

**LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the Senate Meeting
September 24, 2008**

Present: M. Abreu, C. Baldonado, N. Berke, P. Nicolav (for R. Butler), J. Cantwell, S. Castillo, T. Coogan, K. Cottrell, D. Davidson, A. Rojas (for F. Egger-Sider), M. Glick, J.G. Ianni, E. Johmann, R. Levine (for R. Kahn until 2:50 pm) & R. Kahn (after 2:50 pm), J. Karlen, W. Kurzyna, M. Conde (for T. Litvay-Sardou), S. Mettler, C. Rauscher (for E. Murray), R. Octaviano, A. Pappas, B. Brooks (for G. Richmond), E. Rivas, C. Sterling-Deer, L. Teplin, A. Tucker

Ex-officio: VP P. Jordan

Absent: J. Georgantziki, F. Islam, S. Khan, N. Malik, T. Nguyen, H. Zhao

Excused: A. Adil, L. Capuano-Vella, M. Hall, D. Patterson

Guests: C. Macheski, I. Ortega

***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 2:35 p.m. in room E 501.

I. Approval of Minutes for May 28, 2008

By general consent, the Senate approved the draft version of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on May 28, 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.

II. Report from the Chairperson

Chairperson Teplin thanked those that are retiring from Senate for all of their hard work, those that will be continuing for staying and welcomed Ken Cottrell to his first meeting as the Adjunct's representative. She also reminded everyone that there will be elections for 2 At-Large Senate seats during the week of 10/14/08- 10/20/08. We will need volunteers to help with Poll watching and everyone should remember to vote. Members of the Senate Executive Committee will be running a training session for new Student Senators on October 8, 2008 in C 107 from 1:30- 3:30pm. All Senators are welcome to stop by and meet the new students. It was also announced that the Senate office will be moving to a different location within the M building in the near future. As soon as the move is finalized we will let you know. The President has asked the Senate for recommendations for the new position of College Conflict of Interest Officer and so far names that have come up are: Nate Dickmeyer, James Giordano & Carol Haspell. If there are other suggestions let Lynne know.

III. Follow up to the Grade Tampering Incident

Vice President Peter Jordan gave the Senate a follow up report on the grade tampering incident. Highlights included: 31 individual students were charged, 2 of which were withdrawn, 28 penalties assigned and 1 case still pending. The Vice President described the range of penalties, gave an overview of the cases and answered questions from the floor. At the tail end of this discussion, Senator Kahn joined the meeting, replacing alternate Senator Levine as the representative of External & Community Affairs.

IV. 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 as presented. This included: New course proposals, HUP107, Aesthetics: Philosophy of Art and Beauty, HUP108, Environmental Ethics, HUP112, Logic and Philosophy, HUP114, Medical Ethics, HUA109, Solidworks Essentials, HUA116, Introduction to Woodworking, ELL210, English Morphology, ELL220, Introduction to Sociolinguistics, ELV101, Elementary Bengali 1, ELV102, Elementary Bengali 2, ELV 103, Intermediate Bengali, HUC/ENG238, Screenwriting, the Liberal Arts Associates in Arts Degree in Philosophy, Communication Studies Major leading to Associate in Science Degree, A.A.S. Degree in Design (Model Making, Product & Prototype), and the Revision to Liberal Arts Math & Science Major. The motion passed unanimously with 22 votes in favor. Senator Pappas abstained. All senators listed as present for the meeting participated in this action except for Senators Castillo, & Davidson.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business discussed.

VI. New Business

Senator Mettler asked the Senate to think about forming an Academic Freedom Committee. She also brought up the fact that she was told that E 324, the Faculty & Staff Lounge, which Faculty Council used to hold meetings in, was not to be used for that purpose any more. The faculty & staff have already lost C 318/C319 as a cafeteria since classroom usage is at a premium and they have become classrooms again. A brief discussion on classroom, space & facility related issues commenced. Some of the issues raised were: the increase in enrollment & subsequent accommodations for students, health & safety issues regarding the space and air quality, the Alumni Association losing their office space, & event space. Two other important issues that will be coming up in future Senate meetings are the Senate website, which may be close to being updated, and the revision of the Governance plan.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Pappas
Secretary
College Senate

Nota Bene: The Senate approved this final version of these minutes during its meeting of October 22, 2008.