

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
March 8, 2017
E-242

Present and Voting:

Anthony Pappas (Alumni), Anthony Hargraves (At-Large Adjunct), Loretta Capuano-Vella (At-Large Instructional Staff), Pablo Avila (At-Large Instructional Staff), Reem Jaafar (At-Large Instructional Staff), Rebekah Johnson (At-Large Instructional Staff), Christopher Carrozza (At-Large Instructional Staff-Alternate), Arjina Khanom (Student), Syed Ali Kazmi (Student-Alternate), Naomi Villalba (Student-Alternate), Marzia Akhtar (Student, not present for consent calendar), Vanshika Sharma (Student, not present for consent calendar), Maisha Sultana (Student), Hreedoy Khandakar (Student, not present for consent calendar), Md Hamidur Rahman (Student), Supta Sen (Student), Jean Buckley-Lockhart (Counseling), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Evelyn Lowmark (Division of Administration), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Nancy Santangelo (Division of Student Affairs), Monika Ekiert (Education & Language Acquisition), Cristina Bruns (English), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Theresa Licari (Health Science), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities-Alternate), Diane Gordon-Conyers (Library), Nader Goubran (MEC-Alternate), Ana Lucia Fuentes (Natural Sciences), Henry Derenoncourt (Non-Instructional), TaeJong Kim (President's Office-Alternate), Jill Kehoe (Social Science-Alternate), Sheikh Hafiz (SGA President), Fazel Rabbia (SGA President-Alternate, not present for consent calendar).

Guest Members:

Debra Engel (Senate's College-Wide Curriculum Committee)
Bart Grachan (Transfer Office and Student Affairs)
Chris McHale (Professional Development Committee)
Alejandra Rojas (Academic Standing Committee)

Meeting called to order at 2:15PM by Patricia Sokolski, Chairperson.

I. Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2017

Senator Bruns made the motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2017, seconded by Senator Fernandez.

- i. Yea-30
- ii. Abstain-1
- iii. Minutes from January 25, 2017-Approved

II. Curriculum

Senator Rivas made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Senator Fernandez.

- i. Yea-29
- ii. Abstain-2
- iii. Curriculum Consent Calendar-Approved

III. Three-Year Graduation Plan

Dean Grachan presented a new approach to advising: two-year graduation plans for all majors and options have now been complemented by three-year graduation plans, designed to recognize that 85% of students at LaGuardia arrive with one or more remediation placements. Dean Grachan explained that under two-year graduation plans students with remedial needs found themselves off-track on the day of arrival, while under the three-year graduation plans their remedial needs are built into the graduation plans. In response to questions from the floor, Dean Grachan explained that all students are encouraged to progress towards graduation in as timely manner as possible, but that the new three-year plans better reflect the reality that most LaGuardia students take more than two years to graduate. Senators were informed that graduation rates are measured on three-year timelines at community colleges.

IV. Chair's Report

Chairperson Sokolski presented the revised Senate calendar with the March 15th session cancelled and a new date, March 22nd, inserted into the calendar.

Shared governance and the lack of consultation or timely information on college initiatives was brought as an issue for consideration by all senators.

Student senator involvement and attendance was presented as an ongoing issue. Chairperson Sokolski explained that the executive committee is looking into the ways of continuous mentoring of student senators (beyond the orientation) and offering stipends to student senators.

V. Senator Recall

Motion by Chairperson Sokolski, seconded by Senator Fernandez to recall two at-large student senators, Abir Arnab Dip and Rabeya Shahabuddin.

- i. Yea-33
- ii. Motion-Approved

Alternate student senators, Luis Villa and Arjina Khanom, assumed the at-large student senator seats.

Senator Bruns acknowledged student senators who have been attending Senate sessions regularly.

Chairperson Sokolski announced that Sheikh Uddin resigned his seat as at-large adjunct senator. His seat is assumed by Senator Hargraves.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

Senator Buckley-Lockhart announced the Game Day event at the Wellness Center on March 22, 2-7pm.

Senator Jaafar announced the Sanctuary Town Hall on March 17, 1-4pm (Poolside Café) and Pi Day celebrations (sponsored by MEC) on March 15th.

Senator Fuentes announced the Science & Sandwich Day sponsored by Natural Sciences and CTL on March 22 at 12pm (Poolside Café).

Senator Egger-Sider submitted a request for a debrief on how the new immigration policies have affected the college.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Rivas, seconded by Senator Egger-Sider. Senate adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Monika Ekiert
ELA Senator
For Andre Keeton
College Senate Secretary