

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting Oct. 25th, 2017
E-500

Present and Voting:

Patricia Sokolski (Division of Academic Affairs), Pablo Avila (At-Large Instructional Staff), Anthony Hargraves (At-Large Adjunct), Reem Jaafar (At-Large Instructional Staff), Leslie Scamacca (Business and Technology), Jean Buckley-Lockhart (Counseling), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Cristina Bruns (English), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Ana Lucía Fuentes (Natural Sciences), Fay Butler (At-large Instructional Staff), Maria Cook (Presidents' Office), Claudia Baldoneda (Division of Adult and Continuing Education), Loretta Capuano (At-large Instructional Staff), Christopher Carozza (At-large Instruction Staff Alternate), Aerith Chen (At-large Student Senator), Destiny Gabriel (At-large student Senator Alternate), Jireh Garcia (Student Senator), Rojan KC (Student Senator), Gradia Jones (Student Senator), William Kurzina (Student Senator), Leonore McShane (Non-Instructional Staff), Sandhya Lama Tamang (Student Senator), Theresa Licari (Health Sciences), Lilian Pinzon (Student Senator), Christopher Sorrentini (Student Senator), Marina Nechayeva (Math Dept.), Lope Jan Williams (At-large Student Senator), Silvia Lin Hanick (Library Dept. alternate)

Regrets: Senator Anthony Pappas

Guest Members:

Debra Engel (Senate College-Wide Curriculum Committee),

Meeting called to order at 2:20 PM by Chairperson Patricia Sokolski.

I. Curriculum

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

Curriculum passes unanimously

II. Approval of minutes

Senator Buckley-Lockhart made the motion to approve the minutes from the Sept 27, 2017, Senator Maldonado seconded.

Motion passes unanimously.

Senator Jaafar made the motion to approve the minutes from the Oct 11, 2017, Senator Egger-Sider seconded.

Friendly amendment: specify date of meeting on minutes

Motion passes unanimously (with correction)

III. **Executive committee elections**

Senator Sokolski thanked Dr. Jerry Ianni for all his help around issue on rules and procedures. Dr. Ianni spoke about his 21 year service as parliamentarian and explained his strong belief in the importance of the Senate in the governance process, and explained that the Senate is considered an arm of the NYC government. He pointed out that once the Senate makes a recommendation, the Board of Trustees usually approves the policies put forward.

Chair Sokolski introduced the new parliamentarian, Senator Leslie Scamacca.

Dr. Ianni and Senator Scamacca proceeded to begin the election process and explained that ballots are not anonymous although only count is recorded in the minutes. Secretary must keep the ballots (these are considered public information).

Nominations for the position as Chairperson: Patricia Sokolski nominated by Eneida Rivas

Other nominations: none

Senator Rivas moved to close call for nominations, seconded by Senator Egger-Sider

By acclamation, Senator Patricia Sokolski was voted as Chair unanimously.

Nominations for the position as Vice-Chair: Lucia Fuentes was nominated by Senator Reem Jaffar

Other nominations for vice-Chair: none

Entertain a motion to close nomination: Senator Rivas moved, seconded by Senator Pinzon

By acclamation, Senator Lucia Fuentes was voted as vice-Chair unanimously.

Nominations for the position as Secretary: Vincent Keeton was nominated by Senator Patricia Sokolski

Entertain motion to close nomination: Senator Mcshan moved, seconded by Senator Buckley-Lockhart

By acclamation Senator Vincent Keeton was voted as Secretary, unanimously

At-large positions:

Instructional Staff:

Nominations: Senator Eneida Rivas was nominated by Senator Patricia Sokolski

Senator Rebekah Johnson was nominated by Senator Patricia Sokolski

Senator Cristy Bruns was nominated by Senator Lucia Fuentes

Senator Loretta Capuano-Vella was nominated by Eneida Rivas

Motion to close nominations moved by Senator Butler seconded by Senator McShane

It is agreed, by consent, to allow each candidate to present their plan (1 min)

Results of first and second Ballot:

	Ballot 1	Ballot 2
Senator Eneida Rivas	18	20
Senator Rebekah Johnston	8	9
Senator Anthony Hargraves	10	13
Senator Cristina Bruns	14	19
Senator Loretta Capuano	8	-

Senator Capuano withdrew after first Ballot.

Senators Eneida Rivas and Cristina Burns were elected to the Executive

Change in Parliamentarian, Dr. Jerry Ianni left, Senator Leslie Scamacca continued with the voting process

At-large student representative

At large nominations:

Senator Rojan Kc

Senator Lope Jan Williams

Senator Lillian Pinzon (declined)

Hearing no further nominations

Affirmation to close nominations: all in favour

Request: vote by acclamation

All in favour, by acclamation, unanimously, Senators Rojan KC and Lope Jan Williams were elected as student representatives, to the Executive

IV. President's Report:

Senator Sokolski informed the Senate that she attended the CUNY Faculty Senate meeting. Schools are being asked to provide details of their budget, not only tax levy, but also foundation and other moneys.

This is a move to allow for more clarity and transparency in the allocation of funds.

Senate needs to have a stronger budget committee; more people can join the budget committee, including students.

The University Faculty Senate , UFS, report puts us in a place where we can make inquiries, but so far the budget advisory committee is a separate

committee, not a Senate Committee. The Senate needs to make sure the budget committee works.

The committee of elections also needs members from the general college population.

The Committee on Committees needs Senators to join. This Committee is made up of Senators only, so Senator Sokolski asked all Senators to help out and join.

(UFS): Senator Theresa Licari added that CFO, Mathew Sapienza informed: 75 million over four years savings
4 year salience plan to make the administrative sector leaner (CUNY central)
Funding from outside sources is being contemplated.
Selling air rights: CUNY has many buildings in NY.
Exploring possibilities of increasing tuition in certain programs that are more expensive.

Finally, Senator Sokolski mentioned that the different committees of the Senate, student, HEOS and Faculty, should identify their priorities. Patricia recommends that it's important for HEOS to bring VPs to their meetings.
Wish lists for each constituency must be brought forward.

V. Old Business

There was no old business

VI. New Business

Senator Egger-Sider: Book sale in main concourse, still have some books.

Senator Cook: Update regarding one concern brought last year about commencement date. Change in date is in the works for 2019. Admin wants to be respectful of annual leave period (ie, starts after commencement).

VII. Adjournment

Senator Rivas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator Hargraves.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Lucía Fuentes, Vice Chair
Natural Sciences Senator
For Andrée Keeton
College Senate Secretary