

LaGuardia Community College
College Senate Meeting
November 30, 2022
2:15-4:30 pm
E-501 and Zoom

Present and Voting

Cristy Bruns (English), Jean Buckley-Lockhart (Counseling), Cindy Busch (Division of Institutional Advancement), Aimeelyn Calandria (Division of Institutional Advancement), J. Elizabeth Clark (At-Large Instructional), Erika Correa (Division of Adult & Continuing Education), Claudette Davis (Natural Sciences), Donniece Davis-Cooper (Division of Student Success), Douglas DiCarlo (At-Large Instructional), Crystal Franklin (President's Office), Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Gentjana Gurraj (Student), Sumanth Inukonda (Humanities), Rochell Isaac (Faculty Council), JongWook "Ryan" Jhin (SGA President), Rebekah Johnson (ELA), Karamvir Kaur (Division of Administration), Jill Kehoe (Social Sciences), Lucie Mingla (At-Large Instructional), Margaret O'Sullivan (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Arianna Pena (Student), Susan Ranjitkar (Student), Eneida Rivas (At-Large Instructional Staff), Sabine Rospide (President's Office), Tara Scales (Health Science), Leslie Scamacca (Business and Technology), Patricia Sokolski (Division of Academic Affairs), Sandra Sze (MEC)

Present and Non-Voting

Kenneth Adams, Cheri Carr, Rosemay Chaperon, Maria Cook, Tom Dempsey, Misun Dokko, Maureen Doyle, Alexa Duque, Debra Engel, Hugo Fernandez, Paul Fess, Carlos Freire, Bukurie Gjoci, Albert Jimenez, Lloyd Klein, Ryan Mann-Hamilton, Ian McDermott, Maritza Pritsos, Alex Rojas, Lilla Toke, Philip Torres, Charis Victory

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:26pm by Chairperson Cristy Bruns.

II. Approval of Agenda

The Senate unanimously approved the agenda for the November 30, 2022 Senate meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the November 9, 2022 Meeting

Chairperson Bruns asked if there were any modifications to the November 9, 2022 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

IV. Vote on Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar Items from November 10, 2022

A motion to approve the curriculum committee consent calendar items from November 10, 2022 was made by Senator Correa. This was seconded by Senator O'Sullivan. **Vote: Aye-25, Nay-0, Abstain-1.** The Curriculum Committee consent calendar items from November 10, 2022 were approved.

V. Second and Final Vote on the Revised Governance Plan

Senator Buckley Lockhart moved to approve the Governance Plan as revised. This was seconded by Senator Busch. **Vote: Aye-27, Nay-0, Abstain-0.** The motion to approve the revised Governance Plan was unanimously approved.

VI. Election of Student Member to Executive Committee

Student Senator Pena nominated Student Senator Ranjitkar for the position of Executive Committee student member. He accepted the nomination. Student Senator Ranjitkar nominated Student Senator Pena. She accepted the nomination. The nominees gave brief speeches. Student Senator Ranjitkar received 13 votes and Student Senator Pena received 15. Student Senator Pena was elected to the position of Executive Committee student member.

VII. Election of Student Members to Committee on Committees

Student Senator Pena nominated Student Senator Ranjitkar for the position of Committee on Committees student member. He accepted the nomination. Student Senator Ranjitkar was unanimously elected to the position of Committee on Committees student member.

VIII. Invitation of President Kenneth Adams

President Adams recounted the August 2022 cabinet retreat during which members identified three areas of concern and opportunity. The creation of three “Priority Initiative Planning Teams” will be announced in an upcoming Campus Update with a call for volunteers. The advising initiative will be led by Dr. Billie Gastic Rosado and Dr. Fay Butler, the guided pathways initiative will be led by Sunil Gupta and Dr. Eric Hofmann, and the professional development initiative will be led by Marta Clark and Assuanta Howard. Groups are led by cabinet members so that they are directly accountable to President Adams. Groups will assess current conditions, identify best practices, and develop plans for implementation. Once the groups’ leaders are finished writing their mission statements, they will invite members and start meetings. Student input will also be elicited.

President Adams announced that the LaGuardia Performing Arts Center will be relocated from Academic Affairs to Administration and Finance under Evelyn Lowmark. This move will hopefully bring additional revenue by renting out space for events and better integrate LaGuardia with the larger community. The college will need to balance booking outside events with hosting LaGuardia events, making sure not to overlook our own needs for space and facilities.

Student Senators raised concerns about the lack of food options on campus. Vending machines are frequently empty, and many café options are expensive. President Adams suggested that the college may explore other vendors if MJB is unable to provide what we need. The Committee on Campus Affairs will look into these issues, but reminded the Senate that vending machine prices are mandated by CUNY. Senator Sokolski suggested exploring the option of managing our own campus food service like the College of Staten Island.

Council Member Julie Won and City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams secured \$5 million to support the “3,000 Heroes” campaign. Funds will be used to upgrade and expand training facilities for frontline healthcare workers. Hopefully, this capital funding

will increase the number of graduating healthcare workers to 3,000 over the next five years.

President Adams agreed with Senators that students need more space for relaxation and leisure on campus. Senator Davis-Cooper announced that M118 will be transformed into a space for students starting in the spring. Senator Buckley Lockhart requested a space specifically designed to meet the needs of neurodiverse students.

IX. Chair's Report

The Executive Committee put out a call for volunteers to fill vacant At-Large Senator seats. Ten volunteers responded. Vacancies for Senator and Alternate Senators were filled for a one-year term.

