**Lamar University**

**Faculty Senate Meetings**

Meeting Dates: First Wednesday of Each Month

September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, 2013

February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, 2014

Meeting Time: 3:30-4:55 PM

Place: Library 8th Floor

**Faculty Senate Agend**a

Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call (Sign In)

Guest Speaker-Dr. Cruse Melvin, Interim Vice-President for Finance and Operations, Professor of Physics

Approval of Minutes

Faculty Senate President’s Report (30 minutes)

Goals

1. Policy Institutionalization
2. Shared Governance Sustainability
3. Open Communication
4. Focus on Critical Issues

**Faculty Senate News**

Welcome New Senators and Executive Committee and Vice-Chairs

Thank You-Lula Henry, Sarah Tusa, Suying We, Tom Sowers, Jim Mann, Molly Dahm; Chairs and Vice-Chairs and University Committee appointees

Summer 3013

1. Presented program to New Faculty Orientation
2. Attended Summer Graduation
3. Attended ACD Meetings in summer and for fall

Fall 2013

1. Faculty Senate Booklets
2. Tentative Agenda for all Meetings
3. Parliamentarian-Tom Sowers
4. New Senators Recognized
5. Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committees (please sign)
6. Faculty Senate Budget (Expenditures: $933.76 Refreshments- 8 meetings)
7. Meetings with President Evans
8. Overseas Travel
9. Faculty Raises
10. Ad Hoc Committee on Retention
11. University Committee Appointments and Elections
12. Website-create again
13. Guest Speakers

**Lamar News**

1. LU named a national top school for return on investment by

PayScale Inc., creator of the largest database of individual

compensation profiles in the world

. 2. 91% of the students who succeeded in their I WILL plan last

fall succeeded in the spring semester.

3. SACS Review- 8 months out of the 5th year report.

4. Freshman seminar has 21 sections scheduled for the fall, of

(more than half are filled). Students must be advised

before attend orientation.

1. Search for the Vice President for Student Engagement started and a committee formed.
2. Deans List and Presidents List students posted in Lamar Hall of Honor in Bookstore in Setzer Center
3. 4-year fixed tuition bill passed by the legislature and implemented Fall 2014.
4. Juan Zabala is Executive Director of the Lamar Foundation.
5. Budget- $3.2 million increase in State appropriations this year. Lamar is better financially than last year, or 3 years ago. Better revenue and executed cost cutting measures. Cost increases include the number of Mirabeau Scholars, the Advising Center was opened and staffed with additional employees, and had to hire new faculty for a number of programs. Saved money on insurance this year and this spring there was an increase in tuition and fees. There likely will be a 1%-2% decrease in undergraduate credit hours (fall) and an increase in graduate enrollment.
6. Academic Continuity Plan-Campus closure due to a natural disaster, Lamar must continue academic enterprise. Faculty and students resume coursework after 4 days to evacuate. A plan is in place with some revisions. The following to be included in every syllabus: “In the event of an announced campus closure in excess of four days due to a hurricane or other disaster, students are expected to login to Lamar University’s website’s homepage ([www.Lamar.edu](http://www.Lamar.edu)) for instructions about continuing courses remotely.” Emergency Procedures=instructions for severe weather or violence/active shooter, fire, or chemical release at:

<http://www.lamar.edu/about-lu/administration/risk-management/index.html>. Put severe weather and violence/active shooter instructions in syllabus. (Asked to include chemical release and violence/active shooter).

1. Strategic Management Enrollment Report from Consultant Stan Henderson- Lamar has made strides with advising center and retention efforts. Strategies recommended are to increase retention and recruitment efforts; more targeted marketing with “success” as theme.
2. 15 Mirabeau Scholars Increase to 100
3. 1 Year designated Tuition and Academic Partner split
4. 500 pages per student (1000) new pages 5 cents per copy in # of 20
5. Pres. Evans wants to highlight academics at football games.
6. President and Provosts will be visiting individual departments.
7. President Evans Investiture-November 7, 3:00 PM and classes dismissed. Faculty senators encouraged to attend.
8. Dean and Department Chair Evaluations
   1. Deans-COEHD-Dean Hollis Lowery Moore-5 year review (Molly Dahm appointed); Dr. Bill Holmes, Associate Dean
   2. A&S-Chairs: Dr. Paul Bernazzani (Chemistry and Biochemistry); Dr. Terri Davis (Political Science); Dr Mary Scheer, (History); Dr.Randy Smith (Psychology)
   3. COB- Chair, Dr. K.C. Sen (Management and Marketing)
   4. COE- Chairs: Dr. Brian Craig, (Industrial Engineering), Dr. T.C. Ho, (Chemical Engineering), Dr. Harley Myler, (Electrical Engineering)
9. Announcements: Academic Open House October 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM
10. Honors College Celebration Saturday October 19, 2013

Faculty Senate Committee Chair Reports (4 minutes each)

Ad-Hoc Retention- Peggy Doersheuk

Faculty Issues- Tom Sowers

Academic Issues- Jim Mann

Distinguished Faculty Lecture- Tommy Thompson

Budget and Compensation- Nicki Michalski

Research and Development- C.H. Lin

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Old Business

New Business

Voting Agenda/Consensus

Adjourn