

LaGuardia Community College
Agenda for the College Senate Meeting

October 22, 2025

2:15-4:30 pm

E-500

I. Call to Order

2:27

II. Approval of Agenda

No changes

III. Approval of the Minutes from the September 10, 2025 Meeting

Albert on line.

IV. Approval of Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar Items from September 18, 2025
and October 9, 2025

JBL/MO

Priyantha: explanation of photography package. Not listed on cunyfirst.

Unanimous. 27 Aye.

V. Senate's Executive Committee Elections

27 votes.

Chair

Nom: PS/JT. CB accept.

Vote: 27 CB

Vice Chair

Nom: JK/JT. LS accept.

Vote: 26 LS / 1 PS

Secretary

Nom: LC/ JK accept

Vote: 28 JK

2 at-large EC

Nom: JK for PS. Accept. LC for JBL. No Accept. AP for LC. Accept. LC for AP. Accept.
Vote: PS 22. LC 19. AP 15.

2 at-large student EC (must be full senator)

Nom: Zaib for Zaib. Accept. Roman for Samia. Accept. Nabina for Nabina. Accept.
Leila for Jafin. No accept.

Vote 1: Tamoy.

Vote 2: Nabina

12 (zaib) /20 (tamoy) /18 (nabina) /6 (samia)

6 (zaib) /19 (nabina) /3 (samia)

Meeting: Monday Nov. 3 @ 3:30

VI. Senate's Committee on Committees Election

2009 GP: 7 members. RGP: at least 3 members. 1 from each constituency.

Motion: LC/JBL

Move to follow the RGP with regard to membership.

Difficulty finding members and holding meetings.

Past Chair ES. Successful year last year filling positions.

Motion: unanimous aye

Nom: ES nominates self. Accept. ES nominates TO. Accept? (can add later) AP nominates
Jeanne Funk. Accept. Nabina nominates Sonika. Accept. Jafin for Jafin. Accept. Leila for Leila.
Accept.

27 votes.

Meet after and elect a chair.

VII. Chair's Report

Post-meeting constituency committee meeting – elect a chair(s), decide when to meet, develop a
wishlist by dec/jan meeting

Nov meeting 11/12 will invite Melissa Grant Ass. Dean of Advising and VP Shahir and crew for
capital projects report.

August CUNY BoT amended bylaws - Cuny general counsel now has oversight responsibility
over campus legal counsels. Rationale: campus counsel makes decisions that cuny is liable for.
Need more coordination. Concern: CUNY legal is slow and understaffed and there is no plan to
deal with this and the increased workload that will result from this decision. Will develop a
procedure for this by jan 1.

Kevin Martin. New dean of institutional effectiveness/middle states liaison. Discussed senate assessment and need to develop a formal assessment process.

MFA bumpy rollout. CB contacted wayne levy with concerns. Wayne now connected with senate IT advisory committee.

CUNY Alliance to Defend Higher Ed group (CADHE) CB and Paul Fess organizing members. see website.

Actions: issued statement defending faculty, staff, and students from UC Berkley/condemning actions of UCB admin (due to fed. Gov request for information in “anti-seminitism investigation)

Condemnation of texas tech directive to teach only two genders. Goes against AF and can cause harm to trans community.

Interim CUNY provost Alixia Alvero statement on AF – problematic statement. Language limited AF. Makes AF dependant on response to language not the language itself. Letter to provost and chancellor.

Met with SUNY governance leaders to unite.

Email from Erika Correa. No longer senator and parliamentarian. Wants to stay on ASC and Budget committees. Appreciated time serving.

PS – UFS statement and Staten Island proactively rejecting compact “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Ed” (McMahon-Mailman compact)

Thank you douglas for placards.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Committee on Committees (Elizabeth Streich, Chair)
- ii. Curriculum Committee (Dilrukshan Wijesinghe, Chair)
- iii. The Academic Standing Committee (Caterina Almendral, Chair)
Kahoot and snacks Monday October 27 230-330.
Async workshop. Notice to be sent out soon.
- iv. Committee on Campus Affairs (Evelyn Lowmark and Anthony Pappas, Co-Chairs)
- v. The Committee of Faculty (Vacant, Chair)
- vi. The Committee on Professional Development (Derek Stadler, Chair)
Will meet on Zoom Nov. 6 @ 10. Welcome memebers of all subcommittees.

vii. The Budget and Finance Committee (Patricia Sokolski, Chair)
\$500,000 surplus. But who knows what will happen at federal/state level.

viii. The Committee of Staff and Alumni (Vacant, Chair)

ix. The Committee of Students (Vacant, Chair)

x. The Committee on Elections (Vacant, Chair)

3 divisions (ACE, Admin, and Alt. Student Affairs) still up in the air.

Thank you to ahmad nassar from IR. And LCV. Daisy from HR.

xi. The Executive Committee (Cristy Bruns, Chair)

xii. Transfer Committee (Alexa Duque and Misun Dokko, Co-Chairs)

xiii. Food Insecurity, Justice, and Community Need Committee (Rebekah Johnson, Chair)

b. Ad Hoc Committees

i. IT Advisory Committee (Jaime Riccio and Ian McDermott, Co-Chairs)

Met with Wayne Levy new CIO. Discussed MFA transition. Do cybersecurity training.

Call IT if you have trouble with MFA.

ii. History Committee (Charles Keyes, Chair)

iii. Online Learning Committee (Joshua Tan and Michele De Goeas-Malone, Co-Chairs)

iv. Senate Assessment & Review Committee (Leslie Scamacca, Chair)

v. Faculty/Staff Ombuds Committee (Patricia Sokolski, Chair)

vi. Instructional Staff Handbook Revision Committee (Rochell Isaac, Chair)

XIII. Unfinished Business

Non

XIV. New Business

Non

XV. Announcements

Nov. 17 10-5 register for Wellness center verbal crisis intervention training/ deescalation (hybrid online and in-person)

XVI. Adjournment

4:17

Next Meeting: November 12, 2025

Committee Chairs: