

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
April 1, 2009

Present: M. Abreu, N. Berke, R. Butler, J. Cantwell, L. Capuano-Vella, T. Coogan, K. Cottrell, F. Egger-Sider, M. Glick, U. Hidle, A. Iqbal, R. Kahn, J. Karlen, P.Mejia (for S. Khan), W. Kurzyna, M. Conde (for T. Litvay-Sardou), G. McCormack, J. Palazzolo (for L. McShane), S. Mettler, A. Pappas, E. Rivas, E. Santiago, I. Shakir, P. Sokolski, C. Sterling-Deer, L. Teplin, S. Yee

Ex-officio: VP P. Jordan

Absent: H. Ali, M. Alvarado, C. Lee, N. Lewis, R. Padhiar, H. Rashid, A. Tucker

Excused: C. Baldonado, E. Murray, G. Richmond

Guests: A. Colon, P. Gayle, W. Koolsbergen, L. Merchant, G. Sussman

***Nota Bene:** For each action summarized in these minutes, the set consisting of those senators who 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. Unless otherwise noted, the Chairperson abstains from all votes.*

Chairperson Teplin called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m. in room E 500.

I. Approval of Minutes for March 11, 2009

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on March 11, 2009 as presented. A concern was raised about the way senators are listed as “not participating” in votes, when in reality they are not present for that part of the meeting. The Executive Committee will discuss this at their next meeting. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Alternate Senator Mejia.

II. Report from the Chairperson

Chairperson Teplin reported that the Governance Plan is moving forward and will be presented to the Board of Trustees soon. The new Senate website is now up and running. There is a conflict with our meeting on May 27, 2009 and the Instructional staff meeting. Senator Capuano-Vela raised a concern about this and suggested we think about cancelling our meeting.

III. Curriculum Committee Report

There were several curriculum items presented, which had all been placed on the Senate consent calendar as they were sent out prior to the meeting. Listed below are the items along with corresponding Senate action. Whenever the phrase “with 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 all items on the Senate consent calendar simultaneously as presented. This included: Revised Course proposal SSP200, Global Politics, and two Letters of Intent, Liberal Arts Option in History and Liberal Arts Associate in Arts (A.A) Degree in Theatre. The motion passed unanimously with 25 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Alternate Senator Mejia.

IV. Information Gathering & Discussion of Problems With The Start of The Spring Semester

The Senate began a discussion on what happened with the start of the Spring Semester and how to prevent it from happening again. After some discussion, it was suggested to invite several of the College Vice Presidents to our next meeting to address our concerns. At that point, Vice President Jordan joined the meeting and shared some of the conditions that led to the problems and what has already been done to avoid it happening again. One step to ensure this is a new physical room inventory that will take place shortly. VP Jordan will investigate to see if the inventory list can then be distributed to each Department. He agreed to coordinate the effort to get as many of the College Vice Presidents to attend our next meeting as possible. VP Jordan also took a moment to inform the Senate about some changes in Enrollment Management & Student Development and introduce us to Luis Merchant & Peter Gayle who will both be taking on new roles in the division.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas
Secretary
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of April 22, 2009.