

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR FACULTY SENATE
MARCH 1, 2016
STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 422

Attendance:**Academic:**

Michelle Askew*
Sally Griffin Byrd
Jamie Clark
Percy Jordan
Michelle Judice
Zeb Lowe
Grace Megnet
Mavis Triebel
Christina Wilbur*

Technical:

Cynthia Arceneaux
Brandon Buckner
Adriane Champagne
Toni LaGrone
Deborah Lawson
Sherry Lejeune*
Amanda Smith*
Lisa Smith*
Tanya Woods*

Staff:

Karon Jackson

Guests:

Caitlin James*

Adjunct:

Albert Faggard*

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

The president, Jamie Clark, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

As there were no additions or corrections to the minutes of February 2, 2016, a motion was made by Toni LaGrone, seconded by Brandon Buckner to approve the minutes as recorded on our website. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Committee Reports:**Awards Committee:**

The Awards Committee chair, Mavis Triebel, reported that a letter has been sent to all full time faculty requesting their nominations for the Faculty Senate Staff Award to be presented in May and the Minnie Stevens Piper Award for 2017 for excellence to a faculty member. Faculty nominees for these two awards are due no later than March 11, 2016 so that the committee may meet to consider and present the names at the April meeting. To date 6 nominations have been received for the Staff Award and four for the Piper Award.

LSCPA Educators' Memorial Scholarship Committee: Brandon Buckner, committee member, reported that applications are being sought now. The awarding of the funds will be made by the first of May.

Relay for Life: Adriane Champagne reported that to date we have 23 members on the Relay for Life Seahawk Strutters team. We have raised \$1000 to date for the April 23, 2016, event on Boston Avenue, Nederland. Upon asking for a consensus about designing a polo shirt rather than a tee shirt for fund raising purposes, it was agreed to investigate using a polo shirt.

Social Committee: The chair reported on behalf of Caitlin James that the after graduation event will remain the same: dinner at the Tequila's in mid-county.

Faculty Development: The chair reported that he is chairing the one-day faculty development session to be held in the week between Summer II and Fall 2016. In addition to the officers of the Senate, Adriane Champagne, Brandon Buckner and Toni LaGrone volunteered to assist in the planning. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the date to be announced. A planning meeting will be held later in March.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The chair appointed the following to serve on the nominating committee for the Faculty Senate: Dr. Percy Jordan, chair, Michelle Judice and Brandon Buckner. The committee will meet after the completion of the election of new Senators conducted by the VPAA's office early in April, reporting at the May senate meeting. The election of the new officers for 2016-2017 will take place at the May meeting. The new officers, president, vice president and secretary, will begin their term at the September 2016 meeting.

It was brought to the attention of the Senate that the Business/Finance Office, the Physical Plant and Human Resources, close during their respective lunch hours rather than having the employees stagger their lunch hours; therefore, remaining open. There are clients that need to do business during that time, i.e. pay fees at Finance Office, having a plumbing emergency that requires immediate attention of Physical Plant and/or a prospective employee needing assistance of Human Resources. The chair requested that the Facilities Committee, chair Amanda Smith, investigate the possibility of changing this procedure so that those offices could remain open during business hours which would include the lunch hours with the employees of these respective departments staggering their lunch hours.

Reports:

Lamar University-Beaumont Senate: Mavis Triebel reported that the LU Senate met in February discussing campus carry, upcoming LU Senate officer elections, modifying the existing F2.08 which is used to determine raises and an evacuation plan for the entire campus.

Texas State University Council of Faculty Senates: Mavis Triebel reported that she attended this meeting with the new Vice Chancellor Dr. John Hayek last week in Austin. Dr. Hayek

presented his vision for our system which included his goal to have our system defined as the best in the state, his desire to help students succeed, how he will be shifting through much data and listening often as he learns about our system but he especially wants to be visible on all campuses at least once a quarter. He additionally wants to be an advocate for each institution. Dr. Hayek invited many of the administrators of the system to share information with the delegates from all eight campus Senates in regard to upcoming legislation for 2017, our future operating budgets, Texas revenue bonds for construction, the 60 x 30 plan of the Coordinating Board for increasing the granting of degrees, campus carry, and capital project activity in our System.

