

## **Minutes of College Senate 1/7/15**

### **In Attendance**

Senators: Ait Hellal, O.; Baldonado, C.; Capuano-Vella, L.; Chen, Liang; Diaz, D.; Ekiert, M.; Fernandez, Hugo; Fuentes, A.L.; Havlin, N.; Herron, D.; Ippolito, R.; Keyes, C.; Kurzyna, W.; Lehman, R.; Matta, A.; Mendez, C.; Nuñez, K.; Pappas, A.; Peterson, A.; Philogene, M.; Rivas, E.; Rosenthal, W.; Scamacca, L.; Scheindlin, N.; Sokolski, P.; Summers, L.; and, Teplin, L.

Guests: Yvonne Gaul, Public Safety; Chief James Grantham, Public Safety; and Dr. Robin Levinson, Humanities Department.

Quorum was met and meeting began at 2:34 p.m.

Minutes were unavailable for the Senate meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Motion to table the minutes for November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by Senator Pappas, seconded by tabled Anthony and Senator Lehman until February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Passed.

The Curriculum Committee report had nothing pulled, so it was voted on as one item.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Senator Teplin and second by Senator Summers. Roll call vote 24 yes, no No's, and no Abstentions. Passes

Chief of LaGuardia Public Safety, James Grantham spoke. Background:

- The magic numbers are 5555, to call security;
- 70 employees;
- Peace officers in blue;
- Grey uniforms denote contract officers;
- College Safety Officer's patch is square but Public Safety emblem inside;
- Public Safety Officers have power to make an arrest, as an NYPD officer;
- Policy is that we have a learning environment so try not to make arrests unless necessary
- Anytime you get into a situation, the first incident is already to much
- Introduced Yvonne Gaul, second in command;
- Officers will take action, ask what happened, and will reach out to other offices;
- 24 hour operation, always on call;
- There is a safety circle around the college and officers will you escort to vehicles or trains;
- Every tour has a sergeant on duty;
- Officers can't drive you home, but will get you to a station;

- Campus is big;
- Safety is everyone's responsibility;
- See something say something;
- Lights out or area is destitute, let us know;
- We've installed 300+ cameras, including in both parking lots;
- and, staff on campus repair cameras.

Concern: Senator Summers said officers at entrances to college are freezing. Doors need to be closed if cold, and booths need to be constructed.

Response: Chief Grantham – they are getting booths and heating mats, but inclement weather calls for warmer clothing,

Concern: Senator Summers – when automatic doors are closed and not opening automatically, it is a struggle to enter, and it hurts your back and shoulders.

Response – Chief Grantham – doors shouldn't be turned off.

Concern: Senator Summers – officers are human and need to be kept warm

Response: Chief Grantham – weather happens, other people need to have access to the building.

Officer Gaul – college is working on heaters.

Concern: Senator Diaz – my office (Admissions) is next to door. Should doors be kept open?

Response: Chief Grantham – closed.

Concern: Senator Summers – Officers are human.

Response: Chief Grantham – Officers do tours; they get breaks.

Concern: Senator Teplin – officers give great backup. Officers saved a life. You should advertise that. The story only mentioned police but not LaGuardia Public Safety.

Response: Chief Grantham – we give awards and write ups.

Concern: Chairman Keyes – one incident is too many? When do you contact public safety? What about disturbing emails?

Response: Chief Grantham – that's aggravated harassment. Contact officer to write report and make sure they follow through.

Concern: Senator Teplin – if people call you about classroom disturbance, Public safety will handle it?

Response: Chief Grantham – first we find out what takes place. Luis Merchant gets the statement. They are faxed to Merchant and the student gets a “Notice of Complaint” this is what happened in this incident.

Concern: Senator Teplin – when do you refer? Mental health meltdowns are referred by you?

Response: Chief Grantham – depends. During the day we are part of a bigger group. Individuals help; we reach out for assistance.

Concern: Senator Caroline Diaz – isn't it part of a list?

Response: Chief Grantham – we're first responders. We assess and get other resources to assist us.

This ended Chief Grantham's Presentation.

### **Old Business**

**Constituency Committees** – Senators Summers and Rivas forwarded lists. The faculty list is coming. Senator Summers forwarded her constituency's list to all Senate members; Chairman Keyes forwarded the HEO/Staff/Alumni/Civil Servants list. The Executive Committee will look for similarities and look for who will deal with each issue. Committees should be meeting regularly. The Faculty Committee has a chair; the Student's committee needs a chair. Chairman Keyes will forward the email lists; Charles will sit in to help.

### **Transfer Committee Report Discussion**

Comment: Senator Fuentes - informative, but shocking, feels like a draft, valuable, faculty are not aware, assumed CUNY would be articulating, but students are being penalized.

Comment: Senator Capuano – read twice, will be at transfer student conference, using it as background information for presentation. Comparing this year and last years, she has seen it grow. Recommendations need work. Good first step. Need the data of the numbers of the success of Pathways. How many have transferred with Pathways credit?

Comment: Senator Fernandez said CUNY central does not have the information

Comment: Senator Capuano-Vella – CUNY does have it. We need to get it. New graduates will have to be Pathways graduates. We need that data now. Stories are heartfelt. We need more stories about transfer problems. We need second degree credits for second degrees.

Comment: Senator Peterson – what is the purpose of the report? Reverse Pathways? People have not read it. Are we asking the committee to keep working?

Comment: Chairman Keyes – committee is remitted. It needs to be reconstituted. People need to join. Recommendations could be refined and actionable. Pathways has got everyone focused on transfer of credits. But in educating students on the transfer process, more needs to be done. Looking at transfer not only for Pathways but other areas that need to come together. This is important to students, faculty and staff. Recommendations need polishing. Things need to be focused on by the committee.

Comment: Senator Fuentes – recommendations are out of focus with the gravity of issue; not pointed in my opinion.

Comment: Chairman Keyes – recommendations should be strengthened. We should tread gently. People need to be interviewed. We do not want to close down discussion. Recommendations need strengthening.

Comments: Senator Havlin – supports the Constitution and has volunteered. The report needs new data. Graduating with our majors(?) Colleges don't match data(?) Finish report.

Comment: Senator Summer – volunteered. Students don't know about CUNY Baccalaureate program. People don't use the MyLaGuardia page.

Comment: Chairman Keyes – Dissemination of information?

Comment: Senator Fuentes – not before Spring I.

Comment: Chairman Keyes - leave that to the committee.

Senator Ait Hellal volunteered.

Senator Matta volunteered.

Chairman Keyes – asked Senator Capuano-Vella, who has the data?

Motion:

***The Senate applauds the work of the subcommittee for completing the draft of "Building Bridges to Bachelors Degree" report. The Senate also accepts the***

***reports findings in principle and refers the report back to the subcommittee to develop actionable recommendations.***

Made by Senator Ippolito; seconded by Senator Rivas.

Vote: 23 for-0 against-0 abstentions. Unanimous.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Announcements**

Senator Baldonado – there will be an emergency preparedness event in the Mainstage Theater. If you attend you will get a go bag. 400 have signed up, please come. Speak to ACE, Adjoa Gzifa and Senator Baldonado.

Senator Fernandez - Committee of Faculty meeting immediately after this meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Senator Ekiert; Senator Baldonado seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.

The meeting ends at 3:44 p.m.

Submitted by Hugo Fernandez, temporary recording secretary 2/4/15.