

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
May 14, 2014
E242

Present and Voting:

John Clappin (At-Large Adjunct), Derwint Dawkins (Student Affairs), Monica Ekiert (Education & Language Acquisition), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities), Renee Fuseyamore (Student Affairs), Sohung Ghosh (SGA President), Rosann Ippolito (At-Large Instructional), Robert Kahn (At-Large Instructional), André Keeton (Social Science), Charles Keyes (Library), William Kurzyna (Faculty Council), Mahdi Majidi-Zolbanin (Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science), Allia Matta (English), Shah Faisal Mazhar (At-Large Student), Caroline Mendez (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Michael Philogene (Business & Technology), Liria Portes (Student), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Justin Rogers-Cooper (Instructional Staff), Suzanne Rosenberg (Health Center), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Lynne Teplin (Counseling), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology)

Meeting called to order at 2:35p.m. by Charles Keyes, Chairperson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 9, 2014 MEETING

(a) Senator Eneida Rivas made motion to approve minutes with revisions from April 9, 2014; 2nd by Senator Rosanne Ippolito:

(i) Yea-21; No-0; Abstention-0

(ii) **MINUTES APPROVED**

II. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ITEMS

(a) Senator Anthony Pappas made motion to approve Curriculum items approved by College Wide Curriculum Committee (C.W.C.C.) on April 10, 2014; 2nd by Senator Caroline Mendez:

(i) Yea-22; No-0; Abstention-0

(ii) **CURRICULUM ITEMS-APPROVED**

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) The Chair informed the Senate that the ad-hoc Budget and Elections committees were up and running and continue to seek participation by other members of the college community.

(b) The Senate will continue to discuss in both Executive Committee and the larger body issues concerning branding and over-sight of sub and ad-hoc committees.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) none

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Senator Rivas reminded members of the commencement ceremony and the need to secure admission tickets prior to attendance.
- b) Anthony Pappas reminded members of the memorial celebration for Dr. Philip Lerman.

VI. THE BUDGET PROCESS-SHAHIR ERFAN, Vice President for Administration and Finance

- a) VP Erfan made a presentation on the budget and discussed many issues with the Senate including:
 - i. Operating Budget vs. Capital Budget
 - ii. Long term projects and goals (exp. C-Building Façade) and the financing of such projects
 - iii. Fund balances and priorities
 - iv. The process of hiring contractors/subcontractors
 - v. The importance of a collaborative relationship between the Senate and the Business Office; the Senate's role as an oversight body; the importance of transparency.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Senator Sokolski made motion to adjourn; 2nd by Senator Rivas.
 - i. Body adjourned at 4:10p.

Respectfully submitted,



André Keeton
College Senate Secretary &
Senator, Social Science Department