

**LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
September 23, 2009**

Present: M. Abreu, C. Baldonado, N. Berke, P. Nicolov (for R. Butler), S. Sanchirico (for J. Cantwell), L. Capuano-Vella, T. Coogan, F. Egger-Sider, M. Glick, U. Hidle, R. Kahn, J. Karlen, W. Kurzyna, G. McCormack, S. Mettler, E. Murray, A. Pappas, G. Richmond, E. Rivas, E. Santiago, P. Sokolski, C. Sterling-Deer, L. Teplin, A. Tucker, S. Yee

Absent: M. Alvarado, K. Cottrell, A. Iqbal, C. Lee, N. Lewis, T. Litvay-Sardou, L. McShane, R. Padhiar, I. Shakir

Guests: S. Gayle, A. Lazo, J. Shean, B. Yearwood

***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 2:37 p.m. in room E 500.

I. Approval of Minutes for May 27, 2009

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on May 27, 2009 as presented. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senators Richmond, & Yee who had not yet arrived.

II. Report from the Chairperson

Chairperson Teplin thanked everyone for their Senate service and gave special recognition to Marcia Glick, Robert Kahn & Anthony Pappas for their contributions. She gave a brief update on the status of the upcoming Senate elections for students and other seats that were up for re-election. The Chairperson also informed the body that she would not be seeking re-election as Chairperson due to the time commitment it requires. Secretary Pappas also reminded the Senate that he would not be seeking re-election as Secretary and would instead be interested in serving as Vice Chairperson. Senators were encouraged to think about filling both positions in the upcoming election.

III. Curriculum Committee Report

Chairperson Teplin introduced the new Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee to the Senate, John Shean. There were several curriculum items presented, which had all been placed on the Senate consent calendar as they were sent out prior to the meeting. Listed below are the items along with corresponding Senate action. Whenever the phrase “with corrections” appears, it refers to minor adjustments in the written presentation of the proposal. It does not refer to substantive changes in the proposal.

It was moved and seconded to adopt all items on the Senate consent calendar simultaneously as presented. This included: New Course proposal, ELI 103, Intermediate Italian, The Experimental course proposal, ELZ 107, Portuguese for Spanish Speaking Students 1, the Revised Course proposal, SSY 240, Developmental Psychology I and the Revisions to the Media Studies AA option as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 22 votes in favor and 1 abstention. Senator Berke abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Yee who had not yet arrived.

IV. American Graduation Initiative

Senator Kahn presented a resolution regarding the American Graduation Initiative. After a brief discussion it was moved and seconded to endorse the resolution as presented. The motion passed by acclamation and received unanimous support with 23 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Yee who had not yet arrived.

V. Old Business

As requested in our last meeting, Senator Pappas, gave an update on the current state of the college's Alumni Relations. He has been meeting over the summer with Vice President Segree and key members of his staff and things have begun improving. He is confident that things will continue to improve and will report back at a later date.

Another item carried over from the last meeting was the Student Judicial Process. Senator Kahn continued his discussion on some of the problems with the process. He and other members of the Executive Committee have met with Vice President Jordan & his staff and some improvements have begun. Senator Kahn introduced a resolution regarding the process and after a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded to endorse the resolution. With 18 votes in favor and 4 abstentions, the motion failed. Senators Capuano-Vella, Karlen, and Sterling –Deer and Alternate Senator Nicolov abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senator Yee who had not yet arrived and Alternate Senator Sanchirico who had to leave.

VI. New Business

It was announced that the Committee of Faculty would be meeting directly after this meeting. Senator Egger-Sider announced that the Library received a large amount of money for new books so Departments should begin thinking about which titles should be ordered.

Senator Capuano-Vella suggested that since the new Governance Plan has been approved by the Board of Trustees an official announcement should go out and we should have some kind of a celebration and recognition at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas
Secretary
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of October 28, 2009.