CUNY Council of Faculty Leaders discussed the CUNY-wide initiative on transfer, the new UFS ad-hoc committee on transfer, and the CUNY-wide survey focusing on vertical transfer. Information gleaned from this meeting was passed along to the LaGuardia Senate Transfer Committee. The meeting also featured a presentation from CUNY Recognizing and Rewarding Excellence in Teaching Task Force. The Task Force wants to standardize getting letters from outside reviewers for tenure/promotion despite community colleges not typically adopting this practice. CUNY Council of Faculty Leaders and LaGuardia Senators voiced similar concerns focused on equity amongst faculty members and adding additional tasks to the already extensive tenure/promotion process.

The Senate YouTube channel is up and will be improved. Meetings are recorded and will be posted in accordance with Open Meetings Law and our Videoconferencing Resolution.

Despite the Senate approving the June 2022 e-bike policy, it was never sent to VP Shahir Erfan for implementation. Chairperson Bruns resolved the issue, apologizing and sending the policy. Implementation will begin January 2023. Senators stressed the importance of campus-wide communication of the policy, visible signage, proper enforcement, and ample space for e-bike storage.

Executive Committee members debated moving committee reports to earlier in the meeting. Non-Senator committee chairs often stay for the meeting's entirety to provide a short update. If we want to encourage non-senate members to participate and chair committees, limiting meeting attendance may be helpful in doing that. Suggestions for restructuring the Senate agenda should be sent to Chairperson Bruns.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Committee on Committees (Charis Victory, Chair)

Chair Victory reported that the Committee on Committees is looking for faculty and staff members to join the Transfer Committee and Committee on Elections and two student members to join the Committee on Campus Affairs.

- ii. Curriculum Committee (Debra Engel, Chair)
See above for curriculum approval.
- iii. The Academic Standing Committee (Lilla Toke, Chair)
The Academic Standing Committee will bring a revised Exemption Policy and a revised Attendance Policy to the Senate for approval in the new year.
- iv. Committee on Campus Affairs (Eneida Rivas, Chair)
The Committee on Campus Affairs elected Anthony Pappas and Evelyn Lowmark to serve as co-chairs. Maria Rivas will serve as secretary. The committee met with HR Executive Director Marta Clark regarding the proposed children on campus policy. She will return to the next meeting with a revised policy for a committee vote. If approved, it will come to the Senate for a vote. Cheri Carr and Koun Eum of the Student-Parent Initiative are also requesting feedback to help inform discussions on the issue.
- v. The Committee of Faculty (Dianne Gordon Conyers and Claudette Davis, Co-Chairs)
The Committee of Faculty is meeting after the Senate session to confer degrees for students graduating in Spring 2022.
- vi. The Committee on Professional Development (Deborah McMillan-Coddington and Derek Stadler, Co-Chairs)
Nothing to report.
- vii. The Budget and Finance Committee (Patricia Sokolski)
Nothing to report.
- viii. The Committee of Staff and Alumni (Cindy Busch and Donniece Davis-Cooper, Co-Chairs)
The Committee of Staff and Alumni discussed the children on campus policy. They will discuss a wish list at their next meeting.
- ix. The Committee of Students (Gentjana Gurraj and Susan Ranjitkar, Co-Chairs)
The Committee of Students will create a wish list. They also intend to collaborate with SGA on a drop box for student input.
- x. The Committee on Elections (Seurette Bazalais, Chair)
Please consider joining the Committee on Elections. Senators and non-Senators are able to join.
- xi. The Executive Committee (Cristy Bruns, Chair)

See above for Chair's Report.

- xii. Transfer Committee (Alexa Duque and Misun Dokko, Co-Chairs)
The Transfer Committee will meet on Friday to continue their restructuring effort. They are also working on developing a Spring project.
- xiii. Food Insecurity, Justice, and Community Need Committee (Rebekah Johnson, Chair)
The FIJCNC is sponsoring the Self Care Winter Drive to collect supplies or funds for supplies on behalf of LaGuardia CARES. Please promote the drive among your constituencies. The FIJCNC is also working with the LaGuardia Humanitarian Initiative to host a food justice conference on May 24, 2023 and another "canstruction" event. Faculty, staff, and student involvement is encouraged.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

- i. Governance Plan Revision Committee (Leslie Scamacca, Chair)
With the approval of the revised Governance Plan, the Governance Plan Revision Committee is now resolved. We thank them for their hard work.
- ii. IT Advisory Committee (Jaime Riccio and Ian McDermott, Co-Chairs)
The IT Advisory Committee is currently focused on Spring 2023 laptop and chrome book loans. They look forward to getting a report on the new email platform and are hopeful of bringing eduroam access to LaGuardia so that CUNY affiliates can log into other CUNY WIFI networks.
- iii. History Committee (Loretta Capuano-Vella and Charles Keyes, Co-Chairs)
Nothing to report.
- iv. Online Learning Committee (J. Elizabeth Clark and Sandra Sze, Co-Chairs)
Nothing to report.
- v. Personnel & Budget Article Committee (Patricia Sokolski, Chair)
The committee is meeting on December 15th to start drafting articles. They hope to be finished by the end of Fall II 2022.

c. Non-Senate Committees

- i. Advising Council (Jean Buckley Lockhart, Senate Representative)
The implementation of Advisement 3.0 will include professional development.
- ii. Enrollment Management Planning Group (Jill Kehoe, Senate Representative)
Nothing to report.

X. Unfinished Business

None.

XI. New Business

The January Senate meeting will feature a Robert's Rules Refresher Series on the topic of new business. The Executive Committee is currently exploring options to allow for more time to introduce new business.

XII. Announcements

The Faculty Council auction will take place from 3-5pm on December 14th to help fund student scholarships.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Isaac. This was seconded by Senator Rivas. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2022