

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes for the College Senate Meeting
October 23, 2024
2:15-4:30 pm
E-500 and Zoom

In-Person Votes

Aowshaful Alam Jafin (Student), Cristy Bruns (English), Jean Buckley Lockhart (Counseling), Aimeelyn Calandria (President's Office), Luke Cardaio (At-Large Instructional Staff), Randy Changoo (Division of Enrollment Management), Thomas Cleary (Library), Douglas DiCarlo (At-Large Instructional Staff), Lisa Flores (Health Sciences), Mehedi Hassan (Student), Md Nayeem Hossain (Student), Givanni Ildefonso-Sanchez (ELA), Sada Hye Jaman (Business and Technology), John Jara Morales (SGA), Celina Johnson (Student), Karamvir Kaur (Division of Administration), Jill Kehoe (Social Science), Kelly Levy (Student), Jiale Lin (Student), Naomi Marajh (At-Large Instructional Staff), Margaret O'Sullivan (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Athena Rivera (Student), Leslie Scamacca (Academic Affairs), Roman Senkov (Natural Sciences), Abu Bokkor Siddick (Student), John Smith (Student), Patricia Sokolski (Humanities), Karma Sonan (Student), Elizabeth Streich (Division of Communications and External Affairs), Jiten Tamang (Student), John Toland (Faculty Council), Zofia Tubin (Student), Lakshmi Vidyasagar (MEC), Qingying Wang (Student), Odin Wright (At-Large Adjunct)

Online Votes

Shannon Lund (At-Large Instructional Staff)

Present In-Person

Caterina Almendral, Lloyd Klein, Thomas Onorato, Jaime Riccio

Present Online

Tarif Aznan Sakib, Habiba Boumlik, Hugo Fernandez, Albert Jimenez, Alex Rojas, Derek Stadler

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:24PM by Chairperson Cristy Bruns.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda for the October 23, 2024 Senate meeting was made by Senator Buckley Lockhart. This was seconded by Senator Pappas. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from September 11, 2024

The minutes were approved with one spelling correction.

IV. Creation of ad hoc Academic Integrity Committee

The working group on student conduct and academic integrity recommended that the college create a Chief Academic Integrity Officer position and an Academic Integrity Committee to oversee the issue of academic integrity at the college. President Kenneth Adams, in consultation with Chairperson Bruns, appointed Tameka Battle as Chief Academic Integrity Officer. The Senate has the responsibility of creating the Academic Integrity Committee. The committee will be an ad hoc committee until it formalizes its mission, roles, etc. Senator Streich moved to create an ad hoc Academic Integrity Committee. Student Senator Hassan seconded the motion. The Senate approved the resolution in a voice vote. Chairperson Bruns announced that Jason Schafer, Humanities professor and member of the working group, would chair the committee.

V. Informational Item: Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar Item from Oct. 10, 2024

The Curriculum Committee shared an information item detailing an articulation agreement between LaGuardia's Environmental Science Program's Sustainable Urban Agriculture Track with Brooklyn College's Urban Sustainability Program.

VI. Informational Item: Update to Duties and Elections of Department Chairperson

Provost Gastic Rosado provided minor edits to the Duties and Elections of Department Chairperson document previously approved by the Senate. The changes included adding the phrase "and staff" to statements in the document to reflect the chair's responsibility of taking care of staff in addition to faculty. Other edits reflected changes to the CUNY Bylaws proposed by Executive Vice Chancellor Wendy Hensel. The revised Governance Plan, including the Duties and Elections of Department Chairperson document, will be sent to President Adams and then the Board of Trustees for approval.

VII. Chair's Report

Chairperson Bruns reviewed Open Meetings Law protocols. Senators, not visitors, must keep their cameras on if they attend virtually. Meetings are recorded and posted on the LaGuardia Senate YouTube page.

Chairperson Bruns reminded Senators of the need for a new group photo for the website. Senators agreed to schedule the photo for the December 4th meeting.

Chairperson Bruns reviewed the updated voting procedure discussed at the previous meeting. Alternate Senators attending in-person will now have voting priority over Senators attending online.

President Adams will attend the November 13th Senate meeting to present on the Strategic Plan and solicit feedback.

