

**LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
February 11, 2009**

Present: M. Abreu, C. Baldonado, N. Berke, J. Cantwell, S. Castillo, T. Coogan, F. Egger-Sider, M. Glick, U. Hidle, A. Iqbal, E. Johmann, R. Kahn, J. Karlen, C. Ruiz (for S. Khan), W. Kurzyna, M. Conde (for T. Litvay-Sardou), G. McCormack, S. Mettler, E. Murray, A. Pappas, G. Richmond, E. Rivas, I. Shakir, P. Sokolski, C. Sterling-Deer, L. Teplin, A. Tucker, S. Yee

Absent: H. Ali, R. Butler, L. Capuano-Vella, N. Lewis, H. Rashid, E. Santiago

Excused: K. Cottrell, C. Lee

Guests: L. Forrester, Y. Yan

***Nota Bene:** For each action summarized in these minutes, the set consisting of those senators who participated in the action forms a subset of those listed as "Present". The specific vote of each senator that participated in an action is contained in the summaries. Unless otherwise noted, the Chairperson abstains from all votes.*

Chairperson Teplin called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. in room E 500.

I. Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2009

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on January 28, 2009 as presented. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senators Abreu, Glick, & Alternate Senator Conde.

II. Report from the Chairperson

Chairperson Teplin informed the Senate that two Senators are attending their last meeting today. Senator Castillo is graduating and Senator Johmann is retiring. She thanked them both for their service and wished them well.

III. Curriculum Committee Report

There were several curriculum items presented, which had all been placed on the Senate consent calendar as they were sent out prior to the meeting. Listed below are the items along with corresponding Senate action. Whenever the phrase "with corrections" appears, it refers to minor adjustments in the written presentation of the proposal. It does not refer to substantive changes in the proposal.

- It was moved and seconded to adopt all items on the Senate consent calendar simultaneously as presented. This included: Revised Course proposal ELN120, Foundations of American Education, New Course proposal ELA201, Modern Arabic Literature, Experimental Course proposals ELV105, Bengali for Heritage Students, ELV201, Modern Bengali Literature and the New Program proposal, Biology Leading to the A.S. Degree, as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 25 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Glick, & Alternate Senator Conde.

IV. Governance Plan 2009

Chairperson Teplin as a reminder, read the list of major changes in the plan. The only issue we were left with was the issue of eligibility for the Chairperson. After some discussion it was moved and seconded to add the amendment to Article IV Section I, B to the plan as presented. The motion failed. There were 12 votes in favor, 14 against and 1 abstention. Senators Abreu, Baldonado, Castillo, Iqbal, Johmann, Kahn, Murray, Pappas, Rivas, Shakir, Tucker, Yee &

Alternate Senators, Conde & Ruiz all voted against the motion. Senator Richmond abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

It was moved and seconded to add the amendment to Article IV Section I, C to the plan as presented. The motion failed. There were 14 votes in favor, 12 against and 1 abstention. Senators Baldonado, Castillo, Iqbal, Johmann, Kahn, Murray, Pappas, Rivas, Shakir, Tucker, Yee & Alternate Senator Ruiz all voted against the motion. Senator Richmond abstained.

After this vote the floor was open for discussion, during which a few Senators asked for a brief recess to caucus with their constituencies. With no objection, a 5 minute recess was granted.

At the end of the recess, the Chairperson called everyone back to order.

It was moved and seconded to add the amendment to Article IV Section I, with the following changes: Eliminating section B as written and changing section C to B and to read: The Chairperson must have served at least one year as a voting member of the Senate. The motion passed unanimously with 27 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

It was moved and seconded to approve the new Draft of the Governance Plan 2009 including all approved amendments with corrections. The motion passed unanimously with 27 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

All remaining orders of the day were postponed and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas
Secretary
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of March 11, 2009.