

**LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
January 23, 2008**

Present: M. Abreu, N. Berke, R. Butler, L. Capuano-Vella, S. Castillo, J. Wynn (for T. Coogan), M. Glick, J.G. Ianni, E. Johmann, R. Kahn, J. Karlen, W. Kurzyna, A. Lapa, T. Litvay-Sardou, A. Moran, E. Murray, R. Octaviano, A. Pappas, D. Patterson, G. Richmond, E. Rivas, C. Sterling-Deer, L. Teplin, A. Tucker, S. White, H. Zhao

Ex-officio: F. Egger-Sider

Absent: A. Adil, D. Davidson, A. Khan, C. Leonard, T. Nguyen, G. Tabidi, M. Vega

Excused: C. Baldonado, R. Cadeau, J. Cantwell, M. Hall

Guests: P. Betne, T. Cole, G. Crandall, N. Gokhan, C. Macheski

***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 2:40 p.m. in room E-500.

I. Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2008

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on January 9, 2008 with corrections. A revised version including corrections was sent out college wide. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senator Butler.

II. Report from the Chairperson

Chairperson Teplin thanked Senator Rivas for helping her prepare materials for the Senate meetings; including processing the refreshments requests and being a repository for the hard copies of the Curriculum items. She also thanked Senator White for his service to the Senate and announced that Senator Egger-Sider will be representing the Library during Senator White’s sabbatical. She also mentioned that Senator Soszynski has transferred to SUNY Stonybrook and because of that, has resigned from the Senate and Executive Committee effective immediately. It was announced that we will have an election to fill the Executive Committee vacancy at our next meeting. The Curriculum Committee was able to supply electronic versions of all the proposals and will continue doing so. We will also have limited hard copies of all proposals at meetings. Senator Patterson has volunteered to help any student senator access their LaGuardia email and if necessary show them how to forward their mail to their personal email addresses. Lastly, a brief update was given on the status of the interim Governance plan petition.

III. 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 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 course proposal, ENC101, Composition I: An Introduction to Expository Writing 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 Senator Moran.

- It was moved and seconded to adopt the revised course proposals, SSY101, General Psychology and SSY230, Abnormal Psychology 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 Senator Moran.
- By general consent, it was moved and seconded to adopt the Liberal Arts Math and Science Option in Actuary Science Program and the Letter of Intent, Natural and Applied Sciences Fitness and Exercise Science Program as presented. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

IV. Course Transferability

Senators Capuano-Vella and Kahn began a discussion on Course Transferability and the LaGuardia CC Catalog. By general consent, it was decided to ask President Mellow to designate someone to come speak at a future meeting regarding transfer articulation, the college catalog, writing intensives and capstone courses. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

V. Old Business

By general consent, the Senate decided to skip over the Committee on Committee election for now and move on to the Revised Course Proposal, HUM 104, Music for Children (Elementary Education). Shortly after discussion began quorum was lost, although many Senators remained to continue the discussion for another 15 minutes. It was agreed that the proposal would be on the next meeting's agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas
Secretary
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of February 13, 2008.