

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
January 8, 2014
E501

Present and Voting:

Abu Azim (At-Large Student), Claudia Baldonado (Adult & Continuing Education), Justin Cooper (Instructional Staff), Derwent Dawkins (Division of Student Affairs), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Monica Ekiert (Education & Language Acquisition), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities), Renee Fuseyamore (Student Affairs), Sohung Ghosh (SGA President), Ikramul Hoque (At-Large Student), Rosann Ippolito (At-Large Instructional Staff), Mohammad Islam (At-Large Student), Valerie Jones (At-large Instructional Staff), Robert Khan (At-Large Instructional), Abdul Kayum (At-Large Student), André Keeton (Social Sciences), Charles Keyes (Library), Kader Kone (At-Large Student), Regina Lehman (Health Sciences), Qiwan Liu (At-Large Student), Anthony Lugo (Administration), Mahdi Majidi-Zolbanin (Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science), Shah Faisal Mazhar (At-Large Student), Caroline Mendez (Non-Instructional Staff), Georgina Mensah-Agyeiwaa (At-Large Student), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Arlene Peterson (Presidents' Office), Michael Philogene (Business & Technology), Liria Portes (At-Large Student), Elaine Quezada (At-Large Student), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Noam Scheindlin (English), Young-Min Seo (At-Large Adunct), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Lynne Teplin (Counseling), Burl Yearwood (Natural Sciences), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology)

Guests:

Paul Arcario (Provost), Loretta Capuano-Vella (Alt. At-Large Instructional Staff), Marissa Klages (Curriculum Committee), Nancy Santangelo (Alt. At-Large Instructional Staff), Eduardo Vianna (Curriculum Committee)

Meeting called to order at 2:26 p.m. by Charles Keyes, Chairperson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i) Senator Hugo Fernandez made motion to approve minutes with revisions from November 13, 2013, 2nd by Senator Patricia Sokolski:

(a) Yea-33; No-0; Abstention-0

(b) **MINUTES APPROVED**

II. NEW CORE COMPETENCIES

PAUL ARCARIO, PROVOST

- i) Provost Paul Arcario presented the rationale behind the New Core Competencies to the Senate indicating that the Core Competency Task Force he appointed found, consistent with Middle States that the college needs improvement in several key areas including:

(a) Ethics

(b) Diversity

(c) Values

- ii) The provost indicated that the competencies reflect a desire to move from skills based to higher order competencies
- iii) The provost indicated that the New Core Competencies reflect the college's best practices, history and traditions.

MARISSA KLAGES & EDUARDO VIANNA, CO-CHAIRS
CORE COMPETENCY TASK FORCE

- i) The Chairs indicated a need for rethinking Core Competencies and what the College wishes students to know when they leave.
- ii) The Chairs indicated that the goal of the Core Competencies is to assess student ability in:
 - (a) Inquiry & Problem Solving
 - (b) Global Learning, and
 - (c) Integrated Learning
- iii) The Chairs indicated that this assessment would largely occur through multiple captures of student work through written, oral and digital communication.
- iv) Members of the Senate stated an expectation to be continually updated on the implementation process
- v) Senator Patricia Sokolski made motion to approve Conceptual Core Competencies Framework; 2nd by Hugo Fernandez:

(a) Yea-35; No-0; Abstention-0

**(b) CONCEPTUAL CORE COMPETENCIES FRAMEWORK
APPROVED**

III. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ITEMS

- i) Senator Patricia Sokolski made motion to approve Curriculum items approved by College Wide Curriculum Committee (C.W.C.C.) on November 21, 2013; 2nd by Senator Lynne Teplin:

(a) Yea-35; No-0; Abstention-0

(b) CURRICULUM ITEMS APPROVED

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) The Chair stated he has not yet received a response on the question of pool hours.
- (b) The Chair stated that the Academic Calendar arrived from the Registrar providing little time for the Senate to consider the 2015-2016 academic year.
- (c) The Chair expressed that if the Senate passes a resolution formally requesting more time to consider the Academic Calendar, the registrar would likely support it.

V. CUNY'S DRAFT POLICY ON EXPRESSIVE CONDUCT

- i) Senator André Keeton made motion to convene a working group to study CUNY'S Draft Policy on Expressive conduct; 2nd by Senator Patricia Sokolski:
 - (a) Yea-35; No-0; Abstention-0
 - (b) **MOTION TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP APPROVED**
 - (c) Members of the Working Group: Noam Scheindlin, Justine Cooper, Francine Egger-Sider, Robert Khan, Claudia Baldonado, Kader Kone, Liria Portes.

VI. POOL HOURS-PRESENTATION POSTPONED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- i) Chair is communicating with President's office on the status of the hanging of the rainbow flag.
- ii) There is continued investigation into those departments responsible for Veteran's Affairs. The Chair asked all members with knowledge of Veteran's Affairs to forward him the contact information and he will amass a working list.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

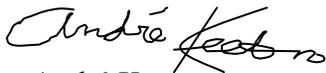
None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- i) Senator Patricia Sokolski made motion to adjourn at 4:47pm; 2nd by Senator Burl Yearwood

Senate adjourned at 4:47p.

Respectfully submitted,



André Keeton
College Senate Secretary &
Senator, Social Science Department