

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
June 5, 2007

Present: N. Berke, S. Bestman, R. Butler, R. Cadeau, J. Cantwell, L. Capuano-Vella, T. Coogan, L. Forrester, M. Glick, A. Gupta, C. Hu, J.G. Ianni, E. Johmann, R. Levine (for R. Kahn), J. Karlen, W. Kurzyna, T. Lambert, T. Litvay-Sardou, E. Murray, I. Ortega, A. Pappas, B. Brooks (for G. Richmond), E. Rivas, S. Sanchirico, H. Sherman, L. Teplin, S. White

Absent: J. Byeon, Md. Khan, H. Shifuddin, T. Villaruz, H. Zhao

Excused: C. Baldonado, D. Davidson, C. Leonard, R. Octaviano, V. Ramirez

Guests: J. Chaffee, G. Decaro, A. Feibel, K. Forestieri, K. Hajallie, S. Hanson, VP P. Katopes, K. Koh, C. Macheski, G. Meyer, D. Schoenberg, L. Shohat

***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 2:50 p.m. in room E-500.

I. Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2007

By general consent, the Senate postponed consideration of the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on May 9, 2007 until the next Senate meeting, because it was not yet ready for presentation. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Cadeau, Ortega, and the Chairperson.

II. Report from the Chairperson

A. Chairperson Ianni reported that a Student Technology Mentor has been working with the Senate Secretary, Anthony Pappas, on developing the Senate website. Senator Pappas provided more details to all present.

B. Chairperson Ianni reported that the Honors Advisory Committee reviewed and endorsed an honors curriculum designed for students with majors in the Department of Accounting & Managerial Studies. He noted a Senate action from November 13, 2002, that authorizes the Honors Advisory Committee to take such actions.

C. Chairperson Ianni reported on some changes in the way that curriculum items would be processed both by the Curriculum Committee and by the Senate.

D. On behalf of the Senate's Executive Committee, Chairperson Ianni presented the following schedule of 7 meetings for the Fall 2007 semester for ratification by the full Senate: 26 September 2007, 24 October 2007, 14 November 2007, 5 or 7 December 2007, 9 January 2008, 23 January 2008, and 6 or 13 February 2008. After some discussion, the Senate ratified this meeting schedule for Fall 2007 by general consent. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Cadeau, Ortega, and the Chairperson.

E. Chairperson Ianni turned the floor over to Senator Forrester to discuss an interim compromise proposal, prepared by an ad hoc group of senators, on the composition of the Senate for 2007 – 2008. Senator Forrester distributed a copy of the proposal to all present. After a brief discussion and an informal straw poll, formal consideration of the proposal was postponed for a future meeting.

III. Consideration of the Final Draft of the 2007 – 2008 Strategic Plan

By general consent, the Senate decided not to consider this item during this meeting because no presenter of the draft strategic plan was in attendance. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Cadeau, Ortega, and the Chairperson.

IV. Proposed Suspension of Admissions to the Travel and Tourism Program

Dr. Peter Katopes, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented a proposal to suspend admissions to the Travel and Tourism Program. He outlined several qualitative concerns and noted a steady decline in enrollment since 2001. However, based on conversations with faculty from the sponsoring academic department, Accounting & Managerial Studies, VP Katopes reported that he is willing to allow one more semester for internal review and action to occur. It was moved and seconded to postpone consideration of this proposal until the December 2007 Senate meeting pending a further request for review by VP Katopes. The motion passed unanimously with 25 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senator Cadeau and the Chairperson.

V. Curriculum Committee Report

Dr. Cecilia Macheski presented several curriculum items to the Senate. Listed below are the items along with corresponding Senate action. Whenever the phrase “with some technical corrections” appears, it refers to minor adjustments in the written presentation of the proposal. It does not refer to substantive changes in the proposal.

- It was moved and seconded to adopt the revised Honors program proposal for the A.A. or A.S. degrees in Liberal Arts (see Exhibit I) as presented. The motion passed unanimously with 24 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Cadeau, Ortega, and the Chairperson.
- It was moved and seconded to adopt the Letter of Intent for the Liberal Arts and Sciences Psychology Option, A.A. degree, as presented with some technical corrections. The motion passed unanimously with 24 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Cadeau, Ortega, and the Chairperson.
- Dr. Ann Feibel, Chairperson of the Department of Natural & Applied Sciences, presented a proposal for a new program in Radiologic Technology. She also distributed a handout, on behalf of Assistant Dean Marcia Caton, that addressed some related concerns raised by the Senate during its May 9 meeting. It was moved and seconded to adopt the new program proposal for an A.A.S. in Radiologic Technology and to adopt the new course proposals SCX101 – 102 – 201, Radiologic Technology I & II & III, SCX105 – 106 – 205, Radiographic Procedures I & II & III, SCX109 – 119 – 129 – 209 – 219 – 229, Clinical Practicum I – VI, SCX110 – 111, Principles of Radiographic Exposure I & II, SCX240, Cross Sectional Anatomy, SCX245, Pathology for Radiography, SCX250 – 251, Imaging Modalities I & II, SCX260, Film Evaluation and Critique, as presented with some technical corrections. The motion passed unanimously with 25 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senator Ortega and the Chairperson.

- Upon the request of Chairperson Ianni, Vice Chairperson Rivas presided over the presentation of the revised course proposal HUM104, Music for Children (Elementary Education). Dr. Ianni made this request so that he could participate actively in the discussion of the proposal. Alternate Senator Brooks, representing the Humanities Department, began the discussion by presenting some concerns that his department had with the handling of this course proposal at the May 9 Senate meeting. Vice Chairperson Rivas then invited Dr. Ianni to make his presentation in opposition to the proposal. Dr. Ianni noted that his complete presentation has two parts. The first part is based on general considerations such as minimum competency standards and performance objectives. The second part is an in-depth analysis of the mathematical competencies required for the course. After he completed the first part of the presentation, Vice Chairperson Rivas invited discussion from the floor. Several senators and guests participated in the discussion. It was moved and seconded to remand the revised course proposal HUM104, Music for Children (Elementary Education), to the Curriculum Committee with the charge to examine all of the issues raised as a result of the Senate's consideration. The vote on the motion was 21 in favor and 1 opposed. However, the motion was defeated since it did not receive the affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the Senate (23 votes required). All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Bestman, Gupta, Ortega, White, and the Chairperson. Alternate Senator Brooks cast the vote in opposition to the motion.

After the vote on this motion, several senators departed because of the late hour and the quorum was lost. The second part of Dr. Ianni's presentation and all remaining orders for the day were postponed, and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas
Secretary
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of October 24, 2007.