

## Faculty Senate Minutes

October 4, 2019

### I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 12:09 p.m. in Student Center, Room 422.

Members	Division	Term Expires
Maurice Abelman	Technical	2021*
Michelle Askew	Academic	2021
Brandon Buckner	Technical	2021
Jim Cammack	Academic	2021
Morgan Chaddick	Technical	2021*
Adriane Champagne	Technical	2020
Helen Fonteno	Technical	2021*
Jo Anna Gott	Technical	2021
Tonya Harbert	Technical	2021*
Dr. Michelle Judice	Academic	2020*
Sherry Lejeune	Technical	2021
Dr. Nancy Longlet	Academic	2021*
Zeb Lowe	Academic	2020*
Sarita Medhekar	Technical	2020
Grace Megnet	Academic	2021
James Powell	Technical	2021
Carl Richardson	Technical	2020
Christina Wilbur	Academic	2020*
Dayna Hyatt	Staff Representative	2019-2020
Amber Clark	Adjunct Representative	2019-2020*
Mavis Tribble	Guest/Alternate	

\* Denotes Absence

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Brandon Buckner seconded by Grace Megnet.  
Minutes Approved.

**II. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**III. Committee Reports:** Updated committee assignments were given out and reviewed by members. Mavis Tribble volunteered to be the representative for Lamar University Faculty Senate meetings. The LIT and LSCO positions will stay open at this time.

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

- By-Laws Committee opened discussion on the online poll that was distributed about meeting dates and times. Nine members stated a change to Friday would be better for their schedules while six members stated to keep it on Tuesdays. Because of the results of the poll and discussions with the faculty senate officers the official meetings are now on the first Friday of the month at noon.
- Jim Cammack opened discussion on a few issues that have been brought to the Senate Officers. Academic Dishonesty was discussed and the possible need for a campus wide record so faculty would know when students are cheating from one class to another. This issue was assigned to the Academic Issues committee to explore.
- Changes in Summer pay and overloads were discussed and this was assigned to the Finance and Compensation committee.
- Questions about class sizes were also brought forward and this was assigned to the Faculty Welfare committee.

#### **V. New Business:**

- Brandon Buckner brought up facility issues happening in the Allied Health buildings especially sewer backing up and the roof leaking. Sherry LeJeune also voice some concerns about mold and electrical problems in the Cosmetology building. The question was then posed to the Senate officers about offices for adjuncts and full-time faculty that currently do not have offices and what could be done about getting them a workable space. The Vice President referred each of these concerns to the Faculty Campus Relations committee.

#### **VI. Reports:**

- LU-B Faculty Senate- Mavis Triebel reported that she attended the Lamar University Senate meeting on October 2, 2019, where items discussed included a new grant for retirees, handbook revisions and pending no confidence vote.
- LIT Faculty Senate- No report
- LSC-O Faculty Senate - No report
- Tribute Fund- No report
- Executive Committee Report- Jim Cammack reported that Christina and himself met with the Executive committee.
  - Dr. Milsap wants the Faculty Senate to review the current faculty titles and explore a need for changes. It was proposed faculty senate table this discussion for this month to allow the committees to work on other assignments they were just given. All were in favor.
  - LSCPA as a new Ad agency.

- LSCPA's strategic plan has been approved and the master plan is in the process of being approved.
- The Ruby Fuller building will be undergoing renovations.
- LSCPA received an extension to 20<sup>th</sup> class day rolls for reporting purposes.
- There are some issues with books for dual credit students.
- Faculty were encouraged to start looking for new options for books without access codes and possible open source materials.
- Tenure is not being eliminated on this campus.
- LSCPA needs a new leader for Citizen Bee.
- November 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. will be a ribbon cutting for the new Motiva Petrochemical Training Unit on campus.
- October 22, 2019 LSCPA will host an adjunct faculty job fair.

**VII. Announcements:** None

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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