

Lansing Community College
Academic Senate Meeting

October 30, 2015, 9:00-11:00 AM, Administration Board Room

Call to Order & Welcome Back: Senate was called to order at 9:00 AM.

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

Senators Present: Allen James, Argersinger Marvin, Azima Alex, Boeve Matt, Bryant Ed, Bubb Kevin, Clover Jerod, Conner Christine, Davis Willie, Deketelaere Vicki, DeMartino Darrell, Droste Ivan, Dutcher Peggy, Edwards Rob, Eure-Harris Curlada, Fall Matthew, French Ann, Griffin Catherine, Grossbauer Tammy, Hagen Karen, Holt Dan, Janowick Jeff, Johnson Leslie, Kamai-Arambula Melissa, King Terrence, Luke Jim, Manning Christopher, Mesler Vern, Periard Tim, Prystowsky Richard, Reglin Jill, Sawyer Suzanne, Sperling Tedd, Storie Cindy, Swain James, Thomas Ed, Wilhm Cathy

Senators Absent: Dietrich Nancy, Fronckel Roxanna, Garayta Cheryl, Hammond Greg, Leventhal Judy, Mutty Sue, Pogoncheff Elaine, Wilkerson-Johnson Veronica

Approval of Minutes: The Academic Senate Minutes of October 30th were approved with no corrections.

Public Comments: Public faculty member Mark asked that the Senate address Academic Freedom. President Janowick said that this was on the agenda and would be discussed at this meeting.

President's Report

Nepotism Policy: President Janowick stated that after the Senate's discussion on the Nepotism Policy, he worked with Senator Droste to amend the policy to reflect the suggested Senate changes. Human Resources approved the changes.

Social Media Policy: President Janowick discussed concerns expressed in Senate with the Director of Public Relations, Devon Bradley. An updated draft policy will be brought to the Senate by January.

Provost's Report:

- a. *Update on adjunct pay for Academic Senate work:* Provost Prystowsky read a statement from James Mitchell, the Labor Relations & Organizational Development Director. There was discussion about the topic. Senator Griffin expressed concern that the issue is still not clear and asked Provost Prystowsky

to further look into the matter, especially in terms of adjunct faculty's being able to serve on Academic Senate's committees.

- b. Provost Prystowsky said that any new initiatives that are not directly related to Operation 100% are not being considered. He thanked and encouraged the Academic Senate and all faculty for the work they are doing.
- c. LCC was selected to be one of 30 colleges in the U.S. to take part in an AACC grant that will help improve a program of the College's choice. LCC will be using the grant for work with Guided Pathways.
- d. An update on the HLC progress was given. Faculty Credentialing was discussed with a Q&A with Provost Prystowsky.

Other Reports and updates: President Janowick announced that a group photo will be taken at the November 13th meeting which will take place at the UC in rooms 203 & 204.

Discussion items:

- a. *Academic Freedom*
 - i. The American University policy was discussed.
 - ii. There was significant discussion regarding academic freedom.
 - iii. Secretary Manning moved to form a Committee which will work on an Academic Senate Freedom Statement; people from the Senate as well as non-Senate members, are welcome to join the committee. Please contact President Janowick if you are interested in joining this committee.
- b. *Senate role in New Faculty Prioritization Process:* President Janowick stated that in the Senate Charter it states that the Academic Senate should have a role in the New Faculty Prioritization Process. President Janowick moved to form a subcommittee under *Resource Management and Fiscal Responsibility*. Senator Sawyer motioned the movement and it was seconded by Member-at-Large Luke. President Janowick appointed Senator Storie to be the chair of the new subcommittee. He asked that anyone interested in becoming part of the team please contact him.
- c. *Senate role in HLC credentialing process:* Senator Johnson had concerns from her department about full time faculty reviewing other full time faculty. Senator Luke indicated that a number of faculty had not yet received any letter from the College regarding the status of their transcripts or the status of their credential review. The Provost indicated that faculty who have not yet received letters about their transcripts or credential review should notify their Associate Deans so that this situation can be addressed appropriately. There was Senate discussion on this topic.

Action Items:

- a. *Curriculum Committee Writing Resolution*: It was clarified that this resolution will be incorporated in Guided Pathways. Changes will not to be reflected in Curriculum Guides. There was Senate and public discussion over paragraph b of the Writing Resolution. The Senate agreed that the end of paragraph b should end with a sentence similar to “select the writing courses recommended by Guided Pathways”. President Janowick will work with the Writing Sub-Committee to modify the resolution to address the Senate’s concerns. The resolution will be brought back to the November 13th meeting to vote on.
- b. LCC Credit for Nationally Normed Exams recommendation was approved.
- c. There was a first reading of the Marketing Subcommittee recommendation.

Potential Future Agenda Items

- a. Senate “future picture” discussion
- b. Other proposed agenda items
- c. Committee presentations
- d. Writing Resolution

Meeting Adjournment: The Academic Senate meeting adjourned at 11:00am.