

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
September 30, 2015
E-242

Present and voting:

Omar Ait Hellal (MEC), Cristina Bruns (English), Loretta Capuano-Vella (At-Large Instructional), Daniel Diaz (Student Affairs), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Monika Ekiert (ELA), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities), Ana Lucia Fuentes (Natural Sciences), Natalie Havlin (At-Large Instructional), Rosann Ippolito (At-Large Instructional), Charles Keyes, (Chair and Library), Caroline Mendez (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni), Jessica Perez (Alternate At-Large Instructional), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Laverne Summers (Student), Lynne Teplin (Counseling), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology).

Guests: Selma Skrijelj (student), Ayana Simmons (student).

Meeting called to order at 2:53PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 9/9/15 SENATE MEETING

Senator Hugo made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Rivas, with the following correction: Under New Business, the correct date for the Faculty Council Tenure & Promotion Forum is Thursday, November 19th from 2:30-4PM.

- (i) Yea: 19; No: 0; Abstention: 0**
- (ii) Motion to approve minutes approved**

II. CURRICULUM CONSENT CALENDAR

Senator Teplin noted that the Freshman Seminar had inadvertently been left off the Philosophy Curriculum. She contacted Debra Engel, Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee and Professor John Chaffee, Philosophy Program Director, and the Freshman Seminar was put back into the Philosophy Curriculum.

Senator Hugo made a motion to approve the consent curriculum consent calendar, seconded by Senator Rivas.

- (i) Yeah: 19; No:0; Abstention: 0**
- (ii) Consent calendar approved**

III. ELECTION UPDATE

Chair Keyes opened the discussion with thanking Senator Pappas, Chair of the Elections Committee, for doing a great job in a very short time.

Senator Pappas then gave a run-down on the various elections which should all, hopefully, take place before the next Senate meeting on October 7th.

For student senators, there are 16 candidates which will mean 10 students senators + 6 alternates. The ideal would have been to have 20 candidates so each senator has an alternate. Elections will end on October 5th at 11:59PM. Results should be available by Friday, October 2nd. Senator Zhu from the Information Technology Division, is helping run the online elections.

Student orientation for new senators will take place on Tuesday, October 6th from 1-2PM in E-322.

Senator Fernandez asked whether there had been any coordination with the Senate Committee on Professional Development. It was suggested that the Senator Pappas coordinate with Senator Omar Ait Hellal and Professor Florence Kabba, the co-chairs of the Committee on Professional Development regarding further orientation for new student senators.

Other elections include:

For At-Large Instructional, there are 11 candidates for 2 seats + 2 alternates.

For Adjunct, 1 candidate.

For Non-Instructional Staff, there is only 1 candidate.

For the Division of Academic Affairs, 1 person needs to be elected + 1 alternate. That elected is run by the Division of Academic Affairs itself.

Chair Keyes raised the issue whether the Senate meeting of October 7th should be cancelled as all the elections for new senators might not all have been completed. The consensus of all senators was not to cancel the next Senate meeting.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Forum on Budget and Strategic Plan. Vice-President Shahir told Chair Keyes of the Forum on LaGuardia's Budget and Strategic Plan for 2015-16. He also mentioned to the Chair that he would be willing to meet separately with the Senate's Budget Committee.

It was reiterated that members of the Senate's Budget Committee do not have to be Senators. Since there is a large pool of 11 candidates interested in being At-Large Senators, it might be a good idea for present senators to invite them to sit on the Senate's Budget Committee.

Thank you letters for Senate Service. Senator Fernandez suggested that the Executive Committee of the Senate write letters of thanks to all senators for their years of service on the Senate. If a senator performed a specific function besides serving their two years, it is up to the Senator to let the Chair know what the specifics should be.

Senator Rivas will continue to give a certificate to student senators and their alternates.

V. OLD BUSINESS

The Faculty Council President reminded everyone that the Tenure & Promotion Forum will be held on Thursday, November 19th from 2:30-4:00PM in E-500.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Mendez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator Rivas.

Adjournment at 3:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Egger-Sider
Faculty Council President
for André Keeton,
Secretary, College Senate