

**LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
May 7, 2021 TEAMS Meeting On-line**

Attendance:

Academic

Michelle Askew
Caitlin James
Christina Wilbur
Jim Cammack
Nancy Longlet
Michelle Judice
Erik Hernandez

Technical

Maurice Abelman
Jim Powel
Helen Fonteno
*Morgan Chaddick
George Bohn
Tonya Harbert
*Matthew Roe
Sherry Lejeune
Blas Canado
Brandon Buckner
JoAnna Gott

Staff:

David Morales

Adjunct Rep:

Chelsey Galloway

*Denotes Absence

Call to Order

Christina Wilbur President called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were accepted as presented with a motion by Erik Hernandez and seconded by Michelle Askew. A quorum was reached with sixteen of eighteen members of the Senate in attendance. Also, in attendance were the six new Faculty Senate members for the 2021 -2021 year.

Welcome

Introduction of the new Faculty Senate members:

Michael Betar, Dr. Tina Capelas, Dr. Percy Jordan, Sarita Medhekar, Doneane Beckcom, Michael Sparrow, Zebulon Lowe

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Old Business

- Compensation issues – addressed by Jim Cammack in the Finance & Compensation Committee
- Surveys (Noel-Levitz) and others makes 3 students surveys to the same students during one-month period

New Business

- Faculty Senate Officer Elections – Committee- Michelle Askew, Erik Hernandez, Christina Wilbur
- President- Jim Cammack, Vice President- Brandon Buckner, Secretary -Dr. Michelle Judice nominated
- Nomination from the floor were requested but none offered
- Unanimous vote by all members – No Nays recorded

Committee Reports

Academic Issues: No Report

Awards Nominations: No Report

Facilities: Process Operator training Facility repaired after the winter storm, Armory Construction for new Workforce building

Faculty Development Welfare: No Report

Faculty & Campus Relations: No Report

Finance/Compensation: Jim Cammack reported continuous work on compensations issues previously addressed

Tribute Fund: Jim Cammack reported \$90 in the fund

Ad-hoc Committees:

Social Committee: - Will resume faculty dinner after commencement in December

LU-B Faculty Senate: University had no Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes posted on their website for past several months

LIT Faculty Senate: Faculty had no Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes posted on their website -no representative

LSCO Faculty Senate: Faculty had no Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes posted on their website -no representative

TSUS Faculty Senate Zoom Meeting Report by Christina Wilbur

- HB 522- Transfer of Sul Ross State University to Texas A&M
- HB 1159 Tenure Review from 6 years to 4 years & Revocation of Tenure
- HB 1123 Penalties/Firing of Faculty for Civil Suits against Students
- OER Initiatives in and Implementation
- Instructor Ownership of Blackboard Material
- General Revenue and Tax
- Department Chairs being placed in Blackboard courses
- Lamar University id Looking for a new President
- Book Bundle Program at Sam Houston
- LIT Faculty Complained of Growing Faculty vs. Administration Communication rift
- LIT hiring more Middle Management
- SHSU received a 3% bonus
- AAUP book of Faculty Rights

Executive Committee Report: Dr. Betty Reynard, Dr. Pam Millsap, Christina Wilbur, Jim Cammack, and Brandon Buckner met to discuss events on campus on May 4, 2021 and a report was given to the Faculty Senate. Topics included:

- Salary Compression and Compensation
- Review of new Faculty Handbook
- On-line classes exam Proctoring
- F208 Redesign still in works
- Budget Concerns are still up in the air until end of Summer
- SACS Progress
- On Campus graduation in May, LSC-O also to use the Carl Parker center- Limited Attendance
- Faculty & Staff awards
- QEP Topic has been approved- Early High School College- Hilda Billups

The meeting adjourned at 12:38p.m.

Brandon Buckner, Secretary