

Queensborough Community College  
The City University of New York

**MINUTES**  
**of the October 10, 2006 meeting of the  
Academic Senate**

President Eduardo J. Martí called the second regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:03 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 9

Joseph Bertorelli	Anne-Marie Bourbon	Deborah Fitzgerald-Royce
Robert Kueper	Kenneth Pearl	Robert Fredericks
Josephine Pantaleo	Tana Murray	Geffard Ithmar

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

A **motion was made, seconded, and approved** to accept the September minutes (*Attachment A of the October 10, 2006 Agenda*) with the following corrections:

line 79	should be \$1.45 million
line 303	should be Deleri Springer
line 319	should be alternate delegates

There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

**III. Communications from:**

**President Marti:** President Eduardo J. Martí referred to his written report (*Attachment B of the October 10, 2006 Agenda*):

- President Martí stated this will be the last meeting that Vice-President McColloch will attend since he has accepted a position with Baltimore County Community College. The President and entire Senate extended best wishes to Vice-President McColloch.
- The President then stated the search has begun for a new Vice-President of Academic Affairs. There have been and will continue to be advertisements in the Chronicle of Higher Education and New York Times and other publications. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested in this position, please direct them to our website.
- President Martí then welcomed Ms. Luz Martin del Campo, the Acting Director of Coordinated Undergraduate Education. The President then called upon Assistant Dean Arthur Corradetti who introduced Ms. Bonnie Cook the new Learning Center Coordinator
- The Middle States Steering Committee is listed in his report and also includes Assistant Dean Arthur Coradetti.

- The 2006 – 2007 Strategic Plan has been posted on the Queensborough website. If you have any concerns on this Plan, please direct them to the President immediately.

**Steering Committee:**

Chair Philip Pecorino expressed gratitude to Vice-President McColloch for his work with the Steering Committee and many other committees of the Academic Senate. Chair Pecorino then referred to his written report (*Attachment C of the October 10, 2006 Agenda.*) and also mentioned the following additional items:

- As part of the old business on today’s Agenda, there will be a follow up on the resolution passed May 2005 on the Welcome Initiative for veterans.
- At the last meeting of the Academic Senate, a member of the faculty in attendance made the claim that there was nothing for faculty concerning the management of the classroom and complaints about student behavior in the classroom. The Steering Committee pursued the matter and circulated via email the rules and procedures regarding faculty rights and responsibilities in the management of the classroom. This information is posted on the CETL website. Chair Pecorino expressed gratitude to the Office of Student Affairs and CETL for their assistance in providing this information.
- After the last meeting, Mr. Bruce Naples, Director of the Academic Computing Center, suggested that instead of using the pdf files for the overhead display, we enlarge a Word file for better viewing. This seems to be an improvement and we thank Mr. Naples for his suggestion. We also welcome any other suggestions from members of the Senate.
- The Committee on Bylaws is working on revisions to the Bylaws as a result of the Perez decision, and there may also be some other revisions forthcoming.

**UFS Representative:**

The report on the CUNY UFS Meeting of 9-26-06 was received. (*Attachment D of the October 10, 2006 Agenda.*)

**FGL Representative:**

The report on the Faculty Governance Leaders Meeting of 9-15-06 was received. (*Attachment E of the October 10, 2006 Agenda.*)

**IV. List of August 2006 QCC Candidates for Graduation:**

Dr. Marti requested a motion to approve the list of candidates for August 2006 graduation. (*Attachment F of the October 10, 2006 Agenda*) The motion was **made, seconded, and approved**. There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

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

**Committee on Committees:**

- Senator Cesarano referred to his report (*Attachment G of the October 10, 2006 Agenda.*)
- Chair Pecorino stated that there are no more alternates for the Academic Senate for this year. In the event that a Senator cannot complete this academic year, then the seat will be vacant.
- Senator Cesarano stated there are two openings on the Committee on Admissions and the Committee on Committees expects to fill those vacancies and have a report for the next meeting.

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- Senator Cesarano then stated that due to a technicality in the Bylaws, that Ms. Janette Urciuoli could not complete her former term on the Committee on Committees since she had been replaced by Dr. Ansani. This then created a vacancy on the Committee on Committees. Senator Cesarano called for nominations to fill the vacancy. Senator Gerson **nominated** Ms. Janette Urciuoli. Senator Bales **seconded** the nomination. There were no more nominations; Senator Cesarano closed the nominations. The nomination was unanimously **approved**, with no negative votes and no abstentions

**Committee on Curriculum:**

- Dr. Cotty referred to his report (*Attachment H of the October 10, 2006 Agenda*) and presented the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee on Curriculum:

**COURSE REVISIONS**

*Foreign Languages and Literature*

pre-requisite changes for LG-811 and LG-812:

From:

LG-811 German Literature in Translation I  
Conducted in English. 3 class hours 3 credits  
Elective credit only.  
Not credited toward the language requirement.  
Prerequisite: [EN-102].

To:

LG-811 German Literature in Translation I  
Conducted in English. 3 class hours 3 credits  
Not credited toward the language requirement. Elective credit only.  
prerequisite: EN-101

From:

LG-812 German Literature in Translation II  
Conducted in English. 3 class hours 3 credits  
Elective credit only.  
Not credited toward the language requirement.  
Prerequisite: [EN-102].

