

Lansing Community College

Academic Senate

MINUTES

4/17/2015

Senator Attendees: : Allen James, Marvin Argersinger, Azima Alex, Bauman Marcy, Boeve Matt, Bryant Ed, Bubbs Kevin, Conner Christine, Dietrich Nancy, Edwards Rob, Fall Matthew, French Ann, Garayta Cheryl, Griffin Catherine, Grossbauer Tammy, Hammond Greg, Holt Dan, Janowick Jeff, Johnson Leslie, Kamai-Arambula Melissa, King Terrence, Leventhal Judy, Luke Jim, MacFadden Peter, Periard Tim, Pogoncheff Elaine, Putman, Terrill, Storie Cindy, Swain James, Thomas Ed, Wilhm Catharine

Senators Absent: Birman Anita, Davis Willie, Deketelaere Vicki, DeMartino Darrell, Erramuzpe Pamela, Eure-Harris Curlada, Goth-Owens Judy, Sakkinen Kelly, Sawyer Suzanne, Shaffer Kathy, Taylor Khallai, Prystowsky Richard, Werner Joe, Wilkerson-Johnson, Veronica, Zolnierrek Nicole

Call to Order: Academic Senate was called to order by President Azima at 10:03 am.

Roll Call: Clerk Brittney Villarreal called roll a quorum was present.

Public Comments: There was no public comment. Senator Kamai-Arambula asked about the Senate time schedule, why Senate was starting later at 10am instead of 9:30am. She expressed concern about information from Academic Senate Leadership being able to become public and whether members of the Senate were able to attend the Leadership meetings or not. President Azima addressed her concerns.

President's Report: An email was sent to Senate members.

Provost's Report – An email was sent to Senate members.

Elections Elections for open Academic Senate positions (non officer positions) start on Monday and end on the 29th. There was concern expressed at the lack of the participation. It was suggested that elections move back one day to allow for more entries. It was decided that according to the Bi-laws the Academic Officer positions (The President, Vice President and Secretary) positions will come up for vote in fall, instead of the previously announced end of this academic semester.

On a side discussion during the election discussion, Senator Kamai-Arambula asked about how to schedule a summer Senate session. It was stated that the Senate bi-laws says there has to be a minimum of 10 people to have a meeting in the summer. The issue was brought up about meeting during the summer to revisit and possibly revise the Senate's bi-laws. There was also discussion about reconstituting the bi-laws committee.

Other Reports & Updates

Strategic Planning/Operation 100% Update- an update will be given at a later date.

Senator Luke commented on how the last meeting had went. Senator Luke reminded the Senate that, the set expiration date for the Strategic Plan for the college is on December 16th .

OER Effort The committee has come up with questions for faculty to discuss during Professional Activity Days. Senator Janowick asked the Senate what the best method would be to distribute the questions. President Azima suggested to send the questions to the Deans and to the Senators. Along with the questions for Professional Activity Days there will be a survey available during the same time the questions go out. They want to know what people are already doing and what they are considering doing for OER, so that they can track and document changes. The fall forum is moving forward, possible dates have been selected. Potential speakers for the fall forum have been contacted. There was discussion about expanding OER committee to add additional members.

There was discussion on support at the Provost level for teachers writing their own OER's and having that count towards their 32 days. President Azima will discuss the matter with the Provost. Senators want to bring to his attention the different level of time involved with OER development and implementation. With some OER's there may be little effort when developing OER's or there may be a lot of time invested when for instance writing their own textbook.

Online Learning Senator Holt announced that they are in the process of putting together a small online curriculum committee to move forward with the Senates recommendations. The committee's goal would be to make sure that students are required to participate in an online readiness course or preliminary preparation before taking online courses.

Action Items – There were no action items.

Discussion Items

The final recommendations for D2L were sent to the Senators via email. There was Senate discussion on the possibility of requiring all faculty to use D2L. Main points included:

- Discussion on how “non rule following” faculty/adjuncts were going to be held responsible for using D2L
- The feasibility of the process to appeal to use a program other than D2L (it was indicated that there was not a clear process or timeline to appeal)

- Many objections were given at the idea of making D2L mandatory as it may affect the way a course is taught or graded

Other: President Azima asked if there were any other discussion items. There were no other issues brought up.

Possible Future Agenda Items – Re-Thinking GenEd

Adjournment: The meeting Senate adjourned at 11:35 am.