

**LaGuardia Community College Minutes for the  
College Senate  
Meeting March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Room C-446**

**Present and Voting**

Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Douglas DiCarlo (At-Large Instructional Staff), Reem Jaafar (At-Large Instructional Staff), Cheryl McKenzie (At-Large Instructional Staff), Anxhela Bahja (Student Senator), Vergel Reyes (Student Senator), Martina Mazalova (Student Senator), Abraham Tapia, Diana Zheng Li (Student Senator), Leslie Scamacca (Business and Tech), Jean Buckley-Lockhart (Counseling Dept.), Patricia Sokolski (Division of Academic Affairs), Evelyn Lowmark (Div. of Admin), Maritza Pritsos (Division of Adult and Continuing Ed), Eneida Rivas (Division of Institutional Advancement), Nancy Santangelo (Division of Student Affairs), William Kurzyna (Education and Language Acquisition), Tara Scales (Health Sciences), Cristy Bruns (English), William Fulton (Humanities Dept), Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Steven Cosares (Math, Eng & Comp Science), Ana Lucía Fuentes (Natural Sciences), Maria Cook (President's Office), Jill Kehoe (Social Science Dept). Rochelle Isaac (Faculty Council).

Regrets: April Cardena (Student Senator)

**Guests Members**

Provost Paul Arcario, Associate Provost and Assistant VP Bret Eynon, Vice President Shahir Erfan and Tom Hladek's ; Alexandra Rojas, Senate Academic Standing Committee Chair; ChrisMcHale, Senate Committee on Professional Development.

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sokolski at 2:20.

**II. Approval of the Minutes of March 6<sup>h</sup>, 2019**

Senator Rivas moved to approve the minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019; Senator McShane seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Approval of Curriculum Consent Calendar for items passed by the College Curriculum Committee of the Senate on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Senator Rivas presented a motion to approve the Curriculum Consent Calendar for items passed by the College Curriculum Committee of the Senate on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019; seconded by Senator Lowmark.

Roll call

Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Presentation by Provost Arcario and Associate Provost and Assistant VP Eynon**

Provost Arcario discussed and reviewed the modifications, resulting from the JAM, made to the original recommendations for the College's Strategic Directions. The Provost explained that the language for the strategic directions is general in order to allow for people to add activities suited according to their discipline. Among the additions made to the plan were added language ensuring an intersectional approach and ensuring the inclusiveness of our community across all sectors.

VP Eynon explained the next step will be to take the Strategic Directions Plan to Education Council.

The plan is to use a specific objective and implement it in some chosen departments; the persons implementing the example would produce a report at the beginning of the year as well as an end of year report

- V. Report from the CUNY University Advisory Council for Diversity. - Natalie Havlin**  
Natalie Havlin, LaGuardia's representative on the CUNY University Advisory Council on Diversity (UACD),  
Made a presentation where she summarized the Advisory Council's Diversity Action Plan, highlighting the following points:  
-Although there is increased hiring of underrepresented groups, these numbers have not had an overall effect on the number of minority faculty due to people leaving.  
- The Advisory Council has proposed the idea to have an initiative from the Senate to create a diversity committee to follow up on the issues relating to faculty retention and hiring.
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- VI. Budget Matters and Queries Vice President - Shahir Erfan and Thomas Hladek**  
Presented the third-Quarter Financial Report; there is a projected deficit of approx. 3 million dollars.  
Reduction 6.8 million for all colleges, projection 3.5 million dollars for all community colleges  
State and federal dollar will be cut.  
A discussion regarding the process by which the budget priorities are determined ensued. The  
Budget committee, including the Senate, with other constituencies, can give feedback only after the budget has been determined.
- VII. Revision of the Governance Plan -Leslie Scammacca.**  
Tabled for next Senate meeting.
- VIII. Chair's Report**  
Executive committee will set agenda in order to allow for committee reports to be presented earlier in the meetings.
- IX. Committee Reports**  
Deferred
- X. Unfinished Business**  
No unfinished business.
- XI. New Business**  
Senator Pappas asked that the Executive look into booking a different room for Senate meetings, such as a conference room, as the classroom setting is uncomfortable and is not conducive to the proper Senate meetings.
- XII. Announcements**
- XIII. Adjournment**  
Motion to adjourn was moved by Senator Reyes; Senator Bruns seconded.  
Unanimously passed.  
Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by*  
*Senator A. Lucía Fuentes*  
*Secretary of the LaGuardia Community College Senate*