Queensborough Community College
City University of New York
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
of the Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting held on November 5, 2013

Present: A. Borrachero (Committee Chairperson), A. Corradetti (ex-officio, President’s Designee), S. Jacobowitz, A. Kolios, Dr. K. Steele (Vice-President academic affairs, invitee), E. Tai (ex-officio, Steering Committee Designee), R. Yuster, L. Zinger

Absent: M. Chauhan (Committee Secretary), D. Klarberg, E. Shinn Hong (Student Representative), Cartier Alonzo (Student representative)

1. The meeting was called to order at 2.10 P.M. in H 345.

2. Because Dr. Moni Chauhan was not able to be present at the meeting, the minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2013 could not be approved. Dr. Borrachero took notes and prepared the minutes for the session.

1) Department of Business

Profs. Karen Grant and Carol Goldfond discussed with members of the committee the rationale behind the elimination of prerequisites for BU-916 (Medical Coding and Billing I). They explained that the old prerequisites (BI-520 and either BI-403 or BU-903) will remain part of the curriculum in the programs and certificates affected by the change, but they will not be prerequisites.

Profs. Karen Grant and Carol Goldfond were thanked for their presentation and their time, and left the meeting at approximately 2:30 P.M.

2) Curriculum Committee matters

Pathways items. Dr. Philip Pecorino summarized the actions of the Curriculum Committee and the Senate on Pathways during 2012-2013. He explained that the 2012-2013 official record of Senate actions in relation to Pathways reflects a consistent absence of support for such curricula by QCC senators and faculty. (He distributed a copy of the Senate actions that are collected here: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/as-blogs/The_QCC_Academic_Senate_and_the_CUNY_PATHWAYS_Initiative.html). As for the
2013-2014 Curriculum Committee actions in relation to Pathways, Dr. Pecorino suggested that the Curriculum Committee continue examining departmental curriculum proposals and presenting such proposals to the Academic Senate as the Committee thinks best, using the best academic judgments of committee members, and in accordance with College demands for academic rigor.

A discussion ensued among members of the committee, Dr. Philip Pecorino, Dr. Karen Steele and Dr. Arthur Corradetti about different interpretations of past actions of the Senate and the Curriculum Committee. They also shared different perspectives on how the Curriculum Committee should proceed during the current academic year.

At 3:00 pm, Dr. Pecorino, Dr. Karen Steele, Dr. Susan Jacobowitz, Dr. Anthony Kolios and Dr. Arthur Corradetti left to attend other meetings. Dr. Richard Yuster joined the committee and Dr. Lana Zinger and Dr. Borrachero gave him an update of the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee