



Academic Senate Meeting

September 5th, 2025 at 9:10-11 via WebEx

Present: Dustin Abrego, Marvin Argersinger, Brittany Barber, Laura Bishop, Chelsea Brandon, Rick Caprario, Elizabeth Clifford, Mary Clisch, Robyn Corey, Annesia Dillard, Lisa Dobson, Evan Falk, Joshua Galat, Lee Gardner, Bill Garlick, Courtney Geisel, Homa Ghaussi Mujtaba, Robert Halgren, Susan Hardie, Gerry Haddad, Melinda Hernandez, Jessica Hester, Ed Kabara, Mark Kelland, Ian Leighton, Chris MacKersie, Tamara McDiarmid, Tricia McKay, Wade Merrill, Dan Mulligan, Tracy Nothnagel, Jim Owens, Charles Page, Chris Richards, Adam Richardson, Diane Roose, Joann Silsby, Steve Simonson, Diane Snyder, Tedd Sperling, Sally Welch,

Absent: Eliza Lee, Tanya McClain, Jennifer Muffet, Jeff Janowick

- I. Call to Order 9:11
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda – Approved without objection
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Amendments – correction – sec 8 paragraph B second line – how would that come “forward in the academic senate” minutes approved as amended
- V. Ice Breaker – Senator Tracy Nothnagel
 - a. Chat comments – Mostly excited! Also stressed
 - b. Breakout sesh: larger groups | | what would you do with \$5000? | great answers see chat files | Building by building senator meet and greet!
- VI. President’s Report
 - a. Central focus to guide leadership is engagement – meaningful and consistent participation with everyone involved in senate. Respond thoughtfully to needs of the college. Finding ways we can all engage. Student voices have a meaningful voice at our table. Intentional about creating space for our student senators to engage and for us to listen. Looking for senate volunteers – reach out to Tracy for more details for progress of academic master plan. Looking forward to working with all this upcoming year!
- VII. Consent Agenda | nothing on the consent agenda

VIII. Fall Elections Update – President Tracy Nothnagel

- a. We are accepting nominations for HHS and encourage self-nominations. Open until next Friday. If you have friends or colleagues for that position, please reach out. This is an At-Large position and can be from any area in HHS. – Mark Kelland reminds us.

IX. Academic Alerts – Project Manager Penny Tucker

- a. Provide resources to students. Alerts go to many including athletic coaches. All areas can be aware and can assist them with their education. They can also request a class visit. Submit anytime. Review students with language and tech barriers and support to the students. Issues, please submit anything possible. Provost will send an email about 3rd week of semester and are encouraged to submit when you see issues. You can banner self-service and website referral. New in D2L has an option directly from D2L. banner ticket will be adjusted just a bit. The change will go live in spring of 26. We would like to restructured some options in banner – they are not used or many be better placed for ease of use. See Penny's PPT or Webex notes for options discussed. The faculty guide book can also assist. [Email Penny Tucker](#)
- b. 3 questions:
 - 1. Among the listed current options, are there any options that you have not used when submitting an academic alert for a student?
 - 2. Are there any missing options that would more accurately reflect issues experienced in your subject area?
 - 3. Please identify the three most significant issues you select when submitting alerts, along with your recommended solutions for each.

X. CC Reminders – Senator Courtney Geisel and Project Manager Rafeeq McGiveron

- a. See the document on last year numbers \ no dates for submission

XI. Blue Course Evaluations – Director of Assessment Karen Hicks

- a. Update to blue course – cosmetic changes and customization options. Link is new – old link goes to new. change it is in syllabus. Customization options for students as well. Faculty guide on CTE webpages. Bookmark – changes in real time are updated here and done in real time. Blue is much more robust survey for our courses. Use it as a survey system for your own course. Student surveys are a frequent request. Early surveys and welcome surveys can be accessed by Blue – and is now self-serve! If you need assistance with Blue – contact CDS

XII. Provost's Report

- a. Enrollment up 6% - reached the 11,000 mark! Thank you for taking extra courses for our students.
- b. Graduation date May 7th, one week earlier.
- c. Annual pathway review. Next year if you want to changes to course, learning outcomes (simple changes), no pathways will be submitted or reviewed.
- d. New adjunct payform! All forms down to one!
- e. Reminder starting the pilot of the 15-week semester next fall—everyone except HHS. Out one week earlier in May.
- f. As soon as you think a student is in trouble – submit those academic alerts. Please submit early and often.

XIII. Capital Projects Update – Senator Chris MacKersie

- a. Quick update on campus project visitor lounge directors' space – Lansing airport hangars are no more – made a good deal with Cap city. Green-scape can now be developed for anything. Carrier house – historical society space now there. Pictures to come. Could be us this week for other functions in the future. Long time since this was a functional space. Case credit union will be live and online. Modifications on GB level 3 one of 2 spaces on back of gym – used for athletics and events. Close to getting the new changemaker center completed. High tech screen and high end complex curved screens. Full operation in 2026 – Bruce M has some beautiful art! Cyber security is coming along – see in progress pictures. CIT team will install commissioning of this space. Will be working on the bugs for spring semester. Additional wall graphics – substantially complete and working on technology needs. Transfer center is running later than planned. Several more weeks before in a position to open up the grab and go food court. Permits and projects have held up a with unanticipated delays. Operational in spring 2026. Pizza Hut space will now be student lounge. Reno space will be associated with the transfer center. Cap request – new campus energy and utility and training center. Submitting for project again – to augment service and better learning space at west campus.
 - i. Senator Dustin Abrego wants the PDF from Chris – was sent in second email.
 - ii. President Tracy Nothnagel: Baseball field W/C – in master plan
 - iii. Senator Mark Kelland says things are looking great!

XIV. Charter Purpose statement – Senator Mark Kelland

- a. First phrase: pertaining to provide faculty input and advice it has been our practice to make it clear and intentional that this is an academic senate – not a faculty senate. Looking at membership of AS – super majority faculty – but not

entirely – included many admin members and student senators as well. Looking at the scope of the senate –on the senate website. All senators should familiarize themselves with it. Scope is broad. 3rd bullet –prove capital improvements. Offer advice to admin. Thinking: went back to purpose statement that has bothered, student success is the ultimate goal is student success – looked like it was tacked on as an afterthought. Open for further discussion: perhaps – take the last thought about it up front to replace “faculty input”

- i. Motion: I move that the Academic Senate President form a team, composed of faculty senators, administrative senators, and a student senator, to review the Purpose statement of the Academic Senate Charter.

- 1. Second Tamara McDiarmid
- 2. Approved.

XV. Public Comments- These public comments reflect the thoughts and opinions of their speaker and are not endorsed by the LCC Academic Senate or LCC.

- a. Senator Annesia Dillard: CTE awareness – Humphry Fellows reception. Fullbright scholarship for outstanding mid-career academics. Meet fellows and collab. Sept 16 – T-2-4 GB 2214. 12 fellows from around the world. More info on website. [Event link](#)
- b. Senator Marv Argersinger: Need new budget committee members needed. Looking for new and additional members.
- c. Senator Tracy Nothnagel: Constituents committee meeting – OCT 17 Sec Lee will have this in the hot topics as well.

XVI. Potential Future Agenda Items

XVII. Adjourn 10:32

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.

LCC Mission Statement: Lansing Community College provides accessible, high-quality education through relevant and innovative instructional methods to equip and empower a diverse community of learners to complete their educational goals while becoming engaged global citizens.

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Respectfully submitted by Academic Senate Vice President, Laurie Bishop.