To:

LG-812 German Literature in Translation II  
Conducted in English. 3 class hours 3 credits  
Elective credit only.  
Not credited toward the language requirement.  
Prerequisite: EN-101

Rationale: These courses are electives in Humanities for an Associate of Art degree; they also fulfill the college WI requirement.

Both courses are good candidates to be offered as a learning community with EN102. But with EN102 as pre-requisite it is not possible to offer such a learning community. LI-813 “Masterpieces of Italian Literature” already has EN 101 as its prerequisite and it is in the same level as LG811.

A motion to approve these changes was **made, seconded, and approved**, with no negative votes and no abstentions.

## NEW COURSES

### *Physics Department*

#### *PH-229 Introduction to Photonics*

2 class hours, 1 recitation hour, 3 laboratory hours, 4 credits  
Co-requisite: MA114 Technical Mathematics

#### *Course description:*

Topics in optics related to lasers and optical fiber and devices for modulating and directing signals from such devices. Students will study geometrical optics with emphasis on ray tracing and the application to lenses (thick and thin), mirrors, prisms and other passive optical elements and systems. Students will study the propagation of light in materials and dispersion and its effects. Additional topics will include an introduction to lasers and fiber-optics, including an introduction to the propagation of light through fibers. Laboratory exercises complement class work.

#### *Rationale:*

This course is required (along with PH-230) as part of two course sequence that will replace PH-231 for some students in the Laser and Fiber Optics Engineering Technology Program (LFOT). Initially this course will be offered at high schools allowing students to enter QCC with credit towards a degree in LFOT. This sequence is also a possible alternative for students who lack confidence in their skill in mathematics by postponing the more mathematically advanced topics for one semester, until after they have completed MA-114.

The course will be offered once a year at the high schools (currently Franklin K. Lane and Queens Vocational). Initially the course will not be offered at QCC.

#### *PH-230 Matrix Optics and Aberrations*

1 lecture hour and 1 recitation/lab hour, 1 credit  
Prerequisite: PH-229

#### *Course description:*

Topics in matrix optics applied to geometric (ray) optics including beam propagation, thin and thick lenses and lens systems. Introduction to aberrations in optical systems, how they are formed and controlled.

#### *Rationale:*

Combined with PH-229 this course will meet the requirement of PH-231 for Laser and Fiber Optics Engineering Technology students. This course will allow students to take PH-229 while in high school (encouraging them to continue their studies at Queensborough) and then complete the rest of the content required in PH-231 by taking one one-credit course at QCC.

Once PH-229 is being offered, the Department will propose a revision in the LFOET curriculum stating that PH-229 and 230 may be substituted for PH-231 (similar to the existing substitutions of PH-310, 302 or PH-411, 412, 413 for PH-201, 202).

A motion to approve these new courses was **made** and **seconded**. The following was discussed:

- Senator Weiss raised the question as to why these courses are coded in the 200 series if they will be offered in the high school.

- Dean Steele stated these two courses combined cover the material of PH-231.
- Dr. Lieberman stated they are not high school level courses and if they are offered at the high school, then they are offered through the College Now or Tech Prep programs.

The courses were **approved**, with no negative votes and no abstentions.

**VI. Annual Reports** (*Attachments I - N of the October 10, 2006 Agenda.*) :

<b>Committee on Academic Development / Elective Academic Programs:</b>	Annual Report received.
<b>Committee on Ceremonial Occasions:</b>	Annual Report received.
<b>Committee on Course and Standing:</b>	Annual Report received.
<b>Committee on Gallery and Performing Arts:</b>	Annual Report received.
<b>Committee on Vendor Services:</b>	Annual Report received.
<b>Committee on WID WAC:</b>	Annual Report received.

**VII. Old Business**

Senator Krac stated that over a year ago he had proposed the *Welcome Home Initiative* to address the return of veterans to our campus; an Initiative which the Senate had approved. Subsequently the Veteran’s Club has been formed through Student Activities. Senator Krac wanted to thank those that had come forward to support the Welcome Home Initiative: Professor Mark Van Ells (History Department), Professor Robert Kueper (ECET Department) and Professor Vic Defazio (Counseling Department). A special thanks also goes to Professor Andrea Cohen (Counseling Department) who did much of the groundwork for establishing the Veteran’s Club and will serve as the Director of this Club.

**VIII. New Business**

Senator Lorena Ellis announced on behalf of CETL and the Foreign Languages Department that on November 7, 2006, from 2pm – 4pm in M-136 there will be a reading and discussion of Dr. Olga Karman’s book *Scatter My Ashes Over Havana*. A flyer will be distributed via interoffice mail.

Senator Sheena Gillespie reminded everyone of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Faculty Conference on Friday October 20, 2006, which will celebrate the pedagogical expertise at our College. Senator Gillespie also thanked those who submitted petitions for the upcoming elections.

President Eduardo J. Martí announced that on December 6, 2006, at 4pm, University Dean Ann Kirschner – Dean of the Honors College, will be the guest speaker at the President’s Lecture series.

Senator JoAnn Wein announced that next Thursday, October 19, 2006, at the Art Gallery, there will an opening and reception of an exhibition by several members of our faculty.

Senator Charles Pranci welcomed Ms. Amy Ching, the new CLT representative.

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Villani  
Secretary