

**LaGuardia Community College  
Minutes of the Senate Meeting  
April 25, 2007**

**Present:** C. Baldonado, N. Berke, S. Bestman, J. Cantwell, L. Capuano-Vella, T. Coogan, D. Davidson, L. Forrester, M. Glick, C. Hu, J.G. Ianni, E. Johmann, R. Kahn, W. Kurzyna, T. Lambert, C. Leonard, M. Conde (for T. Litvay-Sardou), E. Murray, R. Octaviano, I. Ortega, A. Pappas, B. Brooks (for G. Richmond), S. Sanchirico, L. Teplin, T. Villaruz, A. Rojas (for S. White), H. Zhao

**Ex-officio:** S. Mettler (for F. Egger-Sider)

**Absent:** J. Byeon, Md. Khan, H. Sherman, H. Shifuddin

**Excused:** R. Butler, R. Cadeau, A. Gupta, J. Karlen, V. Ramirez, E. Rivas

**Guests:** L. Desvigne, S. Hanson, G. Tabidi

***Nota Bene:** For each action summarized in these minutes, the set consisting of those senators that participated in the action forms a subset of those listed as “Present”. The specific vote of each senator that participated in an action is contained in the summaries.*

Chairperson Ianni called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. in room E-500. The quorum at this time consisted of 23 senators including the Chairperson. Since one additional senator was required to establish an absolute majority of senators with full voting privileges, the Senate considered Old Business at the start of the meeting without objection.

## **I. Old Business**

Senator Pappas gave a brief update on the ongoing redesign of the Senate Website. Chairperson Ianni stated that he expects a developmental website to be created for the Senate in the near future. As soon as the link for the developmental space is created, it will be sent out to all senators for their input and feedback. Senator Murray gave a brief update on the consideration of some proposals from Senator Villaruz at the Campus Affairs Committee. She noted that the Bookstore manager agreed to discount one specific item (e.g., knapsack or T-shirt) with a LaGuardia logo each month by 25% for a sale period of one week. The committee also agreed that the College ID policy should be followed, but they did not support imposing a penalty on those members of the college community that did not follow it.

## **II. Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2007**

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on April 11, 2007, as presented. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Bestman, Leonard, Ortega, and the Chairperson.

## **III. Academic Standing Committee Report**

Dr. Sandra Hanson, Chairperson of the Academic Standing Committee, presented to the Senate the following proposal adopted by the Committee as a resolution on April 23, 2007: “*No more than 15 credits earned as a student identified with the general non-degree code may be applied towards a LaGuardia degree. Non-degree students who later decide to pursue a degree at LaGuardia must file a transfer application, complete placement tests, and satisfy other matriculation requirements*”. By general consent, after much discussion, the Senate decided to

postpone action on the proposal for a future meeting and to solicit additional research. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for the Chairperson.

#### **IV. College Governance Plan Discussion**

The Senate continued discussion of the amendments to the Governance Plan initiated on November 15, 2006. Several Senators requested that a future meeting be dedicated entirely to the Governance Plan revisions. Because it would not be possible to use one of the Senate's already scheduled dates, several senators agreed to meet informally on another Wednesday afternoon during club hours. Most of the senators present selected May 23. Many senators also felt that it would be helpful to split into subgroups during the meeting, each focused on specific issues from the Governance Plan. Senator Pappas agreed to compile a list of discussion points forwarded to him by the senators in order to organize the subgroups. He will e-mail a call for topics as well as meeting details as they are confirmed.

During the discussion, several senators departed because of the late hour and the quorum was lost. All remaining orders for the day were postponed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. However, informal discussion on the Governance Plan continued until about 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas  
Secretary  
College Senate

***Nota Bene:*** The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of May 9, 2007.