

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes for the College Senate Meeting
April 10, 2024
2:15-4:30 pm
E-500 and Zoom

Voting Senators: In-Person

Agim Alovic (Student), Cristy Bruns (English), Jean Buckley Lockhart (Counseling), Aimeelyn Calandria (Division of Institutional Advancement), Erika Correa (Division of Adult & Continuing Education), Donniece Davis-Cooper (Division of Student Affairs), Douglas DiCarlo (At-Large Instructional Staff), Lisa Flores (Health Science), Daniel Gertner (At-Large Instructional Staff), Annette Hamilton (Division of Enrollment Management), Sumanth Inukonda (Humanities), John Jara Morales (Student), Karamvir Kaur (Division of Administration), Jill Kehoe (Social Science), Shannon Lund (At-Large Instructional Staff), Thomas Onorato (Division of Academic Affairs), Margaret O'Sullivan (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Sabine Rospide (President's Office), Roman Senkov (Natural Sciences), Easter Sim (Student), Sojung Sim (Student), Elizabeth Streich (Division of Communication and External Affairs), Sandra Sze (MEC)

Voting Senators: Online

Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Rochell Isaac (Faculty Council), Rebekah Johnson (ELA)

Non-Voting Attendees: In-Person

Caterina Almendral, Loretta Capuano-Vella, Misun Dokko, Philip Gimber, Lloyd Klein, Ian McDermott, Patricia Sokolski, Kenneth Adams

Non-Voting Attendees: Online

Hugo Fernandez, Dionne Miller, Michael Napolitano, Bindu Pillai, Maritza Pritsos, Alex Rojas, Derek Stadler, Kimberly Wright

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bruns at 2:34pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to include a vote on the establishment of the Community Health and Wellness Department. The Senate unanimously approved the amended agenda for April 10, 2024 meeting.

III. Approval of the Minutes from March 13, 2024

Hearing no changes, Chair Bruns approved the minutes for March 13, 2024

IV. Vote on Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar Item from March 14, 2024

A motion to approve the curriculum committee consent calendar items from March 14, 2024 was made by Senator Morales. Senator Correa second the motion.

Vote: Aye-22, Nay-0, Abstain-0. The curriculum consent calendar was approved.

V. Vote on Duties and Election of Department Chairpersons for Governance Plan

A motion to postpone the vote for the May 8th meeting until Senate receives more feedback from academic departmentas was made by Senator Rospide. Senator Correa second the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

VI. Presentation from President Kenneth Adams

- a. President Adams shared that LaGuardia received a \$116 million capital grant to renovate the 4th and 5th floor of the C-building. The project is expected to last four years.
- b. Enrollment is up 10%. FTEs are up 10%. Readmits are returning. We are seeing more international students enroll.
- c. The Transfer Office has moved to advisement.
- d. The college is researching possibilities for turnstiles at the entrances for Buildings E and C.

VII. Presentation from Kimberly Wright, facilitator of Strategic Planning process

The college is holding a forum on May 3rd to discuss student success. There are touch points throughout May. Look out for information on the strategic plan. You can volunteer and make suggestions through suggestion boxes across campus.

VIII. Vote on Resolution establishing the Department of Community Health and Wellness

Senator Onorato moved to postpone the vote on the resolution establishing the Department of Community Health and Wellness until the May 8 meeting to allow more time to consider the matter. Senator Davis-Cooper seconded. The vote: Aye-5, No-20, Abstain-1. The motion to postpone failed.

Senator Streich moved to approve the resolution establishing the Department of Community Health and Wellness. Senator Flores seconded the motion. The vote: Aye-21, No-1, Abstain-4. Motion approved.

IX. Chair's Report

- a. Chair Bruns is working with a small group from CUNY University Faculty Senate and Council of Faculty Governance Leaders to draft and propose alternative language to the changes proposed by University Provost Wendy Hensel to the CUNY Bylaws.
- b. Volunteers are needed to create a Ombuds project. Staff are needed.
- c. The Senate filled vacancies on the Committee on Committees, but none are able to serve as Chair so the committee will not meet this Senate year. Those who need assistance filling vacancies on other committees should contact Chairperson Bruns.

- d. Because there is no time remaining in the Senate meeting, committee reports should be submitted by email.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Committee on Committees (Vacant, Chair)
No report
- ii. Curriculum Committee (Dilrukshan Wijesinghe, Chair)
No report
- iii. The Academic Standing Committee (Caterina Almendral, Interim Chair)
Report on file.
- iv. Committee on Campus Affairs (Evelyn Lowmark and Anthony Pappas, Co-Chairs)
No report
- v. The Committee of Faculty (Daniel Gertner, Chair)
No report
- vi. The Committee on Professional Development (Deborah McMillan-Coddington and Derek Stadler, Co-Chairs)
 - 1. The Committee on Professional Development is scheduling the Spring meeting for early May. The date is to be determined.
 - 2. The next Ruhma Choudhury Research Colloquium will be held May 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - 3. The Diversity & Inclusion subcommittee is looking looking into recruiting new members.
- vii. The Budget and Finance Committee (Patricia Sokolski, Chair)
No report
- viii. The Committee of Staff and Alumni (Donniece Davis-Cooper and Karamvir Kaur, Co-Chairs)
No report
- ix. The Committee of Students (Sojung Sim, Chair)
Student senators raised concerns about limits on applying for competitive programs and enrolling in certain electives.
- x. The Committee on Elections (Vacant, Chair)
No report
- xi. The Executive Committee (Cristy Bruns, Chair)
- xii. Transfer Committee (Alexa Duque and Misun Dokko, Co-Chairs)
Will submit report
- xiii. Food Insecurity, Justice, and Community Need Committee (Rebekah Johnson, Chair) No report

b. Ad Hoc Committees

- i. IT Advisory Committee (Jaime Riccio and Ian McDermott, Co-Chairs)
No report
- ii. History Committee (Charles Keyes, Co-Chairs)
No report

- iii. Online Learning Committee (Sandra Sze and Joshua Tan, Co-Chairs)
No report
- iv. Senate Assessment & Review Committee (Leslie Scamacca, Chair)
No report

c. Non-Senate Committees

- i. Advising Council (Jean Buckley Lockhart, Senate Representative)
No report

XII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

XIII. New Business

- a. Chair Bruns Senate Calendar for 2024-2025 is in the works
- b. Senator Buckley proposed Senate create a deadline for submitting proposals. Chair is moving the request to the Executive Senate Committee.

XIV. Announcements

Vice Chair Kehoe thanked everyone for attending the Sedar.

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm

Next Meeting: May 8, 2024