

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
April 27, 2011

Present: S. Adhikari, C. Baldonado, M. Singh (left at 3:15PM; for O. Chen), J. Cantwell, F. Egger-Sider (3:05PM), M. Ekiert, D. Escobar, Hector Fernandez, Hugo Fernandez, U. Hidle, J. Ianni, R. Kahn, L. Capuano-Vella (for R. Levine), P. Villarroel (for A. Madi), G. McCormack, L. McShane, S. Mettler, J. Michello, P. Nicolov, A. Pappas, P. Paramo (3:05PM), A. Chisholm (for M. Qi), A. Wambugu-Cobb (for E. Rivas), M. Samra, C. Sanchez-Narvaez, P. Sokolski, L. Teplin, M. Wong, T. Coogan (for J. Wynn), N. Berke (for Y. Zhang), J. Zhu.

Guests: K. Anderson, M. Blackman, D. Ducat, A. Feibel, J. Karlen, D. Kolomechuk, R. Pinder, F. White

Excused Absence: P. Goodson, A. Okomba, B. Yearwood

Absent: C. Bolden, R. Chowdhury, R. Das, M. Glick, H. Kuan, E. Murray, G. Walters

***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.*

Chairperson Kahn called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM in room E-501.

I. Approval of Minutes for April 6, 2011

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on April 6, 2011 as amended. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except Senators Egger-Sider and Paramo who had not yet arrived.

II. Chairperson's Report

Various announcements were made: Senator Baldonado asked for comments on the draft of the College's new mission statement to be sent to her by May 2nd. Student senators circulated a flyer for Immigration Awareness Week. Senator Berke announced that the PSC is sponsoring a rally on May 5th at City Hall about the proposed budget cuts to CUNY.

Chairperson Kahn alerted senators regarding pending agenda items which will need to be dealt with in the last two Senate meetings of the academic year, on May 11th and May 25th. Items to be dealt with include a final review of the brainstorming list, budget update by V.P. Elliott, Strategic Plan for 2011-12, two pending amendments to the Senate's Governance Plan, a review of the SGA Constitution, and the CUNY proposal regarding general education credits and transfer.

Chairperson Kahn framed the discussion on Co-op regarding procedures and asked that Senators take advantage of the collective wisdom and moral sensitivity normally displayed in Senate discussions while considering the issue.

III. Curriculum

All of the following curriculum items were approved unanimously by roll call vote except for Senators Egger-Sider and Paramo who arrived late.

Course Proposal approved at the March 24th College-wide Curriculum Committee:
Liberal Arts Departments
Revisions to Liberal Arts Social Sciences & Humanities Curriculum: AA Degree

**Course Proposals approved at the April 14th College-wide Curriculum Committee:
Department of Education and Language Acquisition**

New and Revised Course Proposals:

ELM 101, American Sign Language 1
ELM 102, American Sign Language 2
ELM 103, American Sign Language 3
ELM 104, American Sign Language 4
ELM 111, ASL Fingerspelling, Numbers and Glossing
ELM 112, Fingerspelling, Numbers and Glossing 2

English Department

New Program Proposal:

Liberal Arts AA: Journalism Option

IV. Discussion: Future of Coop at LaGuardia

Senator Teplin explained that the issue of limiting student choices in the new proposed Liberal Arts Social Sciences & Humanities Curriculum had been resolved with the agreement by the Liberal Arts Chairs to change the wording from “core electives” to “electives.” This change in the proposal has been accepted as a friendly amendment.

After a lengthy discussion which covered a wide variety of views, the revisions to the Liberal Arts Social Sciences & Humanities Curriculum: AA Degree (to make Co-op optional for liberal arts students) was put to a vote. A motion was made to accept the curriculum proposal as presented at the previous Senate meeting and seconded. The motion failed. There were 9 votes in favor, 18 against, and 1 abstention. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senators Escobar and Singh.

IX. New Business

1. The Office for Employment Services moved from C-102 to C-239.
2. Student government elections will take place on May 16-19.
3. Student senators finally have an office, E-116. A future table talk will be scheduled.
4. Someone suggested that students who are running in the upcoming elections might want to get in touch with Prof. L. Lucca who teaches speech. Students could possibly demonstrate their oral skills in front of his classes.
5. Immigration Awareness Week program will take place on April 28th in E-242.
6. There will be a job fair in the E-Atrium on April 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Egger-Sider with the help of Janet Michello
College Senate, Secretary

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of May 11, 2011.