

## Faculty Senate Minutes

May 7, 2019

### I. **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by the president at 2:00 pm in Student Center, Room 111. New senators that were present were allowed to introduced themselves and were welcomed by the senate.

**Members Present:** Michelle Askew, Brandon Buckner, Jim Cammack, Tina Capeles, Adriane Champagne, Diane Hare, Karon Jackson, Caitlin James, Percy Jordan, Sherry Lejeune, Jim Powell, Christina Wilbur

**Members Absent:** Shalanda Allen, George Bohn, Sue Jordan, Michelle Judice, Zeb Lowe, Sarita Medhekar, Carl Richardson, Michael Sparrow

**Guests Present:** Mavis Triebel, JoAnna Gott, Morgan Chaddick, Maurice Abelman

### II. **Approval of Minutes:** Christina Wilbur made motion to approve minutes of April Meeting and seconded by Brandon Buckner. Motion passed.

### III. **Committee Reports**

- **Relay for Life:** Event was held on April 27, 2019 from 12 pm to 10 pm in Nederland. The event raised a total of over \$300,000. LSC-PA Team raised a total of \$1,871.

- **Easter Basket Auction:** This event is now part of Relay for Life. The baskets raised \$300.

- **Social Committee:** After LSC-PA Graduation, Faculty will meet at Tequila's Restaurant in Mid-County.

- There were no reports for the committees as follows: Academic Issues, Facilities, Faculty Development/Welfare, Faculty Campus Relations, Finance/Compensation.

### IV. **Old Business:**

- By-Laws Committee proposed changing section VII. Resignation of Senators at April's Meeting.

**Proposed change is as follows:**

At the time of the election in April, the appropriate number of senators and up to five alternate senators will be elected in each division. The alternates shall be chosen from the remaining candidates on the ballot and shall be ranked based on the number of votes received. A tie shall be resolved by a random drawing. In the case of the resignation of a senator during his/her term of office, the Executive Committee shall notify the next ranked alternate to complete the unexpired term of the resigning senator. Exception: if the absence of a senator is temporary (i.e., two months or

less), the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement for the brief period of time of the original senator's absence.

Caitlin James moved that the changes to the by-laws be approved, and the motion was seconded by Michelle Askew. The motion was approved.

**V. New Business:**

- Nominating Committee recommended Christina Wilbur for President and Jim Cammack for Vice President. Nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary were opened. There were no further nominations from the floor. It was moved by Michelle Askew and seconded by Brandon Buckner that the nominations be closed, and the nominations be accepted by acclamation. The motion was approved.

**VI. Reports:**

- **Lamar University Faculty Senate-** Senate was informed about the LU Faculty Senate requesting a forensic audit of the university finances and the vote of no confidence for the university president.
- **Tribute Fund-** Senators were reminded about the \$10 fee (\$5/semester) for the fund.

**VII. Announcements:**

All out-going senators were thanked for their service.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Percy Jordan, President