

**LaGuardia Community College**  
**Minutes of the Senate Meeting**  
**12 May 2004**

**Present:** V. Bruno, J. Cantwell, E. Carrasquillo, D. Davidson, J. Devine, P. Dillon, J. Gao, C. Hiraldo, J. G. Ianni, E. Johmann, W. Kurzyna, G. Libreros, T. Litvay-Sardou, L. Merchant, E. Murray, R. Octaviano, M. Perez, G. Rhodes, E. Rivas, L. Sardell, V. Victoria

**Absent:** J. Berrios, K. Boudhan, A. Burgess, M. Diaz, M. Glick, D. Gordon, G. Grewal, M. Hossain, S. Islam, T. Kar, K. Khanam, B. Kulesza, M. Mazumder, J. Michello, M. Nur-E-Aziz, A. Pappas, M. Razzak, N. Remy, L. Thinley

**Excused:** C. Baldonado, J. Giordano, G. Richmond

**Guests:** S. Hanson, R. Herrera-Rodriguez, C. Lewis, E. Nieratka, S. Tanner

Chairperson Ianni called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m. in room E-500.

**I. Approval of Minutes for 14 April 2004**

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 14 April 2004 with the following correction: list “D. Davidson” as present, not absent, in the attendance section. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. Approval of Minutes for 28 April 2004**

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 28 April 2004 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Report from the Chairperson**

**A.** Chairperson Ianni announced that the Calendar Study Group would host collegewide calendar input forms during the next couple of weeks. He briefly outlined the purpose of these forums and the overall timeline for the calendar analysis.

**B.** The Chairperson reported that the Board of Trustees’ Committee on Academic Policy, Programs, and Research approved a resolution establishing a CUNY Graduate School of Journalism on 2 May 2004. The school will be an independent entity within CUNY that will “increase the diversity of journalists in newsrooms across the region.” It will offer a one-year, 36-credit Masters program in Urban Journalism with a specialization in print or broadcast journalism.

**IV. Report from the Committee on Professional Development**

Clementine Lewis, Chairperson of the Committee on Professional Development, and three other members of the Committee presented several recommendations pertaining to the SIR II Form. The Committee’s investigations resulted from a charge given to them by the Senate on 11 February 2004. It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Please see Exhibit I, attached to these minutes, for the precise wording of the approved recommendations.

Clementine proceeded to discuss the upcoming Opening Sessions program in September and the overall future of the event. She then announced that she would be stepping down as Chairperson of the Committee on Professional Development at the end of the Fall Session I in December 2004 to pursue other interests. Chairperson Ianni acknowledged Prof. Lewis for her 15 years of service to the committee, and she received a warm round of applause from all present.

## **V. Old Business**

Eileen Murray gave a brief update about future plans for the Cafeteria.

## **VI. New Business**

A Midyear Election was held for a position as Student Executive Committee Member. Gabriel Rhodes was elected unanimously by acclamation.

## **VII. Academic Standing Committee Report**

Sandra Hanson, Chairperson of the Academic Standing Committee, presented a revised proposal for an Academic Forgiveness Policy. The Academic Standing Committee adopted this revised version of the policy on 3 May 2004 after receiving some feedback from the academic departments. It was moved and seconded to adopt the revised Academic Forgiveness Policy proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Please see Exhibit II, attached to these minutes, for the precise wording of the approved new policy.

## **VIII. General Announcements**

Pat Dillon and William Kurzyna announced the upcoming performances of *Damn Yankees* at LaGuardia.

## **IX. Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vhanessa Victoria  
Secretary  
College Senate

**Nota Bene:** The Senate approved this final version of these minutes at its meeting of 9 June 2004.