

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

**Present:** M. Abreu, C. Baldonado, N. Berke, R. Butler, L. Capuano-Vella, T. Coogan, F. Egger-Sider, M. Glick, U. Hidle, A. Iqbal, R. Kahn, P.Mejia (for S. Khan), W. Kurzyna, C. Lee, G. McCormack, L. McShane, S. Mettler, A. Pappas, G. Richmond, E. Rivas, E. Santiago, I. Shakir, C. Sterling-Deer, L. Teplin

**Absent:** H. Ali, M. Alvarado, N. Lewis, T. Litvay-Sardou, R. Padhiar, H. Rashid, P. Sokolski, A. Tucker

**Excused:** J. Cantwell, K. Cottrell, J. Karlen, E. Murray, S. Yee

***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 February 11, 2009**

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on February 11, 2009 with corrections. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Butler.

**II. Report from the Chairperson**

Chairperson Teplin welcomed two new members of the Senate, Lenore McShane, representing the Civil Service employees and Pascual Mejia, a new Alternate Student Senator to the meeting. She also reported that she met with President Mellow regarding the Governance Plan and the President congratulated us all on such a huge accomplishment. She also asked the Chairperson to select a representative to serve on the CUNY wide, New Community College Steering Committee. The Chairperson called for volunteers and recommendations to serve on the Committee. It was agreed that the following names would be submitted to President Mellow, Karen Miller, Nancy Berke, Tim Coogan & Marcia Glick.

**III. New Initiative to Increase Student Employment on Campus**

Claudia Baldonado from Adult & Continuing Education gave us a brief review of the new initiative to have more students work on campus. The last time the issue was presented as an informational item, but this time it was requested that the Senate take a vote on it. By general consent, the Senate endorsed the New Initiative to Increase Student Employment on Campus. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Butler.

**IV. 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 with corrections. This included: Revised Course proposal ESR098, ESL III For Selected Readers, New Course proposals ELV105, Bengali for Heritage Students, ELV201, Modern Bengali Literature and the Revisions to the Liberal Arts: Social

Sciences & Humanities Curriculum with corrections. The motion passed with 22 votes in favor & 1 abstention. Senator Butler abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

#### **V. Senate Website**

Senator Kahn presented the new Senate website. He showed the Senate all of the key points and took suggestions and questions from the body. The Site is still in development but will be live soon. An email will go out letting everyone know as soon as it's accessible.

#### **VI. Senate Committees**

There was a brief discussion of Senate Committees. This included how the old & new Committees should be planning for the transition of the New Governance Plan.

#### **VII. Old Business**

Senator Capuano-Vela asked what the status was of the Academic Standing Committee's suggestion that Non-Degree students should take placement tests and fulfill Pre & Co-requisites, which was brought to the floor sometime last year. Chairperson Teplin said the committee will be revisiting the issue and bringing it back.

#### **VIII. New Business**

There was a brief discussion about the start of the Spring Semester and its impact on the College. Class sizes have grown and space is limited. The Classroom assignments were very problematic and chaotic for everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas  
Secretary  
College Senate

*Nota Bene:* The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of April 1, 2009.