

Queensborough Community College  
The City University of New York

**MINUTES**  
**of the February 13, 2007 meeting of the  
Academic Senate**

President Eduardo J. Martí called the fifth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:05 p.m.

**I. Attendance:**

The complete Senate roster is available at  
[http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic\\_senate\\_roster.asp](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic_senate_roster.asp)

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

Absentees 16

Aaron Krac	Maureen Wallace	Indra Avens
Deborah Fitzgerald-Royce	Robert Kueper	Georia McGill
Kip Montgomery	Kenneth Pearl	Margaret Reilly
Craig Weber	Richard Yuster	Robert Fredericks
Tanya Murray	Jamal Bilal	Christelle Dominique
Madeline Gonzalez		

**II. Consideration of the minutes of the December 12, 2006 meeting:**

A **motion** was **made**, **seconded**, and **approved** to accept the December minutes (*Attachment A of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*). There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

**III. Communications from the Board of Trustees or any of its Committees**

- President Martí referred to the Policy On Computer Use (*Attachment B of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*) and Policy on Student Complaints Concerning Faculty in Academic Settings (*Attachment C of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*) recently approved by the Board of Trustees. The President stated they will be implemented in accordance with the Board of Trustees.
- President Martí also stated that the Policy on Student Complaints Concerning Faculty in Academic Settings would work in tandem with the proposed policy on Students Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.

**IV. Communications from:**

**President Marti:** The President welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Spring 2007 semester.

President Martí referred to his written report (*Attachment D of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*):

- The President welcomed Dr. Dan King our new Vice-President of Academic Affairs and invited all to attend the welcome breakfast for Dr. King on Wednesday February 14, 2007. The President also commented on the importance of the position of Vice-President of Academic Affairs and the many initiatives within the purview of the Office.
- President Martí referred to the monies from the Compact and the funding for the initiatives, and commented that the initiatives enable us to be the best community college in the nation.
- The President stated that the ASAP initiative is similar to our PIE plan.

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- President Martí encouraged all to work with and support Assistant Dean Corradetti with all aspects of the Middle States Self Study Report.
- President Martí stated that we have previously agreed to go forth with the CCSSE, an instrument which benchmarks the College. Faculty are encouraged to follow the guidelines established by Ms. Anna May Jagoda.
- Chair Pecorino inquired if the ASAP attempts to design pedagogical programs that would raise graduation rates, and if there are any reforms that would carry over to the main programs.
- President Martí responded that there is proof that student cohorts work better; that often students first attending college do not know what to expect or are unprepared. Currently about 47% of the triple exempt students graduate in about 6 years; the goal is that 50% of the triple exempt students will graduate in three years. The money for the ASAP initiative will provide the resources to study this further.
- Chair Pecorino further inquired that if pedagogic innovation with the triple exempts are successful will this success carry over to other areas.
- President Martí responded that the faculty are the experts in this area and will be the ones to make this determination.
- Chair Gillispie stated that Vice Chancellor Bottman has stated that it will not be effective unless we revisit what we are currently doing. In addition, we will need the summer to elevate the students to the level they need to be.
- President Martí stated that he has named Bobbi Bauer as the Director of the ASAP and that we will need to learn from the current cohort.
- President Martí stated that we did not do as well with the new budget; that the senior colleges fared better. We will need to do work, and hopefully the PSC will also work towards obtaining better funding for the community colleges.

**Steering Committee:**

Chair Philip Pecorino welcomed Senator King and welcomed back Senator Robert Becker. Chair Pecorino also noted that Mr. Lin Lee, the President of Student Government, is no longer President or a Senator.

Chair Pecorino then referred to his written report (*Attachment E of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*) and also mentioned the following additional items:

- The Committee on Committees has circulated the applications for service on Standing Committees of the Academic Senate for 2007 – 2008. The deadline is February 28 and faculty need to re-apply each year for service on a committee.
- On this month’s Agenda there are communications from the Board of Trustees. Future Agenda’s will include the url for Board of Trustees communications.
- Under New Business of today’s Agenda are items under consideration by the Board of Trustees (*Attachments K, L, and M of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*). They are brought to the Senate so that if anyone has any comments or suggestions they can be brought to the attention of Chair Pecorino so that he may direct them to the Faculty Governance Leaders, the UFS or the BOT as appropriate. Sometimes the feedback from faculty influences the final decisions made by the BOT.
- Chair Pecorino, via email, has made an effort to explain to the community the new computer policy. Please direct any questions you may have on this new policy to Chair Pecorino.
- At the May meeting of the Academic Senate there will be elections for the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate for 2007 – 2008. If you have an interest in serving on the Steering Committee please contact Chair Pecorino.
- President Martí encouraged senators to offer to serve.

**UFS Representative:** The report on the CUNY UFS Meetings of December 12, 2006 and January 30, 2007 were received. (*Attachment F of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*).

**V. Reports of Academic Senate Standing Committees**

**Committee on Committees:**

- The report was received (*Attachment G of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*).

**VI. Old Business**

- President Martí noted that the report from the Special Committee on Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities (*Attachment H of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*) along with the Proposed Policy – Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities (*Attachment I of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*) were carried over from the December 2006 meeting.
- A motion was **made** and **seconded** to approve the proposed resolution. There was discussion.
- A motion was **made** and **seconded** to amend item #3 under Your Rights to insert the word *major* prior to *assignments and projects*.
- The motion to amend item #3 under Your Rights **failed**.

*There were 20 negative votes:*

S. Asser	J. Bertorelli	J. Falik	M. Gorelick	J. Kurnit
G. Visoni	J. Nagler	T. Smith	P. Svoronos	J. Valentino
A. Ansani	G. Burleson	L. Ellis	K. Golden	J. Goldenberg
A. Kashkin	D. Klarberg	J. Lin-Martinez	S. Nagarkatte	P. Pace

*There were 5 abstentions:*

J. Culkin	F. Cotty	A. Kolios	M. Trachman	J. Pantaleo
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- The motion to approve the resolution **failed**.

*There were 24 negative votes:*

S. Asser	J. Bertorelli	A. Bourbon	J. Culkin	J. Falik
M. Gorelick	J. Kurnit	G. Visoni	J. Nagler	T. Smith
P. Svoronos	J. Valentino	A. Ansani	P. Bales	G. Burleson
M. Cesarano	L. Ellis	J. Goldenberg	A. Kashkin	D. Klarberg
S. Nagarkatte	L. Reesman	E. Tai	R. Zahavy	

*There were 7 abstentions:*

F. Cotty	T. Gerson	A. Kolios	M. Trachman	K. Villani
P. Weiss	J. Pantaleo			

- President Martí stated that the Policy approved by the Board of Trustees (*Attachment C of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*) supercedes our Proposed Policy and Process – Student Complaints Related to Faculty in Academic Settings (*Attachment J of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*).

**VII. New Business**

- Chair Pecorino stated, as mentioned earlier, that the items under New Business (*Attachments K, L, and M of the February 13, 2007 Agenda*) are here for information and discussion only. It's our way to obtain feedback to communicate to the Board of Trustees. Please direct any concerns you may have on these items to Chair Pecorino.
- Senator Steele announced that through the efforts of Dr. Schneider (Biology Department) and the President's Office, there will be two seminars on February 28, 2007, *Planning for Academic/Career Success and Mentoring: A Proven Strategy for Developing Students*. The speaker is Dr. Howard Adams, an excellent and motivating speaker. Please make an effort to attend. Information will be distributed via email.
- President Martí requested that senators and faculty encourage students to run for elections for Student Government.

The meeting adjourned at 4.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Villani  
Secretary