

LaGuardia Community College
Minutes of the College Senate Meeting
March 12, 2014
E242

Present and Voting:

Claudia Baldonado (Adult and Continuing Education), John Clappin (At-Large Adjunct), Justin Cooper (Instructional Staff), Francine Egger-Sider (Faculty Council), Monica Ekiert (Education & Language Acquisition), Hugo Fernandez (Humanities), Renee Fuseyamore (Student Affairs), Sohng Ghosh (SGA President), Claudette Gray (Administration), Ikramul Hoque (At-Large Student), Rosann Ippolito (At-Large Instructional), Mohammad Islam (Student), Valerie Jones (At-Large Instructional), Robert Kahn (At-Large Instructional), Abdul Kayum (At-Large Student), André Keeton (Social Science), Charles Keyes (Library), Kader Kone (At-Large Student), Regina Lehman (Health Science), Wei Jie Liang (Student), Qiwen Liu (Student), Biying Luo (Student), Mahdi Majidi-Zolbanin (Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science), Shah Faisal Mazhar (At-Large Student), Caroline Mendez (Non-Instructional Staff), Anthony Pappas (Alumni Association), Michael Philogene (Business & Technology), Elaine Quezada (Student), Eneida Rivas (Institutional Advancement), Noam Scheindlin (English), Patricia Sokolski (Academic Affairs), Lynne Teplin (Counseling), Sinying Wong (Student), Burl Yearwood (Natural Sciences), Jenny Zhu (Information Technology)

Meeting called to order at 2:40p.m. by Charles Keyes, Chairperson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2014 MEETING

- (a) Senator Valerie Jones made motion to approve minutes with revisions from February 5, 2014; 2nd by Senator Robert Kahn:
 - (i) Yea-34; No-0; Abstention-0
 - (ii) **MINUTES APPROVED**

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- (a) The Chair stated that he consulted with the Parliamentarian and the executive committee concerning the proper interpretation of Art. 5 § D.1 of the Governance Plan; the relevant language of which states:

“...The Chair of the Committee (Academic Standing) shall be a voting member of the Committee elected for a term of two years by the voting members of the Committee. The Chair must be a tenured faculty member or must hold a Certificate of Continuous Employment (CCE).”(emphasis added)

The Chair concluded that the language is clear as to who may chair the ASC.

- (b) The Chair indicated that the Senate body needs to be better informed of the metrics used in the Performance Management Process in evaluating employee performance. To that end:
 - (i) Professor Katherine Conway, Business Management, Borough of Manhattan Community College will make a presentation- (30 minutes including Q & A) on CUNY's Performance Management Process at the April 9, 2014 meeting of the Senate.
- (c) The Chair stated that the Senate is currently investigating the issue of

additional student seating/lounge space. The Chair encouraged more student senators to become involved in the process.

- (d) The Chair referred the members to the memo produced by Brian Goldstein, Director of Athletics and Recreation and circulated for the March 12, 2014 meeting. Mr. Goldstein indicates that:

“...the swimming pool and all operational costs are funded by generating revenue through membership passes, swim lessons, and rentals. Funding does not come from student tuition or activity fees.”(emphasis added)

The Chair stated that Senators should review the memo and suggested that according to the memo, extended pool hours for students *could* conflict with revenue generators.

- (e) The Chair indicated that there is currently no description of an ad hoc budget committee. Therefore, a description will need to be generated.
- (f) The Chair reminded members that though Senate meetings are open and all guests are welcome, guests are not automatically entitled to speak. That courtesy rests with the Chair.
- (g) The Chair indicated that he will be attending a governance meeting with President Mellow.

III. PRESENTATIONS FOR SERVICES ON VETERAN STUDENTS

- a) Guest Speakers: Everett Jones, ACE; Pressian Nicolov, Student Affairs; Bertha Fountain, PROVE (Project for Return and Opportunity in Veterans Education)
 - i. The guests presented information to the Senate concerning the College’s ongoing efforts to provide essential services to student veterans. Among the many issues raised by the guests were academic preparation, transition/transfer, clinical referral and the establishment of the College’s new Center for Veteran’s Affairs. According to the guests, the goal of the center is to centralize veteran’s services in order to more comprehensively service veteran students’ needs.

IV. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ITEMS

- (a) Senator Anthony Pappas made motion to approve Curriculum items approved by College Wide Curriculum Committee (C.W.C.C.) on January 30, 2014, February 13, 2014, and February 20, 2014; 2nd by Senator Burl Yearwood:
 - (i) Senator Kahn made comments voicing continued concern with the framework proposed for New Course: SSY 203 Experiential Learning in Psychology.
 - (ii) Yea-30; No-0; Abstention-0
 - (iii) CURRICULUM ITEMS-APPROVED

V. COMMITTEES

- a) The formation of new committees:
 - i. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
 - 1. Burl Yearwood
 - 2. Anthony Pappas
 - 3. Patricia Sokolski
 - 4. Caroline Mendez
 - ii. Ad-Hoc Committee on Transfer-Chaired by Justin Cooper
 - iii. BUDGET COMMITTEE
 - 1. Justin Cooper
 - 2. Mahdi Majidi-Zolbanin
 - 3. André Keeton
 - 4. Patricia Sokolski

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a) The Chair indicated that the Rainbow Flag will hang in the Hall of Flags by the end of the Month of March.
- b) The Chair indicated that he will confer further with Director Goldstein concerning Pool hours.

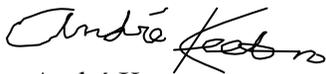
VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) The Senate Website continues to undergo updating.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Senator André Keeton made motion to adjourn; 2nd Burl Yearwood.
Senate adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



André Keeton
College Senate Secretary &
Senator, Social Science Department