# LaGuardia Community College

## **Minutes of the College Senate Meeting**

February 5, 2014 E242

#### **Present and Voting:**

Justin Cooper (Instructional Staff), Derwent Dawkins (Division of Student Affairs), Monica Ekiert (Education & Language Acquisition), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities), Renee Fuseyamore (Student Affairs), Sohung Ghosh (SGA President), Ikramul Hoque (At-Large Student), Robert Khan (At-Large Instructional), Abdul Kayum (At-Large Student), André Keeton (Social Sciences), Charles Keyes (Library), Kader Kone (At-Large Student), William Kurzyna (Faculty Council), Wei Jie Liang (Student), Mahdi Majidi-Zolbanin (Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science), Shah Faisal Mazhar (At-Large Student), Caroline Mendez (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Arlene Peterson (Presidents' Office), Michael Philogene (Business & Technology), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Noam Scheindlin (English), Burhan Siddiqui (At-Large Instructional), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Burl Yearwood (Natural Sciences), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology)

Meeting called to order at 2:38p.m. by Charles Keyes, Chairperson

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i) Senator Hugo Fernandez made motion to approve minutes with revisions from January 8, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Robert Kahn:
  - (a) Yea-21; No-0; Abstention-0
  - (b) MINUTES APPROVED

## II. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ITEMS

- i) Senator Hugo Fernandez made motion to approve Curriculum items approved by College Wide Curriculum Committee (C.W.C.C.) on January 19, 2014; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Patricia Sokolski:
  - (a) Yea-21; No-0; Abstention-0
  - (b) CURRICULUM ITEM-LBN 105-InfoCity: Informed Citizens in the Information Age-APPROVED

## III. COLLEGE SENATE COMMITTEE(S) UPDATES/REPORTS

- a) Hugo Fernandez commented on the Committee of Faculty and various other Committee reports.
- b) Hugo mentioned the survey from the UFS regarding adjuncts and reminded all Faculty representataives to get the information from their department by the next UFS meeting on 2/18/14.

## IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) The Chair stated Brian Goldstein, Director of Athletics and Recreation, could not appear for the January meeting of the Senate but would be submitting information to the Senate for the March meeting.

- (b) The Chair indicated that a resolution to the Rainbow Flag issue was still under consideration by the President's office.
- (c) The Chair reported that Dean Butler's office would be prepared to make a more comprehensive report on veteran's activities at the convenience of the Senate.

#### V. CUNY'S DRAFT POLICY ON EXPRESSIVE CONDUCT

i) After a friendly amendment by Senator Sokolski amending the language of the Draft Resolution on Expressive Conduct to read:

Whereas, the university administration has failed to consult with the PSC, faculty and student governance bodies on its proposed policy, thus, emphasizing its own resistance to dissenting voices; and

- ii) Senator Fernandez made motion to approve Draft Resolution; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Sokolski:
  - (a) Yea-20; No-0; Abstention-1
  - (b) MOTION APPROVED

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

i) Burhan Siddiqui presented on Academic Calendar.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- i) Senator Robert Kahn voiced concerns with proposed course SSY 203: Experiential Learning in Psychology.
- ii) Senator Fernandez voiced continued concerns with the lack of attention to veteran's affairs/activities. Senator Fernandez suggested that the Senate invite those departments and individuals responsible for veteran's affairs/activities to the next meeting of the Senate.
- iii) The indicated that he would invite those parties responsible for veteran's affairs/activities to the March meeting.
- iv) The Alumni Association announced the sale of flowers and candy for the annual Valentine fundraiser.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Senate adjourned at 4:26p.

Respectfully submitted,

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College Senate Secretary &

Senator, Social Science Department