

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
4 December 2002

Present: R. Abbas, K. Boudhan, E. Carrasquillo, H. Chowdhury, D. Davidson, J. Devine, M. Glick, J. Grumet, C. Hiraldo, J. G. Ianni, E. Johmann, W. Kurzyna, T. Litvay-Sardou, J. Michello, E. Murray, R. Octaviano, M. Perez, M. Rahman, M. Razzak, G. Richmond, E. Rivas, P. Rocha, G. Salazar, L. Sardell

Absent: M. Alam, M. Almamun, C. Baldonado, J. Barrios, D. Bravo, J. Cantwell, E. Charlotin, O. Cruz, P. Figueroa, I. Hardin, M. Lasso, K. Morshed, M. Napolitano, F. Ojeda, T. Ruddock

Excused: V. Bruno, P. Dillon, O. Sang

Guests: B. Brooks, C. Macheski

Chairperson Ianni called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM in room E-266.

I. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft version of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2002 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Report from the Chairperson

A. Chairperson Ianni distributed copies of the Tentative Academic Calendar for 2003-2004 e-mailed by Olga Vega on 27 November 2002. The Chairperson highlighted some major changes. He welcomed further discussion and/or concerns related to the calendar to be sent to him via e-mail. It became clear in a brief, spontaneous discussion that there were several counseling, teaching, student-related, etc. concerns regarding the calendar. The Chairperson requested that these comments be e-mailed to him so that he could create a composite of them.

B. The Chairperson noted that there would be an "Advisement Fair" held in the E-atrium from 21 January 2003 through 24 January 2003. The Senate will accommodate the fair by moving to E-500 for its 22 January 2003 meeting. The Senate's E-atrium meeting is now scheduled for 5 February 2003.

C. The Chairperson noted that no nominations were received from the collegewide e-mail solicitation for Parliamentarian. Since the position is purely advisory, the Executive Committee would not rush to fill the vacancy; therefore, the call for nominations remains active. In the interim, Donald Davidson will serve as Acting Parliamentarian.

D. The Chairperson noted that until the Senate elects a Committee on Committees, the Executive Committee would cover the absolutely essential duties of that committee.

E. The open forum concerning the ACT surveys will be placed on the agenda of the meeting of 8 January 2003.

F. Chairperson Ianni announced that Jane Shulman has resigned from serving as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Governance for various reasons. The Chairperson requested that the rest of the Ad Hoc Committee remain patient; discussion is occurring, and the Executive Committee is receiving feedback from various constituencies. Chairperson Ianni also read parts of an e-mail from Sally Mettler, Chairperson of the Faculty Council, expressing her sense that the committee ought to possess “*gravitas*” so that the college might take its recommendations most seriously. The deadline for recommendations for a student representative to the committee has been extended. However, 9 April 2003 will remain as the date of the collegewide open forum hosted by the Senate on the matter.

G. The Counseling Department issues and concerns have been forwarded to the PSC attorney through Daniel Lynch for expert legal opinion.

III. Curriculum Committee Report

Cecilia Macheski introduced a new course proposal in the Department of Humanities, HUA185, Illustration. Several questions were addressed to Professor Brooks of the Humanities Department, and a brief discussion ensued. It was moved and seconded that the course proposal be accepted as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

No old business was presented at this meeting.

V. New Business

No new business was presented at this meeting.

VI. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary J. Richmond
Vice-Chairperson
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes at its meeting of 8 January 2003.