

LaGuardia Community College  
**Minutes of the College Senate**  
**Meeting** November 30th , 2016  
C-459

**Present and Voting:** Pablo Avila (At-Large Instructional Staff), Claudia Baldonado (ACE), Bhuiyan Md Rakibur (Student), Cristina Bruns (English), Jean Buckley-Lockhart (Counseling), Loretta Capuano-Vella ( At-Large Instructional Staff), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Monica Ekiert (ELA), Ana Lucia Fuentes (Natural Sciences), William Fulton (Humanities), Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Sheikh Hafiz (SGA President), Anthony Hargraves (At-Large Adjunct), Damaris Herron (Administration), Reem Jaafar (Instructional Staff), Rebekah Johnson (At-Large Instructional Staff), Jill Kehoe (Social Science), Hreedoy Khandakar (Student), Arjina Khanom (student), Theresa Licari (Health Sciences), Riya Mitha (CS), Marina Nechayeva (MEC), Anthony Pappas (Alumni), Mohammad Rasel (Student), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Richard Rojas (Student), Vanshika Sharma (Student), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs-Chairperson), Maisha Sultana (Student), Luis Villa (Student), Naomi Villalba (Student), Leslie Scamacca (Business and Technology), Nancy Santangelo (Student Affairs), TaeJong Kim (President's Office).

**Guest members:**

Debra Engel (Senate's College-Wide Curriculum Committee)  
Colleen Eren (Faculty)  
Shahir Erfan (Vice President and Chair of Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Business and Budget)  
Amanda Filpo (Student)  
Yvonne Floyd-Mayers (Single Stop Program)  
Camila Gelpi-Acosta (Faculty)  
Sandeep Kandhari (Single Stop Program)  
Rhonda Mouton (Director Single Stop Program)  
Alexandra Rojas (Chair of the Senate Academic Standing Committee)  
Hasan Shafiqullah (Single Stop Program)

Meeting called to Order at 2:15 pm by Chairperson, Patricia Sokolski

- I. Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting**  
Senator Rebekah Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; seconded by Senator Claudia Baldonado.
  - (i) Yea-32; No-0; Abstention-0
  - (ii) MINUTES APPROVED
  
- II. Senate Committee Presentations**
  - i) Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Business and Budget**
  - ii)** Vice-President Erfan, Chair of the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Business and Budget, described the composition and role of this Committee. Mr. Erfan outlined how the Committee analyzed the CUNY budget allocation, examined LaGuardia's strategic plans, and reviewed the approval of funding recommendations. The Ad-Hoc committee meets three times a year; their next meeting will take place in march. Mr. Erfan suggested the Senate appoint new representatives to the committee for the upcoming year.

**iii) Senate Academic Standing Committee**

Alexandra Rojas, Chair of the Senate Academic Standing Committee, described the role and responsibilities of the Committee, as well as the outcomes of the committee's work over the years. Members of the committee are presently creating materials for a workshop on academic integrity, to be presented at the beginning of each year. Ms. Rojas pointed out that the committee has no student representative and made a call to student Senators who may be interested in serving on the committee.

**III. Chairperson's Report**

- i) Patricia Sokolski reminded Senators of the importance to report back, to the Senate, on the ongoing initiatives of different Senate Committees
- ii) Patricia Sokolski compiled the "wish lists" of the different constituencies represented in the Senate; wish lists will be discussed at next Senate meeting.
- iii) Patricia reported on her meeting with Provost Arcario, where she discussed governance at the college and the importance of information flowing back to the Senate.

**IV. Curriculum**

Senator Eneida Rivas made the motion to approve the consent calendar; seconded by Senator Francine Egger-Sider

- i. Yea-32; No-0; Abstention-0
- ii. Curriculum Consent Calendar-Approved

**V. Sanctuary Campus Resolution Presentation**

Colleen Eren, together with Camila Gelpi-Acosta and Amanda XXX, gave background on, and explained the importance of, this initiative. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period.

**VI. Single-Stop Presentation**

Rhonda Mouton described services provided by the Single Stop Program, including providing information for students and Staff around immigration policies. Yvonne Floyd-Mayers, Sandeep Kandhari, and Hasan Shafiqullah, from Single Stop, were also present to answer questions from Senators, regarding services offered by the Program, especially around immigration, visa status and rights.

**VII. Sanctuary Campus Resolution**

The resolution was discussed and amended; the final resolution reads as follows:

*Resolution Encouraging President Gail Mellow to declare LaGuardia Community College a "Sanctuary Campus"*

*WHEREAS: As members of the LaGuardia community, we take pride in the work we do to serve a diverse community of students.*

*WHEREAS: Many of the students we serve struggle every day to obtain their*

*educations in spite of economic hardship and discrimination.*

*WHEREAS: We are deeply concerned that in the wake of the recent election, this work may be endangered.*

*WHEREAS: LaGuardia Community College is committed to protecting the rights of all of its students, staff, and faculty regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or immigration status.*

*WHEREAS: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers are subject to restrictions based on a 2011 memorandum regarding places of worship, schools, and hospitals (See <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf>).*

*WHEREAS: This is not a moment in which we can afford silence or passivity.*

*BE IT RESOLVED: We believe that the time is ripe to strengthen that commitment by declaring LaGuardia Community College a sanctuary campus.*

*BE IT RESOLVED: We commit to protect our students, staff, and faculty from deportation, investigation, or other intimidation when they are on campus. This is a concrete action the college can take to defend the rights and safety of our community.*

*BE IT RESOLVED: Declaring LaGuardia Community College a sanctuary campus will amplify our commitment to diversity, justice, and inclusion, values that sit at the heart of our mission.*

Senator Ana Lucia Fuentes made a motion to approve the resolution, as amended; seconded by Senator Monica Ekiert

- i. Yea-32; No-0; Abstention-0
- ii. Resolution approved unanimously

**VIII. New Business**

No new business

**IX. Old Business**

Senator Eneida Rivas reminded Senators to donate to the CUNY Campaign.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Anthony Hargraves; seconded Senator Francine Egger-Sider.  
Senate adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ana Lucía Fuentes  
Senate vice-Chair  
For André Keeton College Senate Secretary