

LaGuardia Community College  
**Minutes of the College Senate Meeting**  
October 26, 2015  
E-242

**Present and Voting:**

Marzia Akhtar (Student), Pablo Avila (At-Large Instructional), Claudia Baldonado (Adult and Continuing Education), Md Rakibur Bhuyian (Student), Christina Bruns (English-Alternate), Henry Derenoncourt (Non-Instructional), Abir Arnab Dip (Student), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Monika Ekiert (ELA), Ana Lucia Fuentes (Natural Sciences), William Fulton (Humanities), Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Sheikh Hafiz (SGA President, Alternate voted), Anthony Hargraves (At-Large Adjunct-Alternate), Reem Jaafar (At-Large Instructional), Rebekah Johnson (At-Large Instructional), Syed Ali Kazmi (Student-Alternate), Jill Kehoe (Social Science-Alternate), Hreedoy Khandakar (Student), Arjina Khanom (Student-Alternate), Nader Goubran (MEC-Alternate until 3:05PM then Marina Nechayeva), Ana Mora (Counseling-Alternate), Anthony Pappas (Alumni), Guy-Michel Philogene (Business& Technology-Not present for consent calendar), Md Hamidur Rahman (Student), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Richard Rojas (Student), Vanshika Sharma (Student), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Maisha Sultana (Student), Luis Villa (Student-Alternate), Naomi Villalba (Student-Alternate), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology).

**Guest Members:**

Jerry Ianni, Parliamentarian  
Alexandra Rojas, Academic Standing

Meeting called to order at 2:45PM by Loretta Capuano-Vella, Chairperson.

**I. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2016**

No minutes were approved.

**II. Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar**

Senator Eneida Rivas made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Senator Patricia Sokolski.

- i) Yea-32; Absention-1
- ii) Curriculum Consent Calendar-Approved

**III. Election – Executive Officers**

Jerry Ianni, Senate Parliamentarian, conducted the officer elections and explained the process to the membership. 7 members were to be elected. Each had to be approved by a minimum of 18 votes.

**i) Election of Chairperson**

Patricia Sokolski was nominated for the position of Chairperson by Senator Rivas. Nominations were closed by unanimous consent.

**Senator Patricia Sokolski was elected Chairperson by unanimous consent.**

**ii) Election of Vice-Chairperson**

Candidates:

- a) Ana Lucia Fuentes nominated by Chairperson Patricia Sokolski

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- b) Loretta Capuano-Vella nominated by Senator Eneida Rivas

**1<sup>st</sup> Ballot:**

- a) Ana Lucia Fuentes – 15
- b) Loretta Capuano-Vella – 16

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot:**

- a) Ana Lucia Fuentes – 15
- b) Loretta Capuano-Vella – 16

Senator Loretta Capuano-Vella withdrew her nomination.

**Ana Lucia Fuentes was elected Vice-Chairperson by unanimous consent.**

- iii) Election of Secretary  
André Keeton was re-nominated for the position of Secretary in absentia by Senator Francine Egger-Sider.

**André Keeton was re-elected Secretary by unanimous consent.**

- iv) Election of At-Large, Non-Student (Two seats)

Candidates:

- a) Eneida Rivas nominated by Loretta Capuano-Vella
- b) Rebekah Johnson nominated by Monika Ekiert

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

**Eneida Rivas and Rebekah Johnson were both elected At-Large Senators by unanimous consent.**

- v) Election of At-Large, Student (Two seats)

Candidates:

- a) Richard Rojas , self-nominated
- b) Maisha Sultana, self-nominated
- c) Vanshika Sharma, self-nominated
- d) Md Rakibur Bhuyian, self-nominated

**1<sup>st</sup> Ballot:**

- a) Richard Rojas – 18
- b) Maisha Sultana – 7
- c) Vanshika Sharma – 23
- d) MD Rakibur Bhuyian – 5

**Richard Rojas and Vanshika Sharma were elected At-Large Student Senators.**

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**IV. Chairperson's Report**

Newly elected Chairperson Patricia Sokolski thanked the previous chair, Loretta Capuano-Vella, for all her hard work for the past year and said she would continue what she and Charles Keyes have done to strengthen governance.

**V. Old Business**

None.

**VI. New Business**

- a) Student Senator Luis Villa is undertaking a survey of life and experiences for students at LaGuardia. He passed around a sheet outlining his project.
- b) Senator William Fulton spoke with Professor Florence Kabba, Chair of the Senate Committee on Professional Development to organize a "Meet & Greet" for new student senators. The date will be November 16<sup>th</sup>. Time and location TBA.
- c) Senator Eneida Rivas is the co-Coordinator of the CUNY Campaign with Lara Moon. She wanted to let senators know that the LG Foundation is one of the charities listed. It gives scholarships to students. Donations can be given by cash, check, or credit card. There are 20 CUNY Campaign captains assigned to departments and divisions. Raffles are taking place every week for the largest donor for that week.
- d) Senator Anthony Pappas wanted to point out that the Alumni Association is also one of the charities listed. Donations are welcome.

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Eneida Rivas, seconded by Francine Egger-Sider.  
Senate adjourned at 4:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Egger-Sider  
Faculty Council, President  
For André Keeton  
College Senate Secretary