

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
December 8, 2010

Present: S. Adhikari, N. Akter, J. Cantwell, R. Chowdhury (for O. Chen), R. Das, F. Egger-Sider, D. Escobar, H. Fernandez, J. Karlen (for Hector Hernandez until 3:30PM), R. Sturtz (for M. Glick), P. Goodson, U. Hidle, M. Majidi-Zolbanin (for R. Kahn), H. Kuan, L. Cardaio (for Janet Michello), A. Okomba, P. Villarroel (for A. Madi), G. McCormack, L. McShane, S. Mettler, E. Murray, P. Nicolov, A. Pappas, M. Qi, E. Rivas, M. Samra, C. Sanchez-Narvaez, M. Singh, P. Sokolski, A. Chisholm (for A. Tardy), L. Teplin, M. Wong, J. Wynn, B. Yearwood, N. Berke (for Zhang Yu), J. Zhu.

Absent: C. Baldonado, R. Levine, C. Sterling-Deer, G. Walters,

Ex-Officio: V.P. Elliott

Guests: Shahir Erfan, T. Porter Brannon, R. Sarmiento, A. Sohanlall

***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.*

Vice-chair Yearwood called the meeting to order at 2:29 PM in room E 500.

I. Minutes for November 10, 2010 were not approved.

II. Report from the Vice-Chair

In the absence of the chair, the December 10th meeting was chaired by Vice-chair B. Yearwood. The Committee of Faculty met and elected a new slate of officers. B. Yearwood, Chair, Hugo Fernandez, Vice-chair, J. Wynn, Secretary. The subcommittee on academic freedom has the following members: J. Karlen, J. Michello, S. Mettler, and P. Sokolski. Chairperson Kahn will report on the brainstorming of all three committees that took place at the Nov. 10th Senate meeting.

Vice-Chair Yearwood announced that the Liberal Arts Program revision, with the credits for Cooperative Education made elective, as presented by the Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee did not pass at the Curriculum Committee. He suggested that the Senate reach out to Interim V.P. P. Arcario, the Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee chairs and the members of the Cooperative Education Dept. and set up a meeting in January or February 2011.

At this point in his presentation, members of the Senate brought up the question of the legitimacy of the Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee. A senator questioned whether the Chair of the Curriculum Committee should have refused to put on the agenda a proposal that did not go through the proper channel? Vice-Chair Yearwood suggested that this issue be brought to the Committee of Faculty which will take a look at the situation. The Chair of that Committee will then report back to the Senate.

Vice-Chair Yearwood is giving up being chair of the Committee of Committees since he is already the Vice-Chair of the Senate. A new chair needs to be elected by the Senate and one or two members need to be added.

III. Curriculum Report

All of the following curriculum items were approved with two abstentions by roll call vote:

Department of Health Sciences:

Proposed changes in the Human Services/Gerontology Degree

Proposed changes in the Human Services/Mental Health Program

Revised Course Proposals:

SCR 260, Trends of Nursing

SCV 262, Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology

SCX 106, Radiographic Positioning & Procedures II

SCX 109, Clinical Practicum I

Department of Humanities:

New Course Proposals:

HUC 117, Introduction to Computer-mediated Communication

HUM 147, Music Audio Recording 2

Revised Course Proposals:

HUA 285, Graphic Narrative

HUW 112, Introduction to New Media

HUW 161, Principles of Multimedia and Web Design

HUW 162, Web Animation and Interactivity

HUW 163, Internet Video and DVD Development

HUW 166, Introduction to Web Development

HUW 167, Dynamic Web Design

HUW 168, Advanced Dynamic Web Design

HUW 169, Internet Game Design

HUW 269, New Media Project Lab

Department of Education and Language Acquisition:

Reorganization of Education Programs

Several senators commented on a disturbing trend in curriculum: the limit of electives in revisions of majors allows for less flexibility for students. Also need to look at articulation issues, see what is transferable, students who end up with more than 60 credits.

Senator Berke announced that the meeting to certify degrees for Fall I with the Registrar will take place in E-502 after the Senate meeting.

IV. Academic Calendar 2011/201

T. Porter Brannon, Registrar, along with Reine Sarmiento, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Services, presented to the Senate the 2011/2012 academic calendar. After a discussion on a few points, the calendar was accepted by a unanimous roll call vote.

V. Facilities & Space Committee

Vice-President Elliott, along with Shahir Erfan, Executive Director of Facilities Management & Planning gave an overview of the LaGuardia Facilities Master Plan. They then, along with Senator Murray, talked about space allocation at LaGuardia. The Space Committee is chaired by V. P. Elliott and there is a representative from every college division; Senator Murray is the Senate's representative. All college space requests go through this space committee. How do people get appointed to the space committee? Historically it has been people who have been involved with such issues in their divisions.

VI. Update on Budget

Vice-President Elliott gave a brief overview of the budget situation but his basic message is that we still don't know much. The increase in tuition will offset some of LaGuardia's share of the CUNY cuts. LaGuardia embraces the hiring freeze. There will be no layoffs. V.P. Elliot's recommendation is to apportion the cuts to each division.

VII. Campus Affairs Committee

Senator Murray is the chair of the Campus Affairs Committee. She made a presentation to the Space Committee that the Campus Affairs rep should have a vote; it was approved and she voted for the first time in 30 years. She highlighted three issues brought forth to the committee: Space, cafeteria and bookstore price increases. The space issues are for three constituencies:

1. Alumni
2. Student senators
3. Adjuncts

Cafeteria prices will go up in January 2011.

For the bookstore, there has been a tremendous effort to increase the number of used titles, to offer rental of textbooks rather than purchase, to break some bundles so that students don't necessarily have to buy every textbook in the bundle.

A question was asked whether there will be space for a designated faculty meeting room.

XVIII. Old Business

Interim V.P. Paul Arcario will attend a meeting with Cooperative Education faculty on December 15th. Senator Cantwell thanked students and faculty who supported maintaining cooperative education as a requirement for liberal arts students.

VIII. New Business

1. Senator Escobar is working on a proposal regarding bigger space for the math lab. There is a sign that the maximum capacity is 96 but she has counted up to 127 students at a time. There are only 30 terminals available for students.
2. The Center for Teaching and Learning will be hiring new Student Technology Mentors known as STMs. Please encourage students to apply.
3. There is still time to donate to the CUNY Campaign.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Egger-Sider
Secretary
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of January 26, 2011.