

LaGuardia Community College  
**Minutes of the Senate Meeting**  
**May 25, 2011**

**Present:** S. Adhikari , C. Bolden, J. Cantwell, M. Singh (for O. Chen), R. Chowdhury, R. Das, F. Egger-Sider, M. Ekiert, D. Escobar, Hector Fernandez, Hugo Fernandez, P. Goodson, U. Hidle, A. Haque (for H. Kuan), A. Madi , G. McCormack, L. McShane, J. Michello, E. Murray, P. Nicolov, A. Okomba, A. Pappas, P. Paramo (3:05PM), M. Qi, E. Rivas, M. Samra, C. Sanchez-Narvaez, P. Sokolski, L. Teplin, M. Wong, J. Wynn (2:45PM), B. Yearwood, N. Berke (for Y. Zhang), J. Zhu.

**Ex-Officio:** J. Ianni

**Guests:** R. Agaiwal, J. Alexis, D. Burgoa, G. Cerda, A. Chisholm, B. Clarke, G. Colon, R. Evans, A. Feibel, J. Gantzer, Y. Hall, S. Hanson, I. Hernandez, L. Hofmann, S. Hughes, T. Jeah, E. Lee, G. Liriano, A. Lockard, S. Modesto, V. Morales, C. Purpura, C. Ramirez, M. Reyes, K. Romano, S. Sanchirico, J. Shean, G. Smith, G. Tapper, L. Turner, A. Villarroel, F. White, K. Salazar.

**Excused:** B. Kahn.

**Absent:** C. Baldonado, M. Glick, R. Levine, S. Mettler, 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.*

Vice-chair B. Yearwood called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM in room B-129.

## **I. Approval of Minutes for May 11, 2011**

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on May 11, 2011 as amended. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except Senators Escobar, Goodson, Madi, Paramo and Wynn who had not yet arrived.

## **II. Chairperson’s Report**

B. Yearwood, Vice-chair of the Senate, chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair Kahn. He announced that, due to the large amount of curriculum items to be dealt with, he would forgo a chairperson’s report.

## **III. Curriculum**

Three curriculum items were pulled out of the consent calendar by senators: BTI121, BTI 201 as well as the Revision to Liberal Arts Social Sciences and Humanities Curriculum, AA Degree.

The following curriculum items, except for the three items mentioned above, were approved unanimously by roll call vote except for Senators who arrived late.

### **Course Proposals approved at the May 12th College-wide Curriculum Committee:**

#### **Liberal Arts Departments**

Revisions to Liberal Arts Social Sciences and Humanities Curriculum: AA Degree

#### **Department of Education and Language Acquisition**

##### **Revised Course Proposals:**

ESA 099, Basic Writing I for NNS of English

ESE 099, Intensive Basic Writing for NNS of English

ELE 203, Language and Literacy in Childhood Education

**Revised Curriculum for Education Associate:** The Bilingual Child

**New Curriculum:** Early Childhood Education AA

**New Course Proposals:**

ELE 140, Music Education in Early Childhood

ELE 141, Developing Creativity

ELE 205, Language and Literacy in Early Childhood Education

ELE 206, Family, School & Community in Early Education

ELN 121, Foundations of Early Childhood Education

**Department of Humanities**

**Informational item** (no vote): Change in course numbers from HUP120 to HUP121 and HUP220 to HUP221

**Department of Mathematics, Engineering and Computer Science**

**Revised Course Proposal:**

MAT 120, Elementary Statistics I

**Health Sciences Department**

**Revised Curriculum for AAS in Radiologic Technology**

**Revised Course Proposals:**

SCX 119, Clinical Practicum II

SCX 129, Clinical Practicum III

SCX 201, Radiologic Technology III

SCX 209, Clinical Practicum IV

SCX 219, Clinical Practicum V

SCX 229, Clinical Practicum VI

SCX 240, Cross Sectional Anatomy

SCX 245, Pathology and Fracture Radiography

SCX 250, Imaging Modalities I

SCX 260, Film Evaluation and Critique

**Business & Technology Department**

**New Course Proposals:**

BTI 121, People, Work & Organizations

BTI 201, Business Internship

Substitution of BTI121 for CEP121 and BTI201 for CEP201 in the following curricula:

Accounting AS; Business Administration AS- Business Administration Option and Aviation Management Option; Business Management AAS-Business Management Option, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management Option, and International Business Option; Paralegal Studies AS; Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Management AAS

