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- f. Effect activities which develop and encourage professional growth, diversity and morale;
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• ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Faculty Council. It will be referred to hereafter as F.C.

• ARTICLE 2: Membership

Section 1: Membership of the F.C. shall be composed of those members of the instructional staff of LaGuardia Community College (CUNY) who are subject to the reappointment and tenure review process, including those holding professorial titles, instructors, lecturers and college laboratory technicians, excluding those currently serving as president, vice presidents, deans or other administrators and chairperson.

Section 2: Any member of the F.C. as defined above may participate in F.C. meetings and committees. This includes eligibility for election to office.

• ARTICLE 3: Voting Representatives, Officers and the Executive Committee

Section 1: Each academic department in the Division of Academic Affairs shall elect a representative who will have one vote and an alternate representative who will vote in the absence of the official representative.

Section 2: The officers of the F.C. shall be the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall have one vote. This body shall be known as the Board of Officers.

Section 3: The Board of Officers in combination with the departmental representatives shall comprise the Executive Committee.

• ARTICLE 4: Elections

Section 1: Departmental representatives and alternates shall be elected in the fall and shall serve a two-year term.

Section 2: The officers of the F.C. shall be elected in the spring and shall serve a two-year term.

Section 3: Election of the department representative shall be conducted by majority vote. If majority vote is not secured, then vote again until reached.

Section 4: The F.C. will issue a College-wide call for nominations for department representatives (rather than officers). Voting members will nominate and vote for officers

• **ARTICLE 5: Meetings**

Section 1: The F.C. shall meet once a month during the Fall 1 and Spring 1 terms, and at such other times as are deemed appropriate by the President, the Board of Officers or the Executive Committee.

Section 2: Advance notice of the time and place of meetings of the F.C., Executive Committee and/or the Board of Officers shall be given via e-mail or campus mail. F.C. meetings are open to all F.C. members.

Section 3: Upon written application of 30 members of the F.C., setting forth the objects and purposes thereof, the President must call a special meeting. Notice of the special meeting must be sent to all members with as much notice as possible prior to the date of the meeting. The notice shall indicate the proposed agenda, time and place of the special meeting.

• **ARTICLE 6: Records**

Section 1: The permanent records, books, property and funds of the F.C. shall be maintained and controlled by the Executive Committee.

• **ARTICLE 7: Amendments**

Section 1: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the F.C. whose ballots are returned to the Corresponding Secretary within fourteen (14) days of distribution during any regular academic term.

Section 2: An amendment may be proposed by any member of the F.C. This amendment shall be filed in writing with the Corresponding Secretary to be considered at the next regular meeting of the F.C. If two-thirds of all voting members consider that it warrants submission to a vote of the general membership, and vote to submit it, a ballot shall be prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and sent to all members.

By-Laws

• ARTICLE 1: Duties and Authorities of the Officers

Section 1: Duties and Authorities of the President

It shall be the duty of the President:

1. To convene and preside at all meetings;
2. To have general charge and supervision of and responsibility for the affairs of the F.C.;
3. To perform all the duties vested in the office of the President;
4. In the absence of any other officer, to assume the duties of the absentee's office or appoint an appropriate substitute.

Section 2: Duties and Authorities of the Vice President

It shall be the duty of the Vice President:

1. To assist the President at the President's request;
2. In the absence of the President, to perform all duties of the President;
3. To perform such other duties as the office may require.

Section 3: Duties and Authorities of the Corresponding Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary:

1. To record and keep on file the names and addresses of F.C. officers, departmental/divisional representatives and other interested parties;
2. To hold safely as custodian¹ of and in behalf of the F.C. all books, correspondence and copies thereof. and any and all other records which are required to be kept;
3. To send due notice of all meetings to officers, departmental/divisional representatives and alternates, and to post such notice to the membership of the F.C.;
4. To distribute copies of the minutes to officers, departmental/divisional representatives and alternates, and other interested parties;
5. To perform such other duties as the office may require.

Section 4: Duties and Authorities of the Recording Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary:

1. To attend all meetings and record all proceedings of such meetings and the names of all members who attend;
2. To make copies of such proceedings in a number sufficient to allow for distribution to officers, departmental/divisional representatives and alternates and other interested parties;
3. To forward the record of those proceedings to the Corresponding Secretary in a timely manner;
4. To perform such other duties as the office may require.

Section 5: Duties and Authorities of the Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

1. To receive and deposit all funds and credits of or in behalf of the F.C. in accordance with the standard practice of LaGuardia Community College;
2. Except as otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws, to take, receive, hold and keep safely as custodian of or in behalf of the F.C. all property and other physical assets which may come into the ownership, possession or control of the F.C.;
3. In coordination with the business office, keep regular accounts of all receipts, disbursements and financial reports and have available when requested;
4. To draw up, sign and remit expenditures of or on behalf of the F.C. All checks shall be authorized by the President or the Treasurer of the F.C. and signed in accordance with the standard practice of LaGuardia Community College. All expenditures must be supported by proper documentation.
5. To coordinate F.C.'s Student Scholarship Committee
6. To perform such other duties as the office may require.

• **ARTICLE 2: Duties and Authority of the Executive Committee_**

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee (F.C. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Department Representatives):

1. To coordinate all policies and programs of the F.C.;
2. To establish committees of the F.C.;
3. To do allthings deemed by it to be necessary to protect the interests of the members of the F.C.

• **ARTICLE 3: Vacancies of Officers and Departmental/Divisional Representatives**

Section 1: Should the President resign or otherwise vacate, then the Vice President shall immediately succeed to the position.

Section 2: Should a departmental/divisional representative resign or otherwise vacate the position during the term in progress, the alternate shall immediately succeed to the position. Election of a new alternate will be held at the next regularly scheduled departmental meeting.

• **ARTICLE 4: Impeachment procedures**

Articles of impeachment shall be required to initiate impeachment proceedings. The articles shall consist of the charges alleged against the individual in question by one-fifth of the F.C. members, in writing. Any alleged offender so charged may appear before the Faculty Council Executive Committee to present a reply to the charge(s). A two-thirds vote of the Faculty Council is necessary to remove a representative.