

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES – Nov 3, 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  
Albert Faggard\*  
\*Denotes Absence

**Technical**

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

**Guest**

Caitlin James

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**Call to Order:**

The president, Jamie Clark, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The October 2015 minutes were submitted for approval and were accepted as stated

**Committee Reports**

-Academic Issues: Sally Byrd reported on the contrast between the Blackboard class rolls and the online System class rolls. She reported that Darrin McIntire indicates that the System class rolls are correct, and if notified, he can delete items from the Blackboard class rolls.

-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 a fall 2015 Pledge sheet will be generated. It will be distributed to faculty and staff members through their campus mail boxes.

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**New Business**

Amanda Smith reported that the LSCPA Cosmetology Department will schedule a Customer Appreciation Day in the campus cosmetology lab on Nov 18, 2015, from 9am-2pm . One-half of the proceeds will be donated to the LSCPA Educators Memorial Scholarship.

**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 be circulated prior to graduation.

**Relay for Life:** The Seahawk Strutters have created a 2015 American Cancer Society Christmas T-Shirt. Orders must be received by November 6, 2015. The 2016 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.

**Tribute Fund Report:** Michelle Askew, chair of the Tribute Fund, stated that there is a current balance of \$70.00. Each member of the Senate is encouraged 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 opened their Oct 7, 2015 meeting with 3 guest speakers: Dr Ken Evans, President, Lamar University; Dr. Derina Holtzhausen, Dean of Fine Arts and Communications; and Dr Srinivas Palanki, Dean of College of Engineering. Topics discussed by the faculty senate were the pending Campus Carry policy, promotion and tenure issues, and a task force to review the LU F 2.08 form.

**LIT Faculty Senate:** Ed Quist reported that the LIT Senate invited 2 guest speakers from the campus administration and technical departments to discuss concerns with recruiting and promotions.

**Lamar Orange Faculty Senate:** Jaime Clark is attempting to contact the 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 on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the President's office. Items discussed by Dr. Reynard included:

- Dr Reynard has received a preliminary CAD elevation of the dorm project
- The Task Force regarding Campus Carry is underway, with one open forum session completed.
- An Academic Studies Certificate of Completion is being developed to help with the tracking and completion rates of LSCPA students.
- The 2016 spring class schedule is available, with the College Catalog undergoing a revision.
- A new drop policy regarding nonpayment will soon be implemented.
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**TSUS-CFS Fall 2015 Conference for Faculty Leaders:**

Mavis Triebel reported that she, Jaime, and Michelle attended the TSUS CFS meeting on Oct 16, 2015. This organization is composed of delegates from the eight institutions' respective Senates that comprise the TSU System. The delegates met with Dr Gomez with primary focus on Campus Carry. A handout was distributed that detailed the Essentials of Senate Bill 11 (campus Carry).

**TCFS REPORT** Jaime Clark reported that he and Michelle Askew attended the TCFS Meeting in Austin ,which is an organization composed of representatives from all the public institutions of higher education in Texas. Concerns were expressed about Campus Carry, Merit and Pay Increase, Promotion/Tenure Policy, Shared Governance, and Faculty Senate Structure. An ad hoc committee will be formed to discuss these issues from a multisystem perspective. Another concern was of the 60X30 THECB report. Speakers will be invited from the coordinating board to speak at the spring meeting of the TCFS.

**Announcements:**

- Lamar State College Port Arthur will host its second open forum for faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members to voice concerns and ask questions about the new campus carry law. Senate Bill 11, or the Campus Carry law, will go into effect on August 1, 2016. Colleges and universities around the state are preparing in advance for the implementation of the new law. The open forum will be held on November 12, 2015 at 12:30 pm in the Ruby Fuller Education Building, Room 106

The chair thanked Percy Jordan, Mavis Triebel, and Sally Byrd for furnishing the refreshments for today's meeting.

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