

**LaGuardia Community College  
Minutes of the Senate Meeting  
November 12, 2008**

**Present:** M. Abreu, T. Allicino (for C. Baldonado), N. Berke, R. Butler, S. Sanchirico (for J. Cantwell), L. Capuano-Vella, S. Castillo, T. Coogan, K. Cottrell, F. Egger-Sider, M. Glick, U. Hidle, E. Johmann, R. Kahn, J. Karlen, S. Khan, W. Kurzyna, C. Lee, M. Conde (for T. Litvay-Sardou), Y. Hassebo (for G. McCormack), S. Mettler, C. Gray (for E. Murray), A. Pappas, E. Rivas, E. Santiago, I. Shakir, C. Sterling-Deer, L. Teplin

**Ex-officio:** VP P. Jordan

**Absent:** H. Ali, J. Georgantziki, A. Iqbal, H. Rashid, A. Tucker

**Excused:** G. Richmond

**Guests:** X. Gallardo, L. McGowan, D. McMillan-Coddington, T. Murasso

***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. Unless otherwise noted, the Chairperson abstains from all votes.*

Chairperson Teplin called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. in room E 500.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes for October 22, 2008**

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on October 22, 2008 with corrections. A revised version including corrections will be sent out college wide. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senators Glick, Sterling-Deer & Alternate Senator Sanchirico.

#### **II. Report from the Chairperson**

Chairperson Teplin informed the Senate that VP Katopes will attend the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to address the questions about the curriculum process. She also mentioned that any IT related concerns should be passed on to VP Saltiel. Nancy Berke is organizing the meeting of the Degree Certification committee. She has 2 possible dates in mind; please contact her with your preference. The Chairperson also informed the Senate that the Senate office has moved from M103D to M116.

#### **III. 2008-2009 Committee on Committees Election**

Chairperson Teplin opened the floor for nominations to serve on the Committee on Committees. Senators Kurzyna, Coogan, Sterling-Deer, Capuano-Vela, Abreu, Lee, Shakir & Castillo were all nominated. By general consent all were elected to serve on the Committee on Committees. They will meet and elect a Chairperson at a later date. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Glick, & Alternate Senator Sanchirico.

#### **IV. Curriculum Committee Report**

There was a single item which had been submitted and had been placed on the Senate consent calendar as it was sent out prior to the meeting.

- It was moved and seconded to adopt the item on the Senate consent calendar, Revised Course Codes – Department of Business and Technology as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 25 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Glick, & Alternate Senator Sanchirico.

## **V. Academic Standing Report**

Chairperson Teplin presented the proposed revision to the GPA Requirement for Permit Students. It was moved and seconded to adopt the revision to the GPA requirement for Permit Students. The motion passed unanimously with 25 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Glick, & Alternate Senator Sanchirico.

## **VI. Proposed 2009-2010 LaGuardia CC Academic Calendar**

The Senate began New Business until Vice President Jordan & the Registrar arrived, consequently this discussion and vote although listed here, ended up being the last item before the Senate adjourned.

Vice President Peter Jordan & the Registrar, Thomas Murasso presented the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar. They took comments and questions from the floor. After a lengthy discussion it was moved and seconded to approve the proposed 2009-2010 LaGuardia CC Academic Calendar with technical corrections, maintaining a Day Commencement ceremony and with the understanding that in consultation with Institutional research, surveys will be conducted with the students, faculty, staff and possibly alumni to see if they would be interested in a future evening Commencement ceremony. Senator Shakir stated that she & Senator Khan would like to be involved in the student portion of the survey. The motion passed unanimously with 20 votes. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senators Castillo, Cottrell, Johmann, Khan, Lee & Alternate Senators Allicino & Hassebo.

## **VII. Old Business**

There was no Old Business

## **VIII. New Business**

This vote actually took place before item VI, while the Senate was waiting for The Vice President and Registrar to arrive. Senator Egger-Sider informed everyone about the Rally against tuition hikes that will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup>. It was moved and seconded to endorse the rally against the budget cuts that will take place on November 24, 2008 from 11:45 AM- 12:45 PM in front of the Main Building (Shenker Hall). All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Castillo.

Several Senators brought up a recent incident in the C building where a fire broke out and people within the building were not informed and in some cases alarms did not go off. Those involved in the area will be following up with the Fire Safety office.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas  
Secretary  
College Senate

*Nota Bene:* The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of December 10, 2009.