Lamar Institute of Technology Senate: Adriane Champagne has been extended an invitation to attend LIT's next Senate meeting on March 23, 2016.

Lamar State College-Orange Senate: The chair stated that the Orange Faculty Senate chair Cathie Phillips has extended an invitation to a LSCPA representative to attend their next meeting. The chair asked for a volunteer to represent the LSCPA senate.

Tribute Fund Report: The chair stated that the fund has increased by \$5.00.

Texas Council of Faculty Senates: Jamie Clark stated that he attended the TCFS meeting in Austin this past week. The first speaker was Dr. Anita Levy of the American Association of University Professors. The discussion focused on academic freedom and campus carry. Dr. David Gardner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. He presented the Texas Higher Education Strategic Plan 60X30TX. Dr. Michel L. Conroy and Dr. Debra A. Feakes of Texas State University then presented a power point presentation discussing nontenure line faculty support. A panel of speakers from various Texas A&M campuses discussed students taking online courses and professors teaching online courses. The panel included Dr. Mary Mayorga, Dr. Eric Lopez, Dr. Jorge Vanegas, and Dr. Elizabeth Wardle. The Roundup Reports were then presented by each campus present for the TCFS meeting. The Roundup Reports usually include enrollment, new programs and degrees, major construction, makeup of the faculty senate, and major issues occurring on campus. However, responses were limited to discussion of campus carry. A review of the Roundup Reports was conducted the following day. It was decided that the topics to be discussed at the next TCFS meeting in the fall of 2016 will be shared governance, policy development, as well as promotion and tenure evaluation. Further topics include graduation, retention, and recruitment plans. Another topic will include advising from professionals or faculty. These topics will be addressed by individual speakers and possibly one panel. It was also stated that the University of Texas Provost will address campus carry at the next meeting. The meeting concluded with the TCFS Business Meeting and Elections. Dr. Jim Woosley of Texas A&M is now the president elect. Dr. Joey Velasco of Sul Ross State University is now the vice president for the west region. Ludovic Sourdout of Texas Woman's University is now the vice president of the northeast region. Wynne Chin of the University of Houston is now the vice president of the east region.

LSCPA Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting: Jamie Clark reported that Drs. Reynard and Stretcher met with the officers of the Senate this week. Items discussed included:

- The new college catalog is being developed at this time. An LSC-PA cell phone app is also being developed at this time. This will allow students to register for class, create class schedule, obtain a transcript, etc., from a cell phone.
- Applications for enrollment have been opened in advance. Applications for enrollment in summer and fall classes have been open for new students since December 2015. At this time, 131 applications for the first summer semester have been received and 24 have been accepted. At this time, 36 applications for the second summer semester have been received and 2 have been accepted. At this time, 383 applications have been received for the fall semester and 46 have been accepted.
- Dr. Hebert is developing a new change of major form. These will soon be available not only at the advising department, but also from department chairs.
- Kara Smith will be the Enrollment Services Coordinator. She will be on the LSC-PA campus on March 16, 2016.
- Port Neches-Groves ISD is interested in enrolling in concurrent courses with LSC-PA.

Announcements: The following announcements were made:

- Port Neches-Groves ISD students will be visiting our campus on April 15, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.
- Citizen Bee will take place Thursday, March 3, 2016, with fourteen teams competing.
- SUMMAs will be distributed by March 11, 2016.
- The Distinguished Guest Lecturer, RJ Mittee, on March 22, 2016 in the Parker Center at 7:00 p.m.
- The LSCPA Basketball team will play March 3, at 6:00 p.m., March 4, 6:00 p.m. and March 5, at 8:00 p.m. in Lufkin.
- The LSCPA Softball team will play March 2, 2016, March 4, 2016 and March 7, 2016. All these games will be played in Port Arthur at Martin Field at 1:00 p.m.

The chair thanked Adriane Champagne, Zeb Lowe and Albert Faggard for the refreshments. Refreshments for the April meeting will be provided by Sherry Lejeune, Amanda Smith, and Karon Jackson.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Mavis T. Triebel, recording secretary