

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
October 28, 2015
E242

Present and Voting:

Mohammed Rifat Amin (Student), Ahmed Ashraf (Student), Claudia Baldonado (Adult and Continuing Education), Khadiza Begum (Student), MDS Bhuiyan (Student), Loretta Capuano-Vella (At-Large Instructional), Joy Choudhury (SGA President), Daniel Diaz (Student Affairs), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council Seat), Monika Ekiert (Education and Language Acquisition), Ana Lucia Fuentes (Natural Sciences), William Fulton (Humanities), Natalie Havlin (English), Yunxi Hu (Student), Sheikh Islam (Student), Reem Jaafar (At-Large Instructional), André Keeton (Social Science), Charles Keyes (Library), Ayesha Khatun (Student), Rayhan Mahmud (Student), Allia Matta (English), Caroline Mendez (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Michael Philogene (Business & Technology), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Ayana Simmons (Student), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Lynne Teplin (Counseling), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology),

Guest Members:

Jerry Ianni, Parliamentarian

Meeting called to order at 2:52p.m. by Charles Keyes, Chairperson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 30, 2015 MEETING

Senator Patricia Sokolski made motion to approve minutes with revisions; 2nd by Senator Caroline Mendez:

(i) Yea-27; No-0; Abstention-0

(ii) MINUTES APPROVED w/Revisions

II. ELECTION-EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Jerry Ianni, Senate Parliamentarian, conducted the officer elections and explained the process to the membership. 7 members are to be elected. Each must be approved by a minimum of 19 votes.

i) ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

(a) Senator Loretta Capuano-Vella was nominated for the position of Chairperson by Senator Eneida Rivas. Nominations were closed by unanimous consent.

Senator Loretta Capuano-Vella was elected Chairperson by unanimous consent.

ii) ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

CANDIDATES: Vice-Chairperson Patricia Sokolski was re-nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson by Senator Lynn Teplin.

Vice-Chairperson Patricia Sokolski was re-elected Vice-Chairperson by unanimous consent.

ii) ELECTION OF SECRETARY

- (a) André Keeton was re-nominated for the position of Secretary by Lynn Teplin. Nominations were closed by unanimous consent.

André Keeton was re-elected Secretary by unanimous consent.

iii) ELECTION OF AT-LARGE STUDENT

CANDIDATES:

- (a) Yunxi Hu nominated by Vice-Chairperson Patricia Sokolski
- (b) Sheikh Islam nominated by MDS Bhuiyan
- (c) Khadiza Begum nominated by Ayesha Khatun

1st Ballot:

- (a) Yunxi Hu-21
- (b) Khadiza Begum-15
- (c) Sheikh Islam-13

Yunxi Hu was elected At-Large Student

2nd Ballot:

- (a) Sheikh Islam-**withdraws**
- (b) Khadiza Begum-elected

Khadiza Begum was elected At-Large Student

iv) ELECTION OF AT-LARGE NON-STUDENT

CANDIDATES:

- (a) Eneida Rivas nominated by Lynn Teplin
- (b) Anthony Pappas nominated by Eneida Rivas
- (c) Reem Jaafar nominated by Francine Egger-Sider
- (d) Caroline Mendez –self nominated

Each candidate was allowed two minutes to speak to address the membership.

3rd Ballot:

- (a) Eneida Rivas-20
- (b) Reem Jaafar-18
- (c) Anthony Pappas-15
- (d) Caroline Mendez-withdrawal

Eneida Rivas was re-elected At-Large, Non-Student.

4th Ballot:

- (a) Anthony Pappas-14
- (b) Reem Jaafar-13

5th Ballot:

- (a) Anthony Pappas-16
- (b) Reem Jaafar-11

(Unanimous Consent to Postpone election of non-student at-large until November 11, 2015 meeting of the College Senate)

III. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ITEMS

- I. Senator Lynn Teplin made motion to approve items passed by CWCC on October 15, 2015; 2nd by Senator Caroline Mendez:

(i) Yea-25; No-0; Abstention-1

(ii) CURRICULUM ITEMS-APPROVED

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

a. Charles Keyes:

- i. Thanked the Executive Committee and the Senate Membership for their support of him as Chairperson for the previous 3 terms.
- ii. Charles Keyes welcomed newly elected Chairperson Loretta Capuano-Vella as Chairperson and spoke of her qualifications for leadership of the Senate.
- iii. Charles Keyes wished Chairperson Loretta Capuano-Vella well in her stewardship of the Senate.
- iv. Chairperson Capuano-Vella thanked Charles Keyes for his hard work in leading the Senate.
- v. Chairperson Capuano-Vella acknowledged Charles Keyes' success in making the Senate an active partner in the governance of the college.

- vi. Chairperson Capuano-Vella stated her intention to continue to continue Charles Keyes' efforts to make the Senate a collegial, informed, active partner in the governance of the college.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Claudia Baldonado spoke of the success of the ACE Student Mentor program.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Senator Eneida Rivas; 2nd by Senator Egger-Sider.

Senate Adjourned 4:52p

Respectfully submitted,



André Keeton
College Senate Secretary &
Senator, Social Science Department