

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
March 11, 2015
E242

Present and Voting:

Omar Ait Hellal (MEC), Lance Baker (Student), Loretta Capuana-Vella (At-Large Instructional), John Clappin (At-Large Adjunct), Daniel Diaz (Student Affairs), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council Seat), Monika Ekiert (Education and Language Acquisition), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities), Ana Lucia Fuentes (Natural Sciences), Md Sakib Geshan (Student), Natalie Havlin (At-Large Instructional), David Housel (Adult & Continuing Education), André Keeton (Social Science), Charles Keyes (Library), Allia Matta (English Department), Caroline Mendez (Non-Instructional), Kevin Nunez (Student), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Jessica Perez (At-Large Instructional), Michael Philogene (Business & Technology), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Feng Rong (Student), Suzanne Rosenberg (Health Science), William Rosenthal (At-Large Instructional), Nancy Santangelo (At-Large Instructional), Leslie Scamacca (At-Large Instructional), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Laverne Summers (Student), Lynne Teplin (Counseling), Tiancheng Zhou (Student), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology)

Meeting called to order at 2:55p.m.

I. Mental Health Services and the Wellness Center – Paul Arcario, Provost and Michael Baston, Vice President for Student Affairs, Frank LaTerra-Bellino, Director of Wellness Center and Jerrell Robinson, Wellness Center

- a. Provost Arcario made some opening remarks and thanked the Senate for the invitation and opportunity to speak.
- b. V.P. Baston indicated that though it has taken longer than expected to get the Wellness Center up running, he believes the new model will operate as a fully holistic center.
- c. V.P. Baston introduced Wellness Center Director Frank LaTerra-Bellino and Wellness Center staff member Jerrell Robinson. Mr. LaTerra-Bellino and Mr. Robinson made a presentation on the new Wellness Center model (Please see attached outline of presentation for details).

II. CUNY mandated campus assessment surveys -- Nathan Dickmeyer, Director, Institutional Research

- a. Nathan Dickmeyer presented on the CUNY mandated research tools used to assess student satisfaction and experience.
- b. Particularly discussed were the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), Student Experience Survey (SES) and the Noel Levitz Campus Climate survey.
- c. The purpose of the research in part is to improve student academic performance and enhance the student experience.

III. CURRICULUM ITEMS-CONSENT CALENDAR

Due to procedural issues, Chairperson Keyes pulled two items from the regular Consent Calendar prior to consideration by the full Senate: SYF 101 (First Year Seminar for Psychology) and ECF 090 (First Year Seminar for Engineering and Computer Science). These two items were considered in a separate vote below.

Senator Lynn Teplin made a motion to approve curriculum items; 2nd by Senator Patricia Sokolski:

(i) Yea-21; No-0; Abstention-0

(ii) CURRICULUM ITEMS APPROVED

Senator Egger-Sider made a motion to approve curriculum items SYF 101 and ECF 090¹; 2nd by Senator Loretta Capuano-Vella:

(i) Yea-18; No-5; Abstention-1

(ii) CURRICULUM ITEMS FAILED

IV. MINUTES-1/7/15 and 2/4/15

Senator Anthony Pappas made a motion to approve the minutes; 2nd by Senator Francine Egger-Sider.

(i) Yea-23; No-0; Abstention-1

(ii) MINUTES APPROVED

V. Senate Consideration of Resolution 2015/1:
"Branding of College Senate Committees"

WHEREAS, the LaGuardia Community College's College Senate (hereafter referred to as College Senate) debated the issue and reached a consensus of opinion that there is very little awareness on campus as to which committees, task forces, bodies, and organs (hereafter collectively referred to as body or bodies) act on the behalf of and report directly to the College Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the College Senate concurs with the above consensus; therefore be it

RESOLVED that all bodies created by, acting at the behest of, and/or are responsible for reporting to the College Senate, as outlined in the College's Governance Plan, incorporate the wording "College Senate" when referring to their names in all formal motions, resolutions, communications, and publications where the body's name is affixed.

Senator Anthony Pappas made a motion to approve Resolution 2015/1; 2nd Senator Eneida Rivas.

(i) Yea-21; No-0; Abstention-0

(ii) RESOLUTION APPROVED

¹ The re-presentation of and vote on the course proposals for *Psychology FYS SYF101* and *Engineering FYS ECF090* took place at a Special Meeting of the College Senate on March 18, 2015. The course proposals were approved at that time.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Senate Adjourned, 5:12p

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "André Keeton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "A" and "K".

André Keeton
College Senate Secretary &
Senator, Social Science Department