

Lansing Community College  
Special Academic Senate Meeting  
May 12, 2017, 9-9:30 am, Administration Building Board Room

**Senators Present:** Marvin Argersinger, Suzanne Bernsten, Matt Boeve, Ed Bryant, Kevin Bubb, Christine Conner, Michelle Curtin, Tim Deines, Nancy Dietrich, Peggy Dutcher, Cheryl Garayta, William Gustin, Jeff Janowick, Leslie Johnson, Mark Kelland, Eliza Lee, Judy Leventhal, Megan Lin, Christopher Manning, David Mattson, Vern Mesler, Randy Paape, Elaine Pogoncheff, Richard Prystowsky, Kari Richards, Christopher Smelker, Tedd Sperling, Ed Thomas, Pam Tobin, Joe Werner, Cathy Wilhm, Veronica Wilkerson-Johnson

**Senators Absent:** James Allen, Monica Del Castillo, Ivan Droste, Ann French, Bo Garcia, Nikki Gruesbeck, Dan Harned, Jennifer Hilker, Terrence King, Zachary Macomber, Sue Muttu, Jill Reglin

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Called to Order at 9:02AM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Action Items
  - a. Consent Agenda
    - i. Curriculum Committee Recommendations
      1. President Mark Kelland: Explained there are no rules in the bylaws for electronic meetings. Hence the emergency meeting today. Electronic meetings will be addressed next Fall to put into the bylaws. Also, explained the new courses in insurance.
      2. Motion made by the CC to approve along with a second.
      3. No objection, approved.
    - b. Tentative Summer Academic Senate Meeting (July 14<sup>th</sup>)
      - i. Noted that July 14 is Bastille Day.
      - ii. Normal time, 9-11 am
- IV. Other Reports and Updates
  - a. New Senators
    - i. Introduction of Kari Richards and Randy Paape.
  - b. Committee Chair Openings
    - i. Curriculum Committee and Online Learning Committee chairs are open.
- V. Discussion with New Officers
  - a. President Mark Kelland: Feels his charge as President is to get senators more involved in committees. Also wants to make sure senators are actively engaging and reporting information to their departments. His goal is that people are excited about the Academic Senate and want to fight for a position on the Senate.
  - b. Vice President Peggy Dutcher: She is chair of CASL. She wants to get an assessment plan together for the Senate.

- c. Secretary Eliza Lee: She is interested in helping senators get information to their departments and being transparent.
- d. Leslie Johnson: Just the messenger. English department has high reservations about Brainfuse and that it was dumped into their courses without being told. Specifically, writing examples go against best practices that have been taught.
- e. Richard Prystowsky: As we go into the new year, let's think about protocol of discussion. We don't want to leave on a bad note. One of the ways that we engage in participatory government is with language. He has looked at Brainfuse. He taught writing. He did not see it as a problem. If you can't recognize that someone has copied from Brainfuse than that is a problem. Dumping into D2L may be a problem. Let's not be naïve in students getting outside help. We can't prohibit students from getting the help they need. We need to protect the extent in which this occurs. Let's be careful about communication. We've had a great few days.
- f. Meeting adjourned at 9:25AM

***Purpose:*** *The purpose of the Academic Senate will be to provide faculty input and advice to the administration concerning issues of College-wide educational philosophy, College-wide academic policy, and priorities in the College-wide deployment of capital or financial resources, except as covered by the scope of collective bargaining. The Senate will be proactive and collaborative in its approach, seeking consensus whenever possible, and will foster and support effective and transparent communication with the college community. Student learning is the ultimate goal of this body.*

Respectfully submitted by Eliza Lee, Academic Senate Secretary.