

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jamie Clark, Faculty Senate President at 2:00 pm in the Student Center Building, room 422.

Members Present:

Academic Division

Michelle Askew

Jamie Clark

Michelle Judice

Zeb Lowe

Jim Cammack

Grace Megnet

Christina Wilbur

Percy Jordan

Staff: Carla Santos *

Guest(s): Mavis Triebel

Technical Division

Brandon Buckner

Cynthia Arceneaux*

Debbie Lawson

Robert Peeler

Adriane Champagne

Sherry Lejeune *

Amanda Smith*

Eursula Davis

Jennifer Bryant*

Tanya Woods*

Adjunct: Robert Trevey*

II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February 7th Faculty Senate meeting were approved with no changes and posted to the website.

III. Correspondence: No correspondence.

IV. Committee Reports

Academic Issues - Zeb Lowe: No report.

Awards Nominations - Michelle Askew: Nominations for Senate/Staff awards are due soon. But note that members of administration are not eligible for the Staff Awards. Nominations for the Piper Professor award are due soon. All nominations must be completed by the May meeting.

Facilities - Amanda Smith: No report.

Faculty Development/Welfare - Grace Megnet: No report.

Faculty/Campus Relations - Michelle Judice: No report.

Finance/Compensation - Brandon Buckner: No report.

Ad Hoc Committees :

Relay for Life - Adriane Champagne: New shirts are for sale. Please contact Adriane Champagne for more information. Additionally, Relay for Life would like to make an Easter Basket for the Easter Basket Auction. Please get with Adriane if you have ideas or would like to donate to the basket.

Social - Caitlin James: No report.

Faculty Development - Planning is underway for Faculty Development for Fall 2017

V. Old Business: Uniform shirts for college marketing has been assigned to Facilities Committee.

VI. New Business: Election of Senate members and officers will begin the first week of April.

Dr. Percy Jordan was appointed to chair the Nominating Committee for next year's officers. Brandon Buckner and Michelle Judice will serve on the committee as well.

Adriane Champagne announced the Resume Writing Seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 2:30 pm in the Parker Center. Project Interview is scheduled for Monday, April 17th from 12:00-6:00 pm in the Parker Center. Please share this information with your students.

VII. Reports:

LU-B Faculty Senate: Mavis Triebel - LU is focusing on increasing recruitment and retention and has opened an advising center in Houston to better meet these needs. Both the Gray Library and the Setzer Center are moving forward with renovations. Mavis Triebel also reported on the Texas State University System meeting in Austin.

LIT Faculty Senate: Adriane Champagne - No report

LSC-O Faculty Senate: No report.

Tribute Fund: Adrienne Champagne - No report

Executive Senate Report: It was reported that LSCPA has recently qualified to write a grant for Title V funding. This will assist in expanding educational opportunities for, and improve the attainment of students. It was reported that at this time efforts are being made to ensure LSCPA eligibility to obtain JET (Jobs and Education for Texans) funding. It was reported that the Texas State University System Foundation established the Grow Your Own Scholarship Program to increase faculty diversity and provide mentoring models for students. It was reported that the students taking college classes within the prison system has increased 80 students. At this time 274 inmates are currently taking college classes. It was reported that there has been an increase of 256 students from the area high school. At this time 537 high school students are currently taking college classes. Jamie Clark also reported on the Texas Council of Faculty Senate Spring Meeting in Austin.

VIII. Announcements: N/A

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Christina A. Wilbur

Secretary