

**LaGuardia Community College  
Minutes of the Senate Meeting  
January 28, 2009**

**Present:** M. Abreu, C. Baldonado, N. Berke, P. Nicolov (for R. Butler), J. Cantwell, S. Castillo, J. Wynn (for T. Coogan), F. Egger-Sider, M. Glick, U. Hidle, A. Iqbal, E. Johmann, R. Kahn, J. Karlen, S. Khan, W. Kurzyna, C. Lee, M. Conde (for T. Litvay-Sardou), G. McCormack, S. Mettler, E. Murray, A. Pappas, C. Ruiz (for H. Rashid), G. Richmond, E. Rivas, E. Santiago, I. Shakir, L. Forrester (for C. Sterling-Deer), L. Teplin, A. Tucker, S. Yee

**Absent:** H. Ali, R. Padhiar

**Excused:** L. Capuano-Vella, K. Cottrell, P. Sokolski

**Guests:** M. Arshad, A. Birch, D. Darcy, N. Huberts, Y. Yan

***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 2:35 p.m. in room E 500.

**I. Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2009**

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on January 7, 2009 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 Ruiz & Wynn.

**II. Report from the Chairperson**

Chairperson Teplin introduced the newly appointed Student Government President’s Designee Senator Sandra Yee.

**III. New Initiative to Increase Student Employment on Campus**

Vice President Peter Jordan, Diane Darcy from Human Resources and Claudia Baldonado from Adult & Continuing Education gave a presentation regarding the new initiative to have more students work on campus. As per President Mellow, LaGuardia students will be given a priority based on what applications are received for those jobs that are suitable for students.

**IV. Governance Plan 2009**

Chairperson Teplin once again gave a brief overview of the process that we will be using to approve the plan. Amendments received in between the last draft and this meeting will be discussed in order received if sufficient support for it is shown.

The first amendment discussed was submitted by Senator Pappas for Article IV Section I, D. Instead of allowing the Chairperson to vote this amendment would allow the alternate representing the Chairperson’s constituency to vote in order to not disenfranchise the Chairperson’s constituency. It was moved & seconded to approve placing the amendment into the 2009 draft. The motion failed. There were 11 votes in favor, 17 against and 1 abstention. Senators Abreu, Berke, Cantwell, Egger-Sider, Glick, Hidle, Johmann, Kahn, Karlen, Kurzyna, Mettler, Richmond, Tucker & Alternate Senators Nicolov, Wynn, Conde, & Forrester all voted against the motion. Senator Baldonado abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Khan.

The next amendments discussed were submitted by Senator Shakir and included amendments for many sections of the draft. Each amendment was discussed separately but none received more than 3 Senators showing support. No motions were made.

The next amendment that was discussed came from Alternate Senator Nicolov on behalf of Senator Butler. The Division of Enrollment Management & Student Development has serious reservations about moving the Student elections to the Fall. Members of the Executive Committee will meet with Administration to try to resolve the issues that were raised before the next meeting. With no more amendments discussion began on the controversial issue of the eligibility of the Chairperson. Student Government read a prepared statement which has been attached to these minutes as Exhibit 1. After some discussion many Senators had to leave and although quorum remained, it was decided to wait until the next meeting to have a final vote. It was decided to postpone all remaining orders of the day and adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas  
Secretary  
College Senate

*Nota Bene:* The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of February 11, 2009.