VIII. Senate's Executive Committee Elections

Chairperson Bruns nominated herself for the position of Chair. **Vote: Aye-34, Nay-0, Abstain-0.**

Senator Kehoe nominated Senator Scamacca for the position of Vice Chair. She accepted the nomination. **Vote: Aye-33, Nay-0, Abstain-1.**

Senator Scamacca nominated Senator Kehoe for the position of Secretary. She accepted the nomination. **Vote: Aye-33, Nay-0, Abstain-0.**

Senator Cardaio nominated Senator Pappas for the position of at-large member of the Executive Committee. He accepted the nomination. Senator Sokolski nominated Senator Buckley Lockhart for the position of at-large member of the Executive Committee. She accepted the nomination. Senator Scamacca nominated Senator Cardaio for the position of at-large member of the Executive Committee. He accepted the nomination.

Vote: Senator Buckley Lockhart-25, Senator Cardaio-23, Senator Pappas-20

Senators Buckley Lockhart and Cardaio were elected to serve as at-large members of the Executive Committee.

Student Senator Hassan nominated Student Senators Lin and Alam Jafin for the positions of student members of the Executive Committee. They accepted the nominations. **Vote: Aye-34, Nay-0, Abstain-0 and Aye-34, Nay-0, Abstain-0.** Student Senators Lin and Alam Jafin were elected to serve as student members of the Executive Committee.

IX. Senate's Committee on Committees Elections

Senator Streich, Alternate Senators Onorato and Wright, and Student Senators Levy and Tamang volunteered to serve on the Committee on Committees. The newly elected members will meet to elect a chair.

X. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Committee on Committees (Vacant, Chair)

Nothing to report.

ii. Curriculum Committee (Dilrukshan Wijesinghe, Chair)

See above for informational item.

iii. The Academic Standing Committee (Caterina Almendral, Chair)

The Academic Standing Committee will host a meet and greet on Monday November 18th from 2:30-3:30PM.

iv. Committee on Campus Affairs (Evelyn Lowmark and Anthony Pappas, Co-Chairs)

Nothing to report.

v. The Committee of Faculty (Lakshmi Vidyasagar, Chair)

The Committee of Faculty will meet following the Senate meeting.

- vi. The Committee on Professional Development (Deborah McMillan-Coddington and Derek Stadler, Co-Chairs)
The Committee on Professional Development is having its semester meeting on Tuesday November 12th at 1:00PM.
- vii. The Budget and Finance Committee (Patricia Sokolski, Chair)
The Budget and Finance Committee listened to a report on the college's auxiliary funds. Money earned from the pool, parking lot, vending machines, cafeteria, etc. is way down. The overall budget is okay due to the college's fiscal conservativeness. Collection rates and enrollment are also up.
- viii. The Committee of Staff and Alumni (Karamvir Kaur, Chair)
The Committee of Staff and Alumni will meet next Monday.
- ix. The Committee of Students (Vacant, Chair)
The Committee of Students will meet to elect a chair.
- x. The Committee on Elections (Vacant, Chair)
Please remind your colleagues to vote!
- xi. The Executive Committee (Cristy Bruns, Chair)
See Chair's report.
- xii. Transfer Committee (Alexa Duque and Misun Dokko, Co-Chairs)
Nothing to report.
- xiii. Food Insecurity, Justice, and Community Need Committee (Rebekah Johnson, Chair)
Nothing to report.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

- i. IT Advisory Committee (Jaime Riccio and Ian McDermott, Co-Chairs)
A new software will be available to assist ACE students without EMPL IDs. Brightspace is coming to LaGuardia in Fall 2025. Faculty will be recruited to serve as trainers for other faculty. There will be in-person and online trainings as well as a resources website.
- ii. History Committee (Charles Keyes, Chair)
Nothing to report.
- iii. Online Learning Committee (Joshua Tan and Michele De Goeas-Malone, Co-Chairs)
Nothing to report.
- iv. Senate Assessment & Review Committee (Leslie Scamacca, Chair)
Nothing to report.

c. Non-Senate Committees

- i. Advising Council (TBD, Senate Representative)
Nothing to report.

XII. Unfinished Business

None.

XIII. New Business

None.

XIV. Announcements

None.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07PM.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2024