.
- 3Breakout sessions are planned so that faculty may explore sessions on various topics of interest.

- Volunteers from the faculty have been requested to make 3-5 minute presentations on classroom tips that will be beneficial to others. Volunteering to date are Sally Byrd, Grace Megnet, Jamie Clark, Ed Faggard, Michelle Askew and Ed Quist. Others are being sought.

**New Business:** A request was made to investigate the concerns for pay for large on-line classes. It appears that the same pay is received for smaller face-to-face classes as very large on-line classes. The chair requested that the Finance/Compensation committee examine this request.

**Announcements:**

- The chair thanked Mark Knowles, Robert Peeler and Amanda Smith for the refreshments today. Next month the out-going officers will furnish refreshments.
- New officers will be elected for 2015-2016 at the May 5, 2015 Senate meeting.
- The "Great Teaching Roundup", presented by TCCTA, will be held on May 18-21, 2015 at the Canyon of the Eagles in the heart of the Texas hill country. Lamar Port Arthur will fund two persons to attend. Information can be obtained at [tccta.org/roundup](http://tccta.org/roundup).
- The Art Department will hold a May Festival in conjunction with the Drama and Commercial Music Departments on May 1, 2015. The High School Art Show awards will be presented at 6:00 p.m. in the Theater lobby; at 6:40 p.m. the Commercial Music Department will present a concert in the Theater; and at 7:30 in the Black Box, the Drama Department will have a presentation of "Midsummer Night's Dream".
- On April 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., in the Theater, Rebecca Stark Nugent will speak on the book "The Devil Had a Wife". She will also speak at 7:00 p.m. that same evening. All are invited to attend this free presentation.

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

Mavis Triebel, Acting Secretary.