

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes for the College Senate Meeting
March 13, 2024
2:15-4:30 pm
E-500 and Zoom

Voting Senators: In-Person

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), John Fletcher (SGA President), Daniel Gertner (At-Large Instructional Staff), Dianne Gordon Conyers (Library), Annette Hamilton (Division of Enrollment Management), Abdul Hashim (At-Large Instructional Staff), Mehedi Hassan (Student), Sumanth Inukonda (Humanities), Rochell Isaac (Faculty Council), Sada Hye Jaman (Business & Technology), John Jara Morales (Student), Jill Kehoe (Social Science), 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

Agim Alovic (Student), Anwarul Azim (Online), Lisa Flores (Health Science), Rebekah Johnson (ELA), Zahara Mutebi (Student), Aliyah Robinson (Student)

Non-Voting Attendees: In-Person

Alex Rojas, Patricia Sokolski

Non-Voting Attendees: Online

Karim Ahmed, Caterina Almendral, Daniel Capic, Loretta Capuano-Vella, Claudette Davis, Hugo Fernandez, Charles Keyes, Maritza Pritsos, Derek Stadler

Votes

Curriculum: Aye-26, No-0, Abstain-0

Online Learning Policy: Unanimous

Executive Committee Replacement: Roman Senkov-23

- I. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order by Chair Bruns at 2:23pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda**
The Senate unanimously approved the agenda for the March 13, 2024 College Senate meeting.
- III. Approval of the Minutes from January 10, 2024**

Chair Brunns asked if there were any other modifications. The minutes was approved with the correction of Anthony Pappas attending on Zoom and not in person as previously noted.

- IV. Vote on Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar Item from February 8, 2024.** A motion to approve the curriculum committee consent calendar items from February 8, 2024 was made by Senator Pappas. Senator Buckley seconded the motion.
Vote: Aye-26, Nay-0, Abstain-0. The curriculum consent calendar was approved.

- V. Vote on Academic Year 2024-2025 Calendar.**
Chair Brunns shared that the academic year 2024-2025 calendar has been amended. The vote is being postponed until next week, which is after the Academic Standing Committee meets. We will hold an electronic vote.

- VI. Vote on Online Learning Policy**
Caterina Almendral, Chair of the Academic Standing Committee presented a new Online Learning Policy that states minimum requirements for students enrolling in each learning modality. Senator Correa moved to approve the proposed Online Learning policy. This was seconded by Senator Isaacs. The Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy in a voice vote.

- VII. Election to fill vacancy in Senate's Executive Committee**
Senator DiCarolo is stepping down from an at-large seat on the Executive Committee. Chair Brunns urged Faculty Senators to step-up on the work of Senate, while noting the large staff participation. Patricia Sokolski noted the inequity regarding faculty and staff serving on Senate because contributions and recognition for faculty and staff are different. Chair Brunns called for nominations. Roman Senkov nominated himself. He was elected. Aye: 22, No: 0

- VIII. Election to fill vacancies in Committee on Committees**
Senator Buckley and Senator Pappas nominated themselves to serve on the committee of committees and were elected by voice vote.

- IX. Discussion of proposed Chairs' Duties for Governance Plan**
Members of the Senate provided feedback on the draft document to be compiled and returned to the Chairs Council for their review

- X. Chair's Report**
- a. Chair Brunns shared the importance of Roberts Rules and addressed questions regarding the open meetings law. Alternate senators vote in absence of the senator. In instances where the senator is on zoom, the senator's vote is counted.
 - b. LaGuardia is no longer subject to the CUNY VRB and President Adams has decided that the LaGuardia's VRB is no longer necessary. LaGuardia is in a better financial situation than other colleges. Hiring decisions still need to go through HR. VPs of

each division will manage the hiring of each unit. New positions can be filled if there is a new vacancy, or when someone retires.

- c. President Adams is coming to our April 9th Senate meeting

XI. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Committee on Committees (Vacant, Chair)
See section VII noted above
- ii. Curriculum Committee (Dilrukshan Wijesinghe, Chair)
No report
- iii. The Academic Standing Committee (Caterina Almendral, Chair)
See report above, section V.
- iv. Committee on Campus Affairs (Evelyn Lowmark and Anthony Pappas, Co-Chairs)
No report
- v. The Committee of Faculty (Daniel Gertner, Chair)
Meeting after Senate on 3/13.
- vi. The Committee on Professional Development (Deborah McMillan-Coddington and Derek Stadler, Co-Chairs)
The Research Consortium on Diversity, Equity Inclusion, is recruiting new members. Faculty and subcommittees will have discussions today.
- vii. The Budget and Finance Committee (Patricia Sokolski, Chair)
The committee is waiting to see the city's budget, which will determine if we face cuts.
- viii. The Committee of Staff and Alumni (Donniece Davis-Cooper and Karamvir Kaur, Co-Chairs)
We met in January to discuss concerns that our constituents are facing with the information shared by HR. The information is related to retiree information or time and leave policies which are not clear. We'll continue to work with HR and Communications to identify and clearly relay that information on the website.
- ix. The Committee of Students (Sojung Sim, Chair)
No report
- x. The Committee on Elections (Vacant, Chair)

No report

- xi. The Executive Committee (Cristy Bruns, Chair)

See Chair's report

- xii. Transfer Committee (Alexa Duque and Misun Dokko, Co-Chairs)

Transfer Committee has a new mission statement on the senate website.

- 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 (Loretta Capuano-Vella and Charles Keyes, Co-Chairs)

Through the assistance of Thomas Cleary (Institutional Archivist) the committee will be getting the assistance of Liv Veazey. Liz is an Institutional Archives research assistant at LaGuardia on the NEH Oral History grant.

- iii. Online Learning Committee (Sandra Sze and Joshua Tan, Co-Chairs)

Next meeting is in April.

- 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

None

XIII. New Business

none

XIV. Announcements

None

XV. Adjournment

Senate was adjourned at 4:16pm

Next Meeting: April 10, 2024