

**LaGuardia Community College  
Minutes of the Senate Meeting  
October 22, 2008**

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

**Ex-officio:** J. Ianni, VP P. Jordan

**Absent:** H. Ali, S. Castillo, J. Georgantziki, A. Iqbal, N. Malik, H. Rashid, K. Shahroozi, A. Tucker

**Excused:** K. Cottrell, C. Lee

**Guests:** T. Allicino, Y. Hassebo, L. McGowan

***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 2:40 p.m. in room E 501.

**I. Approval of Minutes for September 24, 2008**

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on September 24, 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 Alternate Senators Conde, Khan & Alternate Senator Lewis who had not yet arrived.

**II. Report from the Chairperson**

Chairperson Teplin took a moment to introduce all of the new Senators that had just been elected and then asked that all returning Senators introduce themselves.

**III. Election of 2008-2009 Senate Executive Committee**

Chairperson Teplin gave the floor to Senate Parliamentarian Jerry Ianni to conduct the internal election of officers. A question was raised as to the validity of the Academic Affairs Senator’s seat. After a brief discussion it was ruled that a proper election for the seat has not happened, therefore the seat is still vacant, and the representative would not be recognized at this time. The Senate proceeded with the election of the 2008-2009 Senate Executive Committee. There was one nomination made for the Office of Chairperson: Lynne Teplin. She was elected unanimously by general consent. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Khan. There were three nominations made for the Office of Vice Chairperson: Marcia Glick, Robert Kahn and Isis Shakir. On Ballot #1, Marcia received 16 votes, Robert received 8 votes, and Isis received 2 votes. No candidate received the minimum number of 20 votes for a valid election. Robert & Isis withdrew from the race, and Marcia was elected unanimously by general consent. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action. There was one nomination made for the Office of Secretary: Anthony Pappas. He was elected unanimously by general consent. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action. There were two nominations for the 2 At-Large Student Seats: Sahar Khan & Isis Shakir. Both were elected unanimously by general consent. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action. There were four nominations for the 2 At-Large Instructional Staff Seats: Nancy Berke, Loretta Capuano-Vela, Robert Kahn & Eneida Rivas. Nancy & Loretta declined their nominations so the two remaining candidates were Robert Kahn & Eneida Rivas.

Both were elected unanimously by general consent. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

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

There was a single item which had been submitted and had all 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, Proposal for Spanish Translation Major – Department of Education and Language Acquisition as presented. There was some discussion and concerns over the process of creating new majors. Should the major come to us before the courses? Or vice versa? The concerns will be relayed to the Curriculum committee as well as Vice President Katopes. We will ask that he come to a future Senate meeting to clarify. The motion passed with 21 votes in favor and 2 against. Senators Baldonado & Capuano-Vela voted no. Senators Cantwell & Karlen abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

#### **V. Fiscal Year 09-10 Budget & Discussion about Space Issues**

Vice President Richard Elliott gave the Senate a presentation regarding the 2009-2010 Budget. He touched on some of the areas that will be affected by the Budget crisis. He also answered questions about Space issues & classroom issues that have been a concern on campus this semester.

As the discussion was ending quorum was lost and all remaining orders of the day were postponed. 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 November 12, 2008.