

Lansing Community College
Academic Senate Meeting

August 30, 2019, 9-11 am, Administration Boardroom

Senators Present: Joe Barberio , Suzanne Bernsten, Ed Bryant, Michelle Curtin, Tim Deines, Nancy Dietrich, Paige Dunckel, , Gerry Haddad, Dawn Hardin, Jennifer Hilker, Mark Kelland, Leslie Johnson, Eliza Lee, Judy Leventhal, Megan Lin, Melissa Lucken, Tamara McDiarmid, Vern Mesler, Larissa Miller, Ronda Miller, Kari Richards (by phone), Dakeyia Scott, Christopher Smelker, Connie Smith, Tedd Sperling, Mark Stevens, Matt Van Cleave, Nancy Weatherwax, Sally Welch, Veronica Wilkerson-Johnson, Richard Williams, Melinda Wilson, Alex Azima

Senators Absent: Marvin Argersinger, Matt Boeve, Kevin Bubb, Jeremy Davis, Monica Del Castillo, Peggy Dutcher, Joseph Long, TeAnna Taphouse, Carlotta Walker, Denise Warner, Cathy Wilhm,

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Michelle Curtin - Motion to postpone Brainfuse update until next meeting.
Remove consent agenda since there is none.
 - b. Motion approved without objection.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved without objection
- V. Public Comments
 - a. Leslie Johnson- What has happened with the student name policy because someone asked on behalf of their student. Leslie reported that the student was in a hybrid section; their name in D2L clearly indicates a different gender from the name used in the f2f portion of the course. The student felt like the college was not protecting them in this matter and was considering filing a Title IX complaint. Leslie also noted that Brightspace help page notes that a D2L administrator can set a preferred name for a student.
- VI. President's Report – Michelle Curtin
 - a. Welcome to the new student senator Dakeyia Scott. She is studying sociology.
 - b. Senator Larissa Miller has accepted the position of curriculum committee chair.
 - c. Thank you to Kari Richards for all her hard work over the last two years.
 - d. Based on Provost Sally Welch's leadership, faculty involved in decision making is happening. We will be asking for senators to help out on projects, some asking for the senate to take the lead on initiatives. "Even so, there is still a lot to do. Now that we are back in session- I'm going to need your help. It will take all of us, to be a fully participatory governing body. As it should- we are stronger and better when everyone is involved."

- e. Update on the selection of college president- there is no new news... but just to update- the board resolved to hire a search firm. After that is done, the structure of the search committee will be determined. The senate has officially requested not only to participate in the search, but to have at least 1 senator representative on the committee. Next board meeting 9/16

VII. Provost's Report – Sally Welch

- a. TLC renovation project. Construction will start somewhere between the end of November and beginning of December. They will start on the 3rd and 4th floor first. Somewhere around spring break, the second floor operations will move up to the 3rd floor so that construction on the 2nd floor can begin. They will start the 1st floor after the semester ends in May. Construction will be finished by the start of the Fall 2020 school year.
- b. Transfer work that Tracy Labadie, Cheryl Garayta, Penny Tucker, and Sally worked on this summer. The transfer page on the LCC website has been updated, we have finished up a few articulation agreements. A number of faculty have been involved in MiTransfer Pathways which will be a statewide articulation agreement for a few programs. The first phase agreements will be signed in November 2019.
- c. Faculty must use D2L gradebook. Also, dates must be included on all assignments.
- d. Alternative Credit by Exam will be coming to the Senate sometime in the fall for review and comment.

VIII. Communications from Committees/Work Groups

- a. New standing item. 3 minute updates.

IX. College Policy on Faculty Credentials- Cheryl Garayta

- a. See attached PDF.
- b. Directory isn't complete. Go in and see if your qualifications are correct.
- c. Jim Luke – Thought policy only pertained to Board mandates
- d. Executive Vice President Lisa Webb Sharp- Policy is such a commonly used word that that is no longer possible. It's too hard to distinguish between board policy. They will share what they have in terms of college policy.
- e. Jim Luke – Was involved in HLC on qualifications issues, one of the issues we had was the tested experience issues. Another issue, when it comes down to the judgement of looking at a faculty members 18 credits, the HLC president said faculty in the area must make that call "Who else would possibly know." What we did was have a wide spread procedure done by administrators not in the field. Does the new policy address this?
- f. Provost Sally Welch – Request for review of faculty credits goes to Tracy. We have not turned down anybody that has gone through. We have questioned based on course descriptions and refer to associate deans.
- g. Faculty Alex Azima – If it goes back to dean or associate dean that's not faculty.
- h. Provost Sally Welch– Assuming associate dean goes back to the faculty.
- i. Faculty Alex Azima – maybe you should communicate that.

- X. Senate Expectations – Round Table Discussion
 - a. Have a rough draft. Senators discussed in round tables the expectations for senators and the expectations for the executive committee.

- XI. Potential Future Agenda Items
 - a. People are wondering about student engagement reports and what is going on with them.
 - b. Dean Ronda Miller – Will bring something next meeting about early alert and success coaches.
 - c. Chief Diversity Officer Tonya Bailey – Will discuss digital badging as well as RISE institute. Also some faculty mini grants.
 - d. Senator Michelle Curtin - Bylaws updates
 - e. Senator Leslie Johnson – Would be good if we as a whole had a definition of “academic freedom” as a college. Senate may be a good place to start.
 - f. Senator Tim Deines – OER update since departure of Regina.
 - g. Senator Ed Bryant - Student “temperature check”. Lead into discussion. What consensus do we see?
 - h. More context from executive committee reports to help understand.

- XII. Motion to adjourn
 - a. Motion from Senator Chris Smelker.
 - b. Second from Mark Kelland.
 - c. Adjourn (10:13AM)

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 Academic Senate Secretary, Eliza Lee.