

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
 December 14, 2016
 E-242

Present and Voting:

Anthony Pappas (Alumni), Anthony Hargraves (At-Large Adjunct-Alternate), Loretta Capuano-Vella (At-Large Instructional Staff), Pablo Avila (At-Large Instructional Staff), Reem Jaafar (At-Large Instructional Staff), Steven Cosares (At-Large Instructional Staff-Alternate, not present for consent calendar), Christopher Carrozza (At-Large Instructional Staff-Alternate), Syed Ali Kazmi (Student-Alternate), Naomi Villalba (Student-Alternate), Marzia Akhtar (Student), Vanshika Sharma (Student), Hreedoy Khandakar (Student, not present for consent calendar), Jean Buckley-Lockhart (Counseling), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Evelyn Lowmark (Division of Administration), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Nancy Santangelo (Division of Student Affairs), Monika Ekiert (Education & Language Acquisition), Cristina Bruns (English), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Theresa Licari (Health Science), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities-Alternate), Diane Gordon-Conyers (Library), Nader Goubran (MEC, not present for consent calendar), Ana Lucia Fuentes (Natural Sciences), Henry Derenoncourt (Non-Instructional), Maria Cook (President's Office), Jill Kehoe (Social Science-Alternate),

Guest Members:

Debra Engel (Senate's College-Wide Curriculum Committee)
 Vera Albrecht (Senate's Academic Standing Committee)
 Kay Conway (University Faculty Senate)

Meeting called to order at 2:15PM by Patricia Sokolski, Chairperson.

I. Approval of Minutes from November 30, 2016

Senator Jean Buckley-Lockhart made the motion to approve the minutes from November 30, 2016, seconded by Senator Hugo Fernandez.

- i. Yea-25
- ii. Minutes from November 30, 2016-Approved

II. Curriculum

Senator Hugo Fernandez made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Senator Eneida Rivas.

- i. Yea-25
- ii. Curriculum Consent Calendar-Approved

III. Curriculum Informational Item

Senator Loretta Capuano-Vella announced that the Dietetic Technician Program is being closed effective Spring 1 2017. Questions were raised as to how this decision impacts students and faculty in the program.

- i. Motion by Senator Francine Egger-Sider, seconded by Senator Loretta Capuano-Vella to charge the chair of the Senate's College-Wide Curriculum Committee to investigate the closing of the Dietetic Technician Program and the process by which programs are opened and closed.
- ii. Yea-25
- iii. Motion-Approved

IV. Chair's Report

- i. CUNY Faculty Governance: Chairperson Sokolski reported that along with Senator Francine Egger-Sider she attended the CUNY Faculty Governance meeting which discussed the mentoring of junior faculty (a concern following the results of the COACHE survey) and of adjunct faculty.
- ii. Sanctuary Campus Resolution: Chairperson Sokolski updated the Senate body on the steps undertaken on campus following the Nov. 30th Senate resolution on declaring LaGuardia a sanctuary campus.
 - President Mellow created an ad-hoc committee on the sanctuary campus;
 - Senators Capuano-Vella and Christopher Carrozza are Senate HEO and Civil Service representatives on the ad-hoc committee;
 - the Town Hall meeting on sanctuary at LaGuardia was scheduled for Dec. 21st;
 - Senator Capuano-Vella reported that there are 601 undocumented students at LaGuardia, excluding ACE.

V. Committee Reports

- i. Senate's guest Vera Albrecht, representing Senate's Academic Standing Committee, reported on the committee's work and invited student senators to attend the committee meetings as Senate representatives.
- ii. Senator Capuano-Vella reported on the work of the First Year Experience steering committee which is revising My First Day and My First Year events to include "my second semester" planning.
- iii. Senator Jaafar, Senate's rep on the Experiential Learning committee, reported that Academic Affairs will be responsible for supervising the design, implementation, and grant application for experiential learning opportunities.

VI. Constituency Issues

Chairs of Senate constituencies (Students; HEOs, Alumni & Civil Service; Faculty) reported on their lists of issues for 2016-2017 academic year and the tasks assigned to appropriate bodies.

Chairperson Sokolski called for active participation in this work and reminded the Senate that Middle States reporting requires that the college assess the effectiveness of its governance. To that end, Chairperson Sokolski met with PSC CUNY campus reps to coordinate efforts on non-contractual issues that both the Senate and the union are taking on. Senator Carrozza clarified that the Office of Compliance and Diversity has data pertinent to item 15 on the constituency issues list (data regarding faculty hiring) and that the college files an affirmative action plan with CUNY Central every year around November.

VII. UFS Chair visit

UFS chairperson Kay Conway updated LaGuardia Senate on the college-wide issues:

- i. Inspector General report: investigation of misuse and abuse of funds at City College
- ii. New budget request: request has been made to NYC for additional funding for senior colleges and for the funding of the reduced teaching load (not the workload) at junior colleges. The state budget will be released in January, while the NYC budget will be released in March.
- iii. Budget transparency:
 - the Manual of General Policy stipulates that the P&B is supposed to opine on the college budget → goal: P&B should offer recommendations;
 - Tax-levy budget is now shared → goal: an all-funds budget (tax-levy and non-tax-levy) to be shared;
 - Research foundation soft dollars (grant money; not a big sum in CCs) → goal: to reinvest the money into research on campus; to report to CUNY Central on how the money is spent, especially the overhead).
- iv. McKinsey & Company, a consulting firm, is to provide a report to the Chancellor on how the non-instructional budget funds (1/3 of the budget) can be used better.
- v. Sanctuary campus status: Chancellor's concern is that the word "sanctuary" may be equated with "safe haven" and may be misleading to the students.
- vi. Policy on Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct: the changes in drafts explained

VIII. Policy on Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct

Senator Hugo Fernandez made the motion to support for the draft Policy on Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct, seconded by Senator Anthony Pappas.

- i. Yea-20

- ii. Nay-0
- iii. Abstain-4
- iv. Draft Policy on Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct-Approved

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Eneida Rivas, seconded by Senator Evelyn Lowmark. Senate adjourned at 4:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

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ELA Senator
For Andre Keeton
College Senate Secretary