LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
April 30, 2008

Present: M. Abreu, C. Baldonedo, N. Berke, R. Butler, J. Cantwell, L. Capuano-Vella, S. Castillo, T. Coogan, D. Davidson, F. Egger-Sider, M. Glick, J.G. Ianni, E. Johmann, R. Kahn, M. Hollar-Gregory (for J. Karlen), W. Kurzyna, M. Conde (for T. Litvay-Sardou), S. Mettler, E. Murray, R. Octaviano, A. Pappas, D. Patterson, G. Richmond, L. Forrester (for C. Sterling-Deer), L. Teplin, A. Holmes-Hanley (for A. Tucker until 3:55pm) & A. Tucker (after 3:55pm)
Ex-officio: VP P. Katopes
Absent: A. Adil, R. Cadeau, A. Khan, T. Nguyen, M. Vega, H. Zhao
Excused: M. Hall, E. Rivas
Guests: M. Acosta, A, Anderson, P. Arcario, L. Beaky, W. Benitez, M. S. Choi, W. DeLaTorre, S. Desir, J. Devine, S. Dickinson, A. Feibel, J. Frost, K. Hajallie, S. Hanson, K. Hollis, L. Iannuzzo, T. Lambert, C. Macheski, G. Meyer, L. Muller, J. Nanton, M. Napolitano, D. Peled, J. Rheuban, J. Richardson, M. Riggs, L. Rizo, B. Rosendorf, L. Shohat, Y. Valere, G. Yao

*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 2:33 p.m. in room M -151.

I. Approval of Minutes for April 9, 2008
By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on April 9, 2008 with corrections. A revised version including corrections will be sent out college wide. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Alternate Senator Forrester.

II. Report from the Chairperson
Chairperson Teplin informed the Senate that the Board of Trustees approved our interim Governance Plan and that it was in effect immediately. She welcomed Sally Mettler to the senate as a voting member for the first time representing Faculty Council. She also mentioned that the Executive Committee has begun the process to conduct elections for an Adjunct Senator and Alternate. Senator Capuano-Vella also pointed out that we need to begin the process to elect 3 more At-Large Alternate Senators.

III. Curriculum Committee Report
Professor Cecilia Macheski presented several curriculum items to the Senate. The items 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 with technical corrections. This included: Revised course proposals, CIS166, Introduction to Web Development, CIS167, Dynamic Web Development, New course proposals, CIS169, Internet Game Design, CIS269, New Media Project Lab, the Letter of Intent, Department of Humanities & Computer Information Systems, Entertainment Media & Technology A.A.S. (EnterTech), Revisions to Child

Development Courses, the Transfer of the Deaf Studies Option from Liberal Arts/NAS to ELA, and the Modification of the transfer policy related to sequenced science courses. The motion passed unanimously with 25 votes in favor. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action.

- As an informational item, the Senate also has received documentation on the new numbering of American Sign Language Courses.

IV.   Academic Standing Committee Report

Due to the fact that Dr. Hanson was not present at this point the Senate moved on to the next item on the agenda and returned to the Academic Standing Report immediately after the presentation on the Computer Information Systems Department. By general consent, the Senate approved the amendment to the policy on Academic Appeals/Change of grade with technical corrections. All Senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action, except for Senators Castillo, Johmann, Patterson & Tucker.

VI.   Discussion Regarding the Department of Computer Information Systems

Vice President Peter Katopes presented the Senate with a plan to abolish the Computer Information Systems Department and move their programs to other departments. The departments that would be taking on programs and faculty are the Mathematics, Accounting & Managerial, Natural & Applied Sciences and Humanities Departments. With the exceptions of the Humanities Department and Natural & Applied Sciences, these departments will be renamed to reflect their new makeups. Once the presentation ended, a brief question and answer period began. Immediately after this the Senate returned to the Academic Standing Report. After approval of the Academic Standing Report, the Senate discussion on the Computer Information Systems Department continued for the remainder of the meeting. It was decided that the Senate Executive Committee would continue the discussion during its meeting on May 6, 2008 and formulate a resolution to be voted on at our next full Senate meeting on May 14, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 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 14, 2008.