

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes for the College Senate Meeting
February 5, 2025
2:15-4:30 pm
E-500 and Zoom

In-Person Votes

Cristy Bruns (English), Jean Buckley Lockhart (Counseling), Aimeelyn Calandria (President's Office), Luke Cardaio (At-Large Instructional Staff), Miguel Carvajal (Community, Health, and Wellness), Douglas DiCarlo (At-Large Instructional Staff), Annette Hamilton (Division of Enrollment Management), Abdul Hashim (At-Large Instructional Staff), Mehedi Hassan (Student), Sada Hye Jaman (Business & Technology), Givanni Ildefonso-Sanchez (ELA), Albert Jimenez (At-Large Instructional Staff), Karamvir Kaur (Division of Administration), Jill Kehoe (Social Science), Kelly Levy (Student), Jiale Lin (Student), Margaret O'Sullivan (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Maritza Pritsos (ACE), Jaime Riccio (Humanities), Roman Senkov (Natural Sciences), Elizabeth Streich (Division of Communications and External Affairs), John Toland (Faculty Council), Odin Wright (At-Large Adjunct)

Online Votes

Donniece Davis-Cooper (Division of Student Affairs), Alex Rojas (Library), Leslie Scamacca (Academic Affairs),

Present In-Person

Thomas Onorato, Abu Bokkor Siddick, Karma Sonan

Present Online

Tameka Battle, Mary DiGangi, Elizabeth Jardine, Helen Skirchak, Derek Stadler, Regina Varin-Mignano, Dilrukshan Wijesinghe

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:25PM by Chairperson Cristy Bruns.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without corrections.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 8, 2025

The minutes were approved with the correction that Senator Onorato be listed as a voting Senator.

IV. Approval of Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar Items from January 23,

2025

A motion to approve the curriculum committee consent calendar items from January 23, 2025 was made by Senator Hashim. This was seconded by Senator Buckley Lockhart.

Vote: Aye-26, Nay-0, Abstain-0. The Curriculum Committee consent calendar items from January 23, 2025 were approved.

V. Vote on the Proposed 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

A motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 Academic Calendar was made by Senator Rojas. This was seconded by Pappas. Academic Standing Committee Chair Almendral informed the Senate that the absence of reading days on the calendar was concerning to LaGuardia, but was not able to be changed. The calendar was approved unanimously.

VI. Vote on the Proposed Academic Integrity Policy

A motion to approve the proposed Academic Integrity Policy was made by Senator O'Sullivan. This was seconded by Senator Streich. Academic Standing Committee Chair Almendral clarified that the current LaGuardia policy does not offer sufficient guidance regarding AI, while the new CUNY Academic Integrity Policy does. Implementation of the policy will be overseen by the Chief Academic Integrity Officer. Additional questions can be emailed to academicintegrity@lagcc.cuny.edu. The proposed Academic Integrity policy was approved. **Vote: Aye-24, Nay-3, Abstain-0.**

VII. Chair's Report

Alternate Senator Wright will become the Senator for the At-Large Adjunct seat after the recall of Senator Ahamed. Alternate Student Senator Siddick will become a Student Senator after Student Senator Wang transferred from LaGuardia.

A new committee, Student Advocacy via Frontline Efforts (SAFE), will bring together students, faculty, and various student service offices to facilitate programming and informational events for students impacted by new policy changes. Please considering coming to "The What's, Who's, and How's of Supporting Undocumented and Immigrant Students" event on Wednesday February 19th from 2:30-4:00pm. Alternate Senator Varin-Mignano is on the committee.

Starting on February 19th, Citizenship Now! will be on campus two Wednesdays per month to offer legal information and assistance. Appointments are available to the community, with LaGuardia students getting priority.

The LaGuardia website features a new Know Your Rights webpage with resources and information related to citizenship and immigration.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Committee on Committees (Elizabeth Streich, Chair)
The Academic Integrity Committee is looking for a faculty member to join.
- ii. Curriculum Committee (Dilrukshan Wijesinghe, Chair)
See above for curriculum approval.
- iii. The Academic Standing Committee (Caterina Almendral, Chair)
See above for approval of the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar and the Academic Integrity Policy.
- iv. Committee on Campus Affairs (Evelyn Lowmark and Anthony Pappas, Co-Chairs)
The Committee on Campus Affairs met yesterday and will meet again on March 11th. They continue to discuss first amendment audits and the campus turnstile project.
- v. The Committee of Faculty (Lakshmi Vidyasagar, Chair)
Nothing to report.
- vi. The Committee on Professional Development (Deborah McMillan-Coddington and Derek Stadler, Co-Chairs)
The Ruhma Choudhury Research Colloquium will be held this Spring. Check your email for a call for presenters.
- vii. The Budget and Finance Committee (Patricia Sokolski, Chair)
Nothing to report.
- viii. The Committee of Staff and Alumni (Karamvir Kaur, Chair)
The Committee of Staff and Alumni offered feedback on the proposed staff awards program.
- ix. The Committee of Students (Mehedi Hassan and Jiale Lin, Co-Chairs)
The Committee of Students shared the wish list they are working on. Senator Cardaio will serve as the group's mentor.
- x. The Committee on Elections (Vacant, Chair)
Nothing to report.
- xi. The Executive Committee (Cristy Bruns, Chair)
See above for 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)
Brightspace trainings will begin in Spring as LaGuardia will transition to using the platform in Fall 2025. The past two years of Blackboard content will automatically transfer over to Brightspace.
 - 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.

X. Unfinished Business

None.

XI. New Business

None.

XII. Announcements

The Senate is inviting VP Ben Rohdin and VP Alexis McLean to the March 12th Senate meeting to offer enrollment and student affairs updates.

Come to Spring Opening Sessions on March 5th. President Adams will give an update on the Strategic Plan.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18PM.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2025