

**LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
January 9, 2008**

Present: M. Abreu, A. Adil, N. Berke, R. Butler, S. Sanchirico (for J. Cantwell), L. Capuano-Vella, S. Castillo, J. Wynn (for T. Coogan), L. Rizo (for D. Davidson), M. Glick, M. Hall, J.G. Ianni, E. Johmann, R. Kahn, J. Karlen, W. Kurzyna, A. Lapa, M. Conde (for T. Litvay-Sardou), A. Moran, C. Rauscher (for E. Murray until 2:45pm) & E. Murray (after 2:45pm), U. Hidle (for R. Octaviano), A. Pappas, D. Patterson, G. Richmond, E. Rivas, D. Soszynski, C. Sterling-Deer, L. Teplin, S. White, H. Zhao

Ex-officio: F. Egger-Sider

Absent: A. Khan, C. Leonard, T. Nguyen, G. Tabidi, M. Vega

Excused: C. Baldonado, R. Cadeau, R. Levine

Guests: H. Flax, C. Macheski, M. Rodriguez

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 2:30 p.m. in room E-500.

I. Approval of Minutes for October 24, 2007

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on October 24, 2007 as presented. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Adil and Hall.

II. Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2007

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on November 14, 2007 as presented. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Adil and Hall.

III. Approval of Minutes for December 5, 2007

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on December 5, 2007 as presented. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Adil and Hall.

IV. Report from the Chairperson

Chairperson Teplin mentioned some of the items that she and the Executive Committee members decided would be helpful in keeping the Senate moving in the right direction throughout the year. She gave a reminder to Senators who are eligible to have alternates to be sure and fill those alternate seats. She also announced that Senators' placards would be used to track which Senators are present for votes, so if Senators need to step out of the meeting for any reason, they should hand their cards in to the Secretary and then pick them up upon returning. This procedure will make the voting process easier by letting us know who is in the room at any given time. The Executive Committee will also be working with the Curriculum Committee to try and get all curriculum proposals sent out to Senators via email so that they are received faster and we save on paper. During the Chairperson's report Senator Murray replaced alternate Senator Rauscher as the representative of Administration.

V. Curriculum Committee Report

Professor Cecilia Macheski presented several curriculum items to the Senate. 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 the new course proposals, ELJ103, Intermediate Japanese, ELS209, Spanish Grammar and Usage and ELS230, History of the Spanish Language as presented. The motion passed with 27 votes in favor and 1 opposed. Senator Sanchirico voted no and Senator Patterson abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.
- It was moved and seconded to adopt the new course proposals, ELS211, Spanish Literature 1 and ELS212, Spanish Literature 2 with corrections. The motion failed with only 21 votes in favor and 2 opposed. Senators Glick and Kurzyna voted no. Senators Berke, Butler, Ianni, Karlen, Pappas, and Patterson abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action. The presenters asked that the Senate look into questions of prerequisites for future proposals. Senator White agreed and stated that instead of debating the merits of basic skills requirements for individual courses on the Senate floor, we may want to take a look at this issue and see if something can be done to make the process easier, clearer, and more consistent so that courses are not voted down after having been passed by both the department and the Curriculum Committee.

VI. Spring 2008 Senate Calendar

Chairperson Teplin presented the draft of the Spring 2008 Senate meeting calendar. By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the Spring 2008 Senate calendar with corrections. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

VII. Proposed 2008-2009 LaGuardia CC Academic Calendar

Dean Henry Flax presented the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar with corrections. The motion passed unanimously with 27 votes in favor. Senator Soszynski abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senator Glick.

VIII. Old Business

Chairperson Teplin reminded the Senate that we still needed to hold an election for the Committee on Committees. It was decided that a list of the Committees and who is on them would be distributed at the next meeting and we would see if there were any volunteers. Senator Capuano-Vella asked what the status was of the course transferability item that was brought to last years' Executive Committee meeting. It was decided it would be placed on the next meeting's agenda. The Senate was also reminded that the Chairperson would be following up with the President's Office regarding the Interim Governance Plan petition that was forwarded to her. Senator Richmond asked for the revision to HUM 104, Music for Children (Elementary Education) to be placed on the next meetings' agenda as well.

IX. New Business

Chairperson Teplin informed the Senate that Nancy Berke would be taking over for her on the Faculty Degree Certification Committee. Senator Adil informed the Senate that the College Association Budget Committee meeting was next Tuesday, January 15, 2008 and that presenters were welcome to come with proposals, especially for things like tutoring or equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas
Secretary
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of January 23, 2008.