**Natural Sciences Department**

**Letter of Intent** for Dual/Joint AS/BS in Forensic Science with John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**Revised Course Proposals:**

SCB 203, Human Anatomy and Physiology I

SCB 204, Human Anatomy and Physiology II

## **VI. Election for Senator to New SGA Advisory Committee**

Vice-chair Yearwood asked that a vote be taken to elect a senator to the newly-created SGA Advisory Committee prior to Dean Arcario's presentation of the Strategic Plan and the discussion of the three curriculum items pulled out of the consent calendar. Nominations were taken: Senators A. Pappas and L. Capuano were nominated. In the first round, the vote was 16 (L. Capuano) v. 15 (A. Pappas). No candidate reached the majority of the body. Due to time constraints, the vote for a second ballot was suspended until September 2011.

## **IV. Strategic Plan**

Dean P. Arcario reminded senators that he had a copy of the strategic plan sent by email via the secretary of the Senate. His presentation would deal with the process of the plan rather than the content of the plan itself, though the floor was opened for questions, comments and input. The formulation of the yearly strategic plan is now the responsibility of the Office of Academic Affairs rather than the President's Office. The planning begins with three broad goals (raise academic quality, improve student success, financial & mgmt effectiveness) received from CUNY, further subdivided into nine objectives. All college divisions and units are asked to submit how they would like to fulfill these objectives, submitting proposed targets and work plans to their respective vice-presidents. The vice-presidents review these and forward them to the Strategic Plan committee, which assembles them into a plan that is then reviewed by the President's Cabinet, the Senate, the SGA before approval by the Executive Council and submission to the CUNY Chancellor.

## **III. Curriculum (Continued)**

The discussion centered first on the two courses BTI121 and BTI 201 which are actually the two Coop courses CEP 121 and CEP 201 for business students in the Business & Technology Department. Four Coop lines moved to B&T Dept. but the Coop Dept. felt that these courses should remain housed in Coop. Coop faculty, in the plan to revitalize Coop, liaise with other academic departments. This, however, does not mean giving up coop courses. The B&T Department explained that the two courses passed unanimously at the College-wide Curriculum Committee and that it provides a collaborative and integrated internship to students. It was asked of the B&T Dept. who will be teaching these courses? Coop faculty felt that it was their expertise whereas the B&T Dept. claimed that the expertise resides in the four coop faculty who are now part of their department. But will four people be able to teach all the necessary sections of these two courses in question? Someone asked whether this model could work for all majors? But there is not enough Coop faculty to specialize in the different majors offered at the College. The Coop Dept. feels that their ability to work holistically with each other is now broken.

A motion was put on the floor to have paper ballots to vote for the two curriculum items, BTI121 and BTI201. This motion failed: 10 in favor, 13 opposed.

The two courses, BTI121 and BTI201 were approved by roll call: 21 yes, 9 no, 3 abstentions (Senators Bolden and Chowdhury had stepped out of the room).

The next curriculum item pulled out of the consent calendar by a senator was the Revisions to Liberal Arts Social Sciences and Humanities Curriculum: AA Degree. Two amendments were put on the floor.

1. **1<sup>st</sup> amendment:** Senator Teplin had asked that there be more choices in the new proposal regarding electives. The liberal arts chairs unanimously supported the changes, and the language will reflect that. It will say "recommended" rather than "should" or "have" at the bottom of page 1 of the revised curriculum. The top of the second page, the wording will be changed to "suggested."

2. **2<sup>nd</sup> amendment:** Students senators proposed an amendment to the Liberal Arts Social Sciences and Humanities Curriculum: AA Degree to make the CEP 121 optional as an unrestrictive elective.

A motion was presented for written ballots for the vote on the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. It was defeated (8 in favor, 19 opposed).

The two amendments were brought to a vote by roll call: 27 yes, 5 no, 1 abstention (Senators Chowdhury and Goodson left prior to the vote).

After some further discussion, the course proposal for the Liberal Arts Social Sciences and Humanities Curriculum: AA Degree with the two amendments was put to a vote via roll call: 26 yes, 5 no, 1 abstention (Senators Chowdhury, Goodson and Zhu left prior to the vote).

**V. General Education and Transfer**

Pulled off the agenda.

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

Senate Calendar for 2011/2012 academic year was presented and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Egger-Sider  
College Senate, Secretary