

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES – October 6, 2015
STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 422**

Attendance:

Academic

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

Technical

Cynthia Arceneaux
Toni LaGrone
Deborah Lawson
Sherry Lejeune*
Ed Quist
Amanda Smith
Bethany Smith*
Lisa Smith
Tanya Woods*

Adjuncts

Albert Faggard*

Staff

Karon Jackson*

Guests

Dayna Hyatt

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order:

The president, Jamie Clark, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He welcomed all the new and returning members to our second meeting of the 2015-2016 year.

Approval of Minutes

The September 2015 minutes were submitted for approval and were accepted as stated.

Committee Reports

- Academic Issues: No Report
- Facilities: No Report
- Faculty Development/Welfare: No report
- Faculty/Campus Relations: No Report
- Finance/Compensation: No Report
- LSCPA Educators Memorial Scholarship: No Report

New Business

The chair stated that a signup sheet for refreshments is being circulated. The chair stated that an email had been received asking if Blackboard Class Rosters could be automatically adjusted each semester to mirror class rolls. The chair assigned this question to the Academic Issues Committee.

Ad-hoc Committees:

Social Committee: Caitlyn James is planning a dinner meeting after the Fall 2015 graduation for all faculty , staff , and family members at Tequila’s mid-county restaurant. A RSVP signup sheet will circulated prior to graduation.

Relay for Life: Dayna Hyatt reported that the 2015 Relay for Life campaign will take place on April 23, 2016. It will be held on Boston Avenue, Nederland, rather than the Bulldog Stadium as in the past. Dayna reported that \$263.00 has been collected from the T-Shirt sales, which are still for available. Dayna reported that there is a tentative bake sale scheduled for Oct 22, 2015.

Tribute Fund Report: Michelle Askew, chair of the Tribute Fund, stated that there is current balance of \$35.00. The committee contributed \$25.00 to the Harry Triebel Scholarship Fund. Each member of the Senate is requested to contribute \$10 for 2015-16 so that we may remember the faculty senate members who may be hospitalized or to create a memorial for a member of a Senate member's immediate family.

LUB Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel reported that the Lamar University Senate, which met September 2, 2015; has started on their SACS review. They are in the process of writing their QEP. Other items discussed were the Piper Award application process, and scheduling administrative speakers to future faculty senate meeting. They will meet again on Wednesday October 7, 2015

LIT Faculty Senate: Ed Quist reported that the LIT Senate in September discussed the review and updating of campus forms, the mandatory Advisory Training, and the newly created pay scale chart. Ed reported that the LIT campus president Dr. Szuch will retire in July 2016.

Lamar Orange Faculty Senate: Jaime Clark will attempt to contact the newly elected LSC-O faculty senate to re-establish communications and visitations.

Executive Committee Report: Members of the Executive Committee of the Senate, Jaime Clark, Michelle Askew and Mark Knowles, met with Dr. Reynard and Dr. Stretcher on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the President's office. Items discussed by Dr. Reynard included:

- The dormitory project is being negotiated by the TSUS chancellor. Dr Reynard has received a preliminary CAD rendition of the dorm project
- The Enrollment Counselors and Community-in-School Liaison personnel have moved to the Performing Arts Center
- Banner training, to provide advising services for students; is being held for department chairs, and will soon include faculty members.
- The Early College High School project is on track to begin in the fall 2016 semester.
- Dr. Stretcher is working on a proposal to secure federal funding for incarcerated students. If the proposal is accepted, it would go into effect in the fall 2016 semester for a four year cycle.
- LSCPA is hosting an Open House event on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 3pm until 6pm

TCCTA Fall 2015 Conference for Faculty Leaders: Jaime Clark, Michelle Askew, and Mark Knowles attended the 36th Annual TCCTA in Austin, Texas on Friday Sept 25 and Saturday Sept 26, 2015. Mark reported that the 6 sessions focuses on the growing demographic minority trends and the impact on Texas education. The THECB is working to embrace this growth and the associated challenges by proposing a 60-by-30 project that seeks to focus on the 18-34 year old student population and accomplish at least 60 hours of post-secondary education by the year 2030. This

project will incorporate the Student Success programs, and the collaborative efforts of administration, faculty, and staff members.

Announcements:

- Sheila Guillot has prepared her Piper Award application and submitted it to Dr. Stretcher.
- The Lamar State College-Port Arthur and Lamar University softball teams will host "Haunting for a Cure," a 5K Fun Run/Walk starting at 9am from the Carl Parker Center on Saturday, October 31, 2015. The LSC-PA Seahawks will host the Lamar University Cardinals at 1pm at the Martin Filed softball complex the same day.
- The Faculty Development Committee will meet next Tuesday, October 13 at 2:00 in SC 407. Suggestions for topics would be welcomed.
- Dr. Carol Barbay is currently chairing an ad hoc committee created by Dr. Gary Stretcher, VPAA for LSCPA. The purpose of the committee is to create a shorter, more printer friendly version of the LSCPA online syllabus. Please direct any suggestions to Dr. Barbay.

The chair thanked the Michelle Judice, Grace Magnet and Mark Knowles for furnishing the refreshments for today's meeting. Percy Jordan, Mavis Triebel, and Sally Byrd will provide refreshments at the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.
Mark Knowles, Secretary