

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting Jan 24th. 2018
E-500

Present and Voting:

Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Anthony Hargraves (At-Large Adjunct), Reem Jaafar (At-Large Instructional Staff), Rebekah Johnson (At-Large Instructional Staff) Fay Butler (At-Large Instructional Staff), Christopher Carozza (At-large Instruction Staff Alternate), Aerith Chen (At-large Student Senator), Lope Jan Williams (At-large Student Senator), Destiny Gabriel (At-large student Senator), Priya Thapa (At-Large Student Senator), Susana Alvis (At-large student Senator), Leslie Scamacca (Business and Technology), Patricia Sokolski (Division of Academic Affairs), Damaris Herron (Div. Administration), Maritza Pritsos (Div. of Adult and Continuing Ed.), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), William Kurzyna (Ed & Language Acquisition), Cristina Bruns (English), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities), Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Nader Goubbran (Math, Engineering and Comp Sci.), Ana Lucía Fuentes (Natural Sciences), Maria Cook (Pres. Office), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council)

Guest Members:

Debra Engel (Senate College-Wide Curriculum Committee),

Meeting called to order at 2:17 PM by Patricia Sokolski, Chairperson.

I. Approval of the Minutes:

Deferred for next meeting

II. Curriculum

Motion to approve the consent calendar was moved by Senator Egger-Sider,
Seconded by Senator Butler
Passed unanimously

III. Goals for Spring 2018 Committee Reports

a. Students: students presented goals for 2018 as follows:

- i. Financial Aid, Admissions Office and Student Life office action plan for welcoming walk-in students
- ii. 2. Student Senate budget: desire to have a budget to able to advertise positions, etc
 1. Have a list of resources senators have access to (for example, Senator Pappas mentioned that the print center has a budget for copies for Senate papers)
- iii. Promote awareness of Student Life office and campus life, suggested placing a giant monitor displaying up and coming activities, etc.

There was discussion about different possible initiatives to increase awareness among students with respect to activities.

Student senators invited representatives of Student Life who will be attending the student meeting which will take place after the Senate meeting.

After discussing different ideas, it was suggested students invite director of marketing Charles Elias to one of their meetings.

- a. HEOS: Senators were directed to consult the 2017-2018 Wish List -A correction to the wish list: COACHE
Provost Arcario has been invited to meet with the HEOS.
A discussion regarding fund collection concluded that point five in the wish list would be removed.
- b. Other committee reports will be given in April
- c. The Committee of Committees is looking to fill 4 positions for the budget committee, two faculty and two students
- d. Executive Committee will work on the Senates website
Committee of faculty wish list: Committee of faculty wish list:
 - a) Hiring someone at the wellness center for inter-faculty conflict resolution. Has this happened? Follow up on this, the committee of Faculty will follow up.
 - b) Collect information regarding promotions and appointment at other community colleges
 - What happened with diversity?
 - SIRS
 - maybe invite HR to talk about how positions are advertised

IV. Chair's Report

Chair Sokolski re-iterated that the executive Committee will work on the Senate Website.

Chair Sokolski also gave information on the initiative regarding the fact that many students are going hungry. Initiative to create and Ad-Hoc Committee on Hunger.

Chair will meet with President Melo and Robert Jeffy to inform about the initiative regarding students' hunger.

Faculty might be interested in joining this committee to start planning how to go ahead with this initiative. Chair asked Senators to invite other members to join this committee

Regarding agenda: will add announcements. New Business should be sent to executive before meeting.

VI. Old Business

No old business

VII. New business

No new business

VIII. Announcements

Senator Pappas: Annual Valentine's day (14 February) sale, in E building lobby
Senator Fulton: re-iterated that several committees are looking for members, including students.

Senator Rivas: Commencement will be at Barclay's Center at 9 am, June 5th

Senator Cook: Grad for 2019, planning to move graduating after finals.

Charles Keyes announce sale of Girl scout cookies

Cristina: meeting on 14th faculty and staff of color Fall II meeting in preparation for the Spring semester. Room E-242

Senator Johnson: Language culture and society, meeting, deadline is Jan 29th
"Language and Social Justice"

Senator Jaafar Math Dept. Friday March 23th "Math Conference"

Chairperson Sokolski:

-In Transit issue on Mass incarceration is out, please share.

-Feb 7th Senate meeting is cancelled, next meeting is March 7th

VII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Senator Johnson, seconded by Senator Egger-Sider,

Meeting adjourned at 3:49

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