

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes for the College Senate Meeting

May 9, 2018
2:15 p.m.in E500

Present and Voting

Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Reem Jaafar (At-Large Instructional Staff), Loretta Capuano-Vela (At Large Inst. Staff), Rebekah Johnson (At large Instruct. Staff), Fay Butler (At-Large Instructional Staff), Christopher Carozza (At-Large Instr. Staff), Mike Luppi (At-large Student Senator), Aerith Chen (At-large Student Senator), Lilian Yagual (At-large Student Senator), Lope Jan Williams (At-large Student Senator), Priya Thapa (At-Large Student Senator), Rojan KC (At Large Student Senator), Sandhya Lama Tamang (At-large Student Senator), Susana Alvis (At-large Student Senator), Leslie Scamacca (Business and Technology), Jean Buckley-Lockhart (Counseling Dept), Damaris Herron (Div. of Admin), Patricia Sokolski (Div. of Academic Affairs), Maritza Pritsos (Div. of Adult and Continuing Ed.), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Nancy Santangelo (Div. of Student Affairs), William Kurzyna (Ed. & Language Acquisition Dept.), Cristina Bruns (English), Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Ana Lucía Fuentes (Natural Sciences), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Theresa Licari (Health Sciences Dept), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities Dept.), Lenore McShane (Non-Instructional Staff), Taejong Kim (President's Office), Camila Gelpi (Social Science Dept.)
Regrets: Claudia Baldonado

Guests members: Debra Engel (Senate College-Wide Curriculum Committee), Burhan Siddiqui

I.Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sokolski at 2:20 pm

II.Roll Call

III.Approval of the Minutes of the April 25th, 2018 meeting

- Senator Capuano Vella moved to approve the minutes of the April 25th Senate meeting, Senator Rivas Seconded the motion.
The motion was approved unanimously.

IV.Consent Calendar for curriculum items from April 19

- Senator Buckley Lockhart moved motion to approve the consent calendar, Senator Pappas seconded.
The motion to approve consent calendar was approved unanimously

V.2018-2019 Academic Calendar (*Burhan Siddiqui*)

- Senator Fernandez moved to approve the 2018-2019 Senator Jaafar seconded
Approved (32)

VI. Chair's Report

- Update from Maria Cook on change of graduation date: there is continuing discussion with the PSC regarding the number of vacation days.
- Senator Bruns will follow up with Bret Eynon regarding the strategic plan.
- Changes in transfer policies have not been revised. Academic Standing Committee will review the policies at their next meeting on May 14.
- Chair Sokolski proposed to speak with the new Chairs to discuss governance and the role of the Senate.
- Chair Sokolski proposed to change the Senate meeting of the 30th and move it to the 23rd. No change.
- Full Committee Reports will be presented on May 30th.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. **Ad-hoc committee on Food and Security** (*Rebekah Johnson*)
 - Senate Committee "on Hunger" and Food Security Senator Johnston informed the Senate that members of this committee felt the word "hunger" should be added to its name.
 - There is a sub-committee working on a survey to collect data regarding needs of students around food.
 - another sub-committee is preparing proposals on how to collect donations. Senate wants to work with the Nutrition club for a Fall activity.
 - For May 30th meeting: It was suggested that Senate members bring some non-perishable good, as a contribution to the food pantry, for next meeting.
 - Next meeting of the committee will be on Thursday 17, B227 3:30-4:30 pm.
- b. **Professional Development Committee** (*Chris McHale*)
 - Practice has been that in order to approve the theme and presentations for the Fall opening session approval, committee meets with the chairs and the provost. This year's keynote speaker will be local.
 - It was brought to the attention of Senators that Chairs are not part of governance yet they are the ones to approve.
 - Suggestions for role of the Senate: The topic was discussed and the question as to whether this discussion should be taking place at the Senate or whether it should be happening at the departments. Different ideas were brought to the table. No conclusion was reached.
- c. **Ad-Hoc Committee on Transfer** (*Lucia Fuentes*)
 - Senator Fuentes informed that the Ad-hoc Committee on Transfer is planning a pilot workshop with the intent to get instructors from CUNY colleges together and discuss articulation of particular courses.
- d. **Elections Committee**
 - Chair Sokolski reported that the committee is preparing for the student election in September. Everything will be done online (in September). This will all be administered by the committee of elections. Senator Capuano-Vella makes sure students are eligible to run for Senate.

VIII.Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

IX.New Business

- Senator Johnson brought up changes to time dedicated to remedial courses. Students take too long to graduate. Some possible changes that seem to be proposed:
 - i. Remove courses or place students in Clip for lower level courses
 - ii. Run workshops. Language learning is not remedial it's developmental
- Other issue: the three week "pilot" session. Senator Capuano Vela asked that the results in terms of student success be requested from the administration.
 - i. Senator Fernandez mentioned CUNY's concerns over completion rates

X.Announcements:

- Senator Capuano Vella announced that there will be a Student Survey at laguardia.edu/d4asurvey
- Remember to fill out the self- identification survey

XI. Adjournment

- Senator Rivas moved to adjourn the meeting, Senator Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully Submitted by
Senator A. Lucia Fuentes
Vice-Chair and Acting Secretary