

# Lansing Community College

## Academic Senate

## MINUTES

3/20/2015

Senator Attendees: Azima Alex, Birman (Reyes) Anita, Boeve Matt, Bauman Marcy, Bryant Ed, Bubb Kevin, Conner Christine, Davis Willie, Dietrich Nancy, Deketelaere Vicki, DeMartino Darrell, Edwards Rob, , Eure-Harris Curlada, French Ann, Goth-Owens Judy, Hammond Greg, Holt Dan, Janowick Jeff, Johnson Leslie, Kamai-Arambula Melissa, King Terrence, Luke Jim, MacFadden Peter, Periard Tim, Pogoncheff Elaine, Putman Terrill, Sakkinen Kelly, Sawyer Suzanne, Swain James, Taylor Khallai, Thomas Ed, Werner Joe, Wilkerson-Johnson Veronica, Zolnierenk Nicole

Senators Absent: Allen James, Argersinger Marvin, Dunham Matthew, Erramuzpe Pamela, Fall Matthew, Garayta Cheryl, Griffin Catherine, Grossbauer Tammy, Leventhal Judy, Liebold Jon, Prystowsky Richard, Shaffer Kathy, Storie Cindy

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:37am.

Roll Call: Brittney Villarreal called the roll. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: President Azima asked if there were any additions/corrections/deletions to the draft minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting. The minutes were approved with no changes.

### Public Comments (also permitted during the meeting with the approval of the Senators)

Matt Davis gave a reminder that the forum with President Knight for faculty only will be on Monday, March 23rd, he asked that all faculty attend. There will be another forum for all employees on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### President's Report:

The Presidents report will be emailed to the senators.

### Provost Report:

There was no Provost's report.

## Other Reports & Updates

- Curriculum Committee: The Curriculum Committee has 3 meetings left. Members have approved over 40 courses, approved about 10 curricula, and have discontinued about 10 courses. A subcommittee, the Curriculum Innovation Integration Team has been working on course integration, and linking courses together. At the end of the year the Curriculum Committee will highlight the work that has been done.

## Action Items

There were no Actions Items.

## Discussion Items:

President Azima announced that the Academic Senate was represented by him and by Senators Janowick and Luke at the last Board of Trustees meeting. The work of the Senate with regard to Open Educational Resources (OER) and other efforts to reduce the cost of textbooks, as well as the work regarding online learning, were briefly outlined for the Board. The Academic Senate is on the agenda for the next Board meeting to give a more detailed presentation on the work that has been done in several areas.

- OER/Cost of Textbooks: The College has issued a request for proposals from vendors to implement an online bookstore. There was senate discussion about the process, how it will affect students, and the teachers' ability to assign books and materials for courses.
- OER Resolution Dissemination During Faculty Professional Activity Days: There will be a short presentation on OERs during Professional Activity Days. Time for programs to have discussions has been scheduled in, encouragement will be given to talk about OER options specific for their program. May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> are the dates for the Professional Activities Days.
- Standardization of Course Design: There was Senate discussion, led by Senator Holt, on the topic of standardization of online course design and how to make things better for our students.
- Guided Pathways Implications for the Arts & Sciences Division "Programs": This discussion was led by Senator Taylor and Secretary Conner. Some of the issues that will be addressed by Guided Pathways team and sub-committees include: Transfer students, Dual Enrollment, Contextualization, and Program Maps. There will be updates on work that Guided Pathways is doing at every Senate meeting or as needed. Senator Deketelaere stated that there was an article sent out and a follow up article will be emailed to Senators that helps to clarify Guided Pathways and what the main elements are. There was Senate discussion on Guided Pathways, some of the discussion was about international students and how it interacts with Guided Pathways.

Possible Future Agenda Items: President Azima asked Senator Holt to form an online committee and to come up with standards that need to be met by online courses. He asked that proposed standards be presented to the Senate. President Azima also requested that Senator Janowick and his team develop three or four questions regarding OERs and Cost of Textbooks that Programs can discuss and respond to at their meetings during the Professional Activity Days.

Adjournment: The Senate adjourned at 11:25am.