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Long Beach City College English Professor Elected Vice President of Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges

David Morse Will Serve as ASCCC Vice President effective June 1, 2013

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach City College (LBCC) faculty member David Morse was recently elected as Vice President of the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC). Morse, a member of the ASCCC Executive Committee since 2009, served as Academic Senate Secretary from 2011 to 2013.

Not a stranger to community college leadership, Morse was a member of the LBCC Academic Senate from 2001 to 2012, and served as Academic Senate President from 2005 to 2007. As Senate President, he co-chaired numerous college committees, including the Enrollment Management Oversight Committee, the Educational Master Planning Committee, Academic Council, and Hiring Priorities. He has also sat as a member of various other college committees, including Budget Advisory, and was a co-chair for Standard 10 of the LBCC Accreditation Self-Study in 2002. He served as co-chair of various task forces to revise LBCC's planning structure and its program review process.

As a member of the ASCCC Executive Committee, Morse has chaired the statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee (2010-11), the Curriculum Committee (2011-2012), the Governance and Internal Policy Committee (2012-2013), and has been a member of other ASCCC committees and task forces. He has served as co-chair of the Chancellor's Office System Advisory Committee on Curriculum for the past two years and was a member of the SB 1143 Student Success Task Force in 2011.

"Being elected to serve as the next Vice President is an honor and a great opportunity," said Morse. "I look forward to continuing to represent the voice of the faculty in discussions at the state level."

Morse began teaching at LBCC as an hourly instructor in 1991 and returned to the college as a member of the full-time faculty in 1998. He holds a B.A. in English and history from the

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from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in English from the University of Kansas, and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Southern California. The focus of his graduate studies was on medieval literature, and his doctoral dissertation was a study of Old English poetics; thus, David usually teaches literature classes that focus on earlier literary periods, including English 46 (English Literature I), English 44 (Literature of Western Civilization I), and English 33 (Mythology). He also teaches all levels of composition, from basic skills to critical thinking, as well as an occasional introduction to literature class.

Morse was elected chairman of the LBCC English Department in 2000, and served in that position until 2006. In the 2002-2003 school year, he also served as interim chair of the Foreign Language Department. In addition, Morse acted as a faculty advisor for the LBCC Native American Club from 1999 to 2000.

Originally from Michigan, Morse has lived in the City of Long Beach since moving to California in 1989. He enjoys writing poetry and fiction, reading, traveling, and is fluent in Spanish.

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