

LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Spokeswoman: Board, cabinet to run college

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — A community college may be better with a president.

But it doesn't crumble into chaos without one.

Lake Michigan College's top administrators and its trustees are taking a team approach until it finds a replacement for Jennifer Spielvogel, fired Thursday, spokeswoman Candice Elders said Friday. Elders said LMC has plenty of experience among administrators and a hands-on Board of Trustees.

"The important thing is the turnover is generally low (for the board), and a lot of these people have been around for a very long time," she said in a phone interview. For instance, Paul Bergan is in his 20th year on the panel. Chairwoman Mary Jo Tomasini joined the board in 2008. Trustee Michael Lindley is a retired school superintendent.

The administrative team, or cabinet, is packed with longtime LMC vice presidents and deans, such as Ann Erdman, vice pres-

ident of administrative services, and LMC Foundation Executive Director Mary Klemm.

LMC reported that the remaining cabinet members are:

VICE PRESIDENTS: Kelli Hahn (finance), Chris Spradlin (arts and sciences), Leslie Kellogg (career and work force), Doug Schaffer (students and enrollment management), Barbara Craig (regional and community engagement);

DEANS: Gary Roberts (arts and sciences), Ken Flowers (career and work force education), Marla Clark (health sciences).

Also in the cabinet are Rebecca Stein, executive assistant to the president, and Elders, director of marketing and communications.

The board fired Spielvogel for alleged unauthorized spending, policy violations, improper conduct and a lack of professionalism. She started the job Jan. 1.

The board is to meet at 3 p.m. May 16 to discuss plans to hire a new president.

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