



**Executive Council Meeting  
Wednesday, April 2, 2015  
10:00 am-12:00 p.m. in E-518**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Gail O. Mellow, Paul Arcario, Michael Baston, Shahir Erfan, Robert Jaffe, Susan Lyddon, Henry Saltiel, Jane Schulman, Rosemary Talmadge, Jessica Mendoza

### **1. Achieving the Dream (ATD) Coaches**

A conference call was held with the ATD Coaches Bernadine Fong and Lynn Tincher-Ladner. The Executive Council had a discussion with the ATD Coaches in regards to the ATD coaches' visiting report, its findings and recommendations. P. Arcario will reconnect with Bernadine Fong and Lynn Tincher-Ladner to further discuss ATD coaches' findings. IR Director Nathan Dickmeyer and Lynn Tincher-Ladner will connect in regard to data visualization.

**Action:** Bernadine will send over the materials that were given to the LaGuardia team who attended the ATD conference. **DONE**

### **2. Post-Cabinet Meeting Reflection and Discussion**

President Mellow led a discussion regarding reactions to the President's Cabinet meeting. Discussion noted the challenges at the meeting, including interruption because of a fire drill and the difficulty in completing the Cabinet's exercises.

### **3. CUNY2020 for 2015-16**

President Mellow asked the Executive Council what Vice President Erfan should present at the CUNY2020 meeting. Pres. Mellow suggested that the presentation should be centered on the technology sector. J. Schulman suggested that LaGuardia build a business technology center, where faculty, students and business come together. H. Saltiel would like to see an environment built around programmers, coders, hackers where they can collaborate and encourage peer learning. R. Jaffe suggested having a 24 hour 7 days a week tech center, where LaGuardia can help companies and the community grow. He also stated that the proposal must be focused on economic development and job creation.

### **4. Divisional Reports**

PA/AA-Governor's budget included language on mandated experiential education; we are awaiting action by the CUNY Board of Trustees on this matter in June. Asked if H. Saltiel can send an email communicating when we will officially transition from Groupwise to Exchange.

RT/PO-Handed out the final list of the Middle States Review committee members. The group will convene in May but will not officially start until next Fall.

MB/SA-Testing out new student orientation and advisement for admitted students this month. They are not registering them for classes, however they are advising them about majors and to see if they have all of their required tests. Effort is designed to create a deeper connection to the college for incoming students.

SE/ADM-Hunter College will possibly start construction in Fall 2015 of the health sciences floor in the C-Building. Library project has now entered the second phase of construction.