

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the February 8, 2005 meeting of the
Academic Senate

President Eduardo J. Martí called the fifth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:10 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The complete Senate roster is available at
http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic_senate_roster.asp

Absent, as determined from the attendance sheet circulated at the meeting, were:

Absentees 9

Nathan Chao
Margaret Reilly
Lora Milciades

Robert Kueper
Robert Fredericks
Nephala De Abreu

David Klarberg
Bonnie Duen
Roka Abhishek

II. Consideration of minutes of the December 7, 2004 meeting:

A **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the December 7, 2004 minutes.

III. Communications from:

President Marti:

President Eduardo J. Marti referred to his written report and began by thanking everyone for the outpouring of good wishes after his recent operation.

Trustee Susan O'Malley couldn't be here today and her visit will be rescheduled.

New faculty members and administrators were introduced: Anissa Mack, Art and Photography; John Imhof, Mechanical Engineering Technology and Design Drafting; Arturo O-Farrill, Music; Kam Tim Ou, Social Sciences; Maryellen Lo Bosco, Academic Advisement; Susan Edwards, Academic Affairs; William Faulkner, Finance and Administration. Dr. Emily Tai, History Department, was welcomed back from her sabbatical.

The budget situation is difficult and we will need a united front to restore the cuts the Governor has proposed. At this time, we don't know for certain the impact of the budget on our College.

The hearings for the Strategic Plan will take place on April 15 and 16. Since the plan represents the collective thinking of our College community, it is vital that people show up for the hearings and make their views heard.

Vice President Ellen Hartigan was thanked for her work in developing a Relationship Manager Program, which will work for more effective student services as a means to retaining students. Since higher student enrollment can lead to more funds, there will be a push to increase our offerings in the evenings and weekends.

CETL will play a leading role on this campus in moving the faculty to think about applied research in community college pedagogy. Everyone is urged to think about pedagogical research and it will play a role in promotion and tenure. The importance of research in the academic disciplines was also affirmed.

We are moving in the direction of our goal of creating a paperless campus. Use of Tiger Mail is a major component of this initiative.

Senate Steering Committee: Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chairperson of the Academic Senate Steering Committee, referred to his written report. Laptops were placed throughout the room to show the use of the wireless environment. In the future they could also be used for Senate business.

Next month all Senate materials will be placed in one document distributed by email to make printing easier.

A questionnaire is being distributed during the meeting by the Committee on Committees concerning the online balloting system.

Three committees now have committee Guides on their websites.

Work is being done on forming new committees as needed, revising the charge of some committees and converting special and sub-committees to standing committees.

UFS Representative: Report received.

IV. Monthly Reports of Committees:

Committee on Committees: Report received.

Committee on Curriculum:

Course Revision: Social Sciences

A motion was **made, seconded,** and **approved** to accept the revisions to:

ED 115 Special Education

New Course: Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology

A motion was **made, seconded,** and **approved** to accept a new course:

ET 720 Advanced Web and Multimedia Programming Applications

Program Revision: Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the revisions to the programs:

New Media Technology Certificate Program
Computer Engineering Technology
Electronic Engineering Technology

WID WAC Proposal

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept a resolution on the WID WAC program, but not including any action of the formation of a Standing Committee on WID WAC.

V. Unfinished Business:

Report on UFS Conference on Academic Freedom

Report received.

Dr. Sheena Gillespie, Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, remarked that petitions for faculty elections are due soon.

VI. Report on Academic Integrity Program

Dr. Paul-Jean Pierre, of the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, presented a report on the new academic integrity procedures.

VII. Demonstration of Online Class scheduling program

The new Online Class Scheduling Program, which is currently in beta testing, was presented by Ann Tullio of the Registrar's Office and George Sherman, Elizabeth Gordon and Lawrence Nelson of IT.

VIII Informational Presentation: Performing Arts Center

Susan Agin, the Director of the Performing Arts Center, gave a presentation on the work of the Performing Arts Center, which is now celebrating its 40th anniversary.

IX. New Business:

Student Representative Rose Topal spoke of student concerns regarding class cancellations. President Marti recommended the formation of a task force of students, faculty and administrators to look into the issue under Vice President Mark McCulloch.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Pearl
Secretary