



Minutes

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2015,
1:00 PM - Humanities Building
(GS108)

I. Call To Order & Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:07pm.

- Representatives present: Leslie J. Dennis (Chair), Mimi Overhulser (Vice Chair), Cindy Armijo (Immediate Past Chair), Erin Gilland (Allied Health/Nursing Senator), Nicole Collins (Business/STEM Senator), Sherry Goodyear (Satellites Senator), Bruce McAllister (Associate Members Senator), Lawrence Martinez (LRC Senator)
- Representatives Absent: Twila Quintana (Humanities/Education/ABE Senator), Joseph Montoya (Trades Senator)
- Members Present: Jacqueline Romero-Arguello, Kenneth Bachicha, Maxine Hughes, Roxane Despain, Betsy Sanchez, Sequoia Romero, Jeanette Nolan, Rita Surdi, Laura Gonzales-Meredith, Lisa Bentson

II. Approval of Agenda

- Jeanette Nolan moved to approve the agenda. Bruce McAllister seconded. Agenda was approved.
- Those in attendance introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes from May 2015 Meeting

- Jeanette Nolan moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting as corrected. Bruce McAllister seconded. Minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. Informational/Discussion Items:

A. Board of Trustees Regular Meetings (Summer)

- Cindy Armijo reported that many special Board of Trustees Meetings were held over the course of the summer, most of them concerning selection of LCC's new President. Mr. Leroy Sanchez was hired as Interim President and was then later offered the position on a permanent basis, which he accepted. Appropriation of moneys for auto collision buildings were approved, though build dates are uncertain. A discussion about revisiting the nepotism policy and relaxing the rules was discussed, but LCC's attorney advised against changing to lower standards. The Nursing Student Handbook was approved and curriculum changes to Nursing Curriculum were discussed. LCC's uses of Rodrigues Field and WLVS' baseball fields are in negotiation, which will be established through MOUs. A new specialty may be added to our Education programs to facilitate continuing education for teaching support staff at our K-12 public schools. Board members' desires to build up our Trades programs was also a common topic of discussion. Darren Wheat's new positions as a Coach and a Student Support Specialist were also established.

B. Role of Faculty Senate –Leslie Dennis

Chair Leslie J. Dennis discussed goals for Faculty Senate for 2015-2016, which include:

- Shared Governance
 - We should increase our attendance at Board of Trustees Meetings so that the Board Members may rely on us to be an active, informative, consistent voice for faculty and students.
 - We should embrace our role as drivers of Program-Level Assessment. (See item C.)
- Other Goals

- We should revisit past projects which are still worthwhile but have not yet progressed to completion, and we should reach out to *all* faculty using a multi-pronged approach (emails, publications in the Luna Light, flyers attached to rosters, knocking on doors, appealing to office managers and directors for contact info, presenting at department meetings, using social media, publicizing minutes and newsletters on luna.edu, etc)
- Events
 - We should attempt to stage two events per semester, one for the LCC Employee and Board family, and one for the entire LCC family, students and community members included.
 - We should also stage Program Level Assessment assistive events.
- C. Program Assessment
 - Leslie J. Dennis presented a Work Plan for Program Assessment that she researched and based on University of Massachusetts and Valencia Community College documents. She suggested that Faculty Senate needs to provide a guidance role.
- D. Being an adjunct professor in current times
 - Mimi Overhulser reported on the research she was able to do over the summer regarding current events and history of adjunct faculty in the United States. It was established that there is a need to present relevant and useful information on this topic to the Board of Trustees and President, especially as it pertains to accreditation requirements. Mimi Overhulser agreed to continue developing her research and drafting a possible presentation document for that purpose.
- E. Leadership Instruction Certification
 - Cindy Armijo reported that she and Twila Quintana had attended and benefitted greatly from a Leadership Instruction Certification training offered by Phi Theta Kappa in Pomona, CA this summer. They highly recommend others go and added that prior association with Phi Theta Kappa is not a prerequisite.
- F. By-Laws and Senate Officers
 - Leslie J. Dennis reaffirmed that our Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws are available online at luna.edu.

V. Action Items

- A. Choosing a regular meeting time
 - Regular meeting times will be the second Thursday of each month at 5:15pm.
- B. Election for Secretary
 - Erin Gilland volunteered to take the position of Secretary. Nicole Collins moved to accept her as Secretary, Jeanette Nolan seconded, and the motion passed.

VI. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

- There were no new or follow-up items for next meeting's agenda established.

VII. Adjournment

- Nichole Collins moved to adjourn, Jeanette Nolan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:36pm.