

**LaGuardia Community College  
Minutes for the College Senate**

Meeting Nov 20, 2019

Room E501

**Present and Voting**

Hara Bastas (Faculty Council), Allie Brashears (Natural Sciences), Cristy Bruns (English), Rachel Boccio (English), Jean Buckley Lockhart (Counselling), Cindy Busch (Institutional Advancement), Fay Butler (Student Affairs), Loretta Capuano-Vella (At-Large Instructional Staff), Maritza Pristos (Adult & Continuing Education, Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Glizner (At-Large Adjunct), Jill Kehoe (Social Sciences), William Kurzyna (Education and Language Acquisition), Theresia Litvay-Sardou (Information Tech), Marina Nechayeva (Mathematics, Engineering & Computer Science), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Eneida Rivas (At-Large Instructional Staff), Tara Scales (Health Sciences), Leslie Scamacca (Business and Tech), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Liena Vayzman (Humanities Alt.).

**At-Large Student Members Present and Voting**

Angelis Almanzar (Alternate), Brian Anderson, Lobsang Dolma, Hande Erkan (Alternate), Priyanka Koirala, Casey Larsen, Shoma Nahar (Alternate), Nazmus Saquib, Christina Wong, Joseline Zambrano.

**Present Non-Voting**

Deborah Engel, Alexandra Rojas

**Guests and Visitors (non-voting)**

Patricia Quesada and Ely Santiago (MBJ)

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 2:18pm by Chairperson Sokolski.

**II. Approval of Minutes of Oct 30, 2019**

Minutes from Oct 30, 2019 were accepted with corrections made by Cristy Bruns.

**III. Curriculum**

Motion to approve the Senate's College-wide Curriculum Committee Consent calendar was made by Loretta Capuano and seconded by Cindy Busch. Vote: 17 Aye, 0 No, 0 Abstain.  
Motion passed.

**IV. Chair's Report**

Chair Sokolski presented on the issue of staff inclusion in presidential searches. Chairperson Sokolski went to LaGuardia Community College archives to review how the past presidential searches were conducted. In the past staff was included in presidential searches campus through an open candidate forum. It is unlikely that this type of forum will be held again because it is felt by the Chancellor that this type of interview process may

discourage candidates from applying. The senate is interested in polling other CUNY campus' to see if there is any precedent for presidential searches and staff inclusion. The senate supports staff in being involved in the presidential search process moving forward. The senate will write a letter to the Chancellor about the issue in order to support a senate resolution on the issue.

Chair Sokolski shared that the senate has been asked to present at the executive council on the revisions being made to the governance plan. The governance plan revision committee will attend and present this coming Friday Nov 22, 2019.

Chair Sokolski also presented that LaGuardia governance leaders recently met with Interim President Arcario. This is required quarterly. Interim President Arcario is interested in engaging in conversation with the governance representatives about key issues. One of the topics of conversation was bullying. The Interim president feels that a review of the protocols that support the reporting of bullying incidents needs to be evaluated.

#### **V. Recall of Senators**

Two student senators have not attended two meetings and missed the student senator orientation. Chairperson Sokolski sent an email to these students. Motion presented to recall student Senators Diabelis Acosta and Priyanka Thapa. Vote: 18 Aye, 0 No, 0 Abstain. The motion carries. Alternate student senator Hande Erkan will be promoted to full student senator.

#### **VI. Revision of the Governance Plan- Articles 1 and 2**

Senator Leslie Scamacca presented the revisions of the governance plan (Articles 1 and 2). A discussion ensued related to the proposed revisions. Senator Scamacca requested that Article 3 of the plan be reviewed by members before the next meeting.

#### **VII. Committee Reports**

Committee on Campus Affairs:<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Senator Eneida Rivas presented on MBJ pricing increases. Senator Rivas handed out a spreadsheet of the proposed new MBJ pricing to the body. MBJ representatives presented on the pricing increases explaining that prices have not increased since 2014 for either the regular MBJ cafes or Starbucks café. Questions ensued from the body about the MBJ-Starbucks relationship and the justification for the pricing increases. Student Senator Brian Anderson commented that students have concerns on raising prices. Cristy Bruns made a motion to vote on MBJ price increases. Vote: Aye-14, No-11, Abstain-0, The motion does not carry.

Chairperson Sokolski was asked by the executive council to have the senate committees consider and present what they would like to put forward as projects/focal issues for the year.

**VIII. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**IX. New Business**

There was no new business.

**X. Announcements**

Senator Anthony Pappas announced the Alumni Association Holiday Book Sale to take place Monday November 25, 2019 at 7pm in the E-atrium. Alternate Senator Liena Vayzman, representing the Committee of Diversity and Inclusion, announced the recently held Micro-aggressions event.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Senator Enieda Rivas and seconded by Senator Lobsang Dolma. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.