

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE PORT ARTHUR
Faculty Senate Minutes
May 6, 2022 12:00 p.m.

I. Attendance.

- A. Present
 - 1. Academic Faculty. Jim Cammack, Dr. Tina Capeles, Caitlin James, Dr. Michelle Judice, Zeb Lowe, Ragayle Yates, Dr. Percy Jordan
 - 2. Technical Faculty. Maurice Abelman, George Bohn, Brandon Buckner, Morgan Chaddick, Dr. Zack Dailey, Albert Faggard, Dr. Blas Canedo, Tonya Harbert, Sarita Medhekar
- B. Absent. Doneane Beckcom, Helen Fonteno, Michael Sparrow
- C. Staff. No Adjunct faculty present.
- D. Adjunct Faculty. No adjunct faculty present.
- E. Guests. None.

II. Call to Order.

- A. Meeting called to order at 12 PM by James Cammack.
- B. The meeting is in-person and virtual in SC 422.

III. Approval of Minutes.

- A. Faculty Senate meeting minutes are available in Teams folder for review.
- B. Motion by Caitlin James to approve the April minutes. Seconded by Dr. Capeles. Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Correspondence.

- A. No correspondence was received.

V. New Business

- A. New faculty senators announced and welcomed.
- B. Election of nominated Faculty Senate officers: Jim Cammack, Brandon Buckner, Michelle Judice.
- C. By-laws and Charter disagree. Motion made and seconded that by-laws be modified so that Charter takes precedence. This would eliminate one sentence in by-laws regarding hold-over faculty senators. Vote to be held in September when faculty returns for fall semester.
- D. Return to face-to-face faculty senate meeting? Hybrid meetings suggested so senators can attend either way. Will poll senators in the fall's first meeting.

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- E. Syllabus Committee met (included Faculty Senate officers) to discuss new software coming, slightly different template than current version. Template might include Student Incivility section that defines incivility and outlines the repercussions.
- F. Surveys at end of semester: Most recent survey took an entire class period. Problem with students in class who have already taken it not having anything to do.

VI. Old Business

See Executive Committee Report (Appendix A)

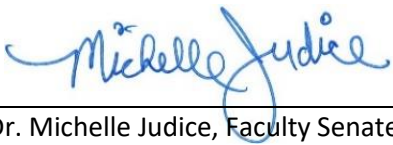
VII. Committee Reports

- A. Academic Issues: Christina Wilbur, video proctoring through SHSU, studies show exam times are longer when proctored.
- B. Facilities: Chair, George Bohn: no report.
- C. Faculty Development/Welfare: Chair, Ms. Harbert: no report.
- D. Faculty and Campus Relations: Chair, Tina Capeles: Faculty would like clarity in syllabi and Faculty Handbook regarding student civility expectations and incivility repercussions. Senators have been sent a proposed draft document for review and suggestions. Drs. Millsap and Bradford also sent a copy. Hoping the finished document will soon be added to faculty syllabus template.
- E. Finance and Compensation: Michelle Askew: Still waiting for report from Mary Wickland and Tammy Riley (requested November 2021) of faculty pay scale.
- F. LIT Faculty Senate: Chelsey Galloway, no report.
- G. LSC-O Faculty Senate: Michelle Judice, no report.
- H. LSCPA Staff: Ruth Nelson: no report.
- I. Tribute Fund Report: Brandon Buckner, no report.

VIII. Executive Committee Report (Appendix A)

- IX. **Upcoming event:** Faculty Incentive Awards, at Parker Center, Wednesday, May 11, at 2:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Dr. Michelle Judice, Faculty Senate Secretary

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Date

APPENDIX A

Executive Committee Report – Jim Cammack, Brandon Buckner, and Michelle Judice virtually met with Dr. Reynard and Dr. Millsap.

Executive Committee meeting: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Faculty vacancies: several faculty leaving for various reasons: Byron Banks, Casi Rekieta, Matt Johnson, and Sherry Lejune.

Free Classes: available during the summer; tuition and mandatory fees for up to six credit hours covered. Face-to-face and/or online. Six hours is \$708 savings.

Skills USA: Sarita Medhekar and Maurice Abelman have students in their programs going to the nationals.

Partnership with Sam Houston State University: LSCPA receiving 24/7 IT support for general services, Help Desk, Respondus, Safe Assign, Caltura, Easy Soft, and backup training for canned webinars. Blackboard Learn transition to Blackboard Ultra in near future; either Fall 2022 or an additional semester.

Enrollment: Prison student enrollment is helping summer and fall counts. Enrollment numbers affected by pandemic and now by its recovery. Poverty-stricken areas most hurt. (More than 80% of LSCPA students on financial aid so many here affected. Enrollment services busy now.

Armory Update: Searching for a name. Located on Lakeshore Drive the 23,000 square foot building will house the non-credit workforce training programs. Suggestions for the new facility name welcomed.

Department of Commerce, Assistant Commissioner: visited LSCPA campus. Brought several area dignitaries to campus: State Representative/Speaker of the House Dade Phelan, TSUS Chancellor Brian McCall, and other state and local notables. The group toured the campus and discussed nursing needs in the region. LSCPA still contending for the large grant.

(Dr. Stafford, Dean of Workforce Training and Continuing Education, presented to philanthropic groups)

Commencement Speaker: Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick. Friday, May 13 at 5:30 PM in the Parker Center.

Faculty Recognized Nationally: George Bohn, Process Technology and Instrumentation instructor, named Outstanding Technical Teacher, and Brock Thewman, Men's Basketball Assistant Coach, named Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Junior College Assistant of the Year.

SACS Compliance Report: Focused report in progress. Vast majority of issues that warranted citations easily fixed. Only one faculty credential issue citation. Hope to have report submitted July 1. The on-site committee will know about the off-site committee recommendations. New SACS Chair. On-campus visit October 24-25, 2022. QEP presented then.

Increase of Minority Faculty Grant: Grant to be used for online training of current faculty this summer to develop a “diverse and inclusive faculty atmosphere.” Volunteer faculty to work on this credentialing at own pace in the summer.

Faculty Senate President, Jim Cammack, topics brought up:

- TSUS Council of Faculty Senate meeting attended by Cammack and Buckner. Participating schools discussed various problems and concerns: legislature topics, tenure (cannot be revoked), academic freedom. Textbook bundling and OER discussed.
- LIT President search ongoing. Other TSUS schools have administration changes happening.