

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
May 4, 2016
E501

Present and Voting:

Mohammed Amin (Student), Claudia Baldonado (ACE), Cristina Bruns (English), Jean Buckley-Lockhart (Counseling), Loretta Capuano-Vella-Chairperson (CHAIR, At-Large Instructional), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), William Fulton (Humanities), Laurie Gluck (ELA), Yunxi Hu (Student), Sheikh Islam (Student), Reem Jaafar (Instructional Staff), André Keeton (SECRETARY, Social Science), Charles Keyes (Library), Ayesha Khatun (Student), Evelyn Lowmark (Administration), Rayhan Mahmud (Student), Allia Matta (English), Howard Motoike (Natural Sciences), Sylwia Niczewska (Academic Affairs), Anthony Pappas (Alumni), Michael Philogene (Business & Technology), Fazle Rabbi (Student), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Suzanne Rosenberg (Health Sciences), Ayana Simmons (Student), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology)

Guest Members:

Dr. Sigmund Shen, PSC-CUNY Chapter Chair

Meeting called to order at 2:33p.m. by Loretta Capuano-Vella, Chairperson

I. CURRICULUM

Senator Anthony Pappas made a motion to approve the Curriculum (Consent Calendar);
2nd by Senator Joy Choudhury:

(i) Yea-25; No-1; Abstention-0

(ii) CURRICULUM; CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED

II. PSC-CUNY Chapter Chair, Sigmund Shen

- a. Dr. Sigmund Shen of PSC-CUNY presented on the “strike authorization vote” (occurring May 6-May 11) and the latest information on ongoing contract negotiations.
- b. Dr. Shen spoke on the importance of Senate participation in labor, and the importance of conveying to Senator constituencies the issues at stake.
- c. Dr. Shen spoke to progress on both economic and non-economic issues.

Senator Eneida Rivas made a motion for a statement in support of the efforts of the union;
2nd by Senator Sylwia Niczewska:

“The membership of the LaGuardia College Senate fully endorses the efforts of the LaGuardia Chapter of the CUNY PSC in their advocacy for improved economic and non-economic working conditions on behalf of LaGuardia faculty and staff.”

(i) STATEMENT APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- a. The Chair discussed the 2016-17 Academic Calendar including:
 - 1. Irregular Days
 - 2. Reading Day/Commencement
- b. The Chair discussed the Strategic Plan and the importance of getting involved in the construction of the strategic plan early.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEES/AD HOC COMMITTEES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- a. Florence Kabba presented on the Professional Development Committee and her responsibilities as Co-Chair.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Francine Egger-Sider reminded the membership of the COACH SURVEY forums.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment, 4:32p

Respectfully submitted,



André Keeton
College Senate Secretary &
Senator, Social Science Department