

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the October 8, 2013
Academic Senate

President Diane Call called the second regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:15 p.m.

I. Attendance:

69 members of the Academic Senate cast votes during the meeting, including 60 who registered present for the roll call at the commencement of the meeting.

Absentees:

Kip Montgomery	Yangki, Ngawang
Gilmar Visoni	Dong, Chaojun
Susan Jacobowitz	Jones, Stephen
Shannon Kincaid	Benjamin, Linsy
Georgina Colallillo	
Eileen White	

II. Consideration of minutes of the September 10, 2013:

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted to approve the September 10, 2013 minutes as presented (see Attachment A of the October 8, 2013 Agenda).

III. Communications from President Call: President Call referred to her written report (Attachment B of the October 8, 2013 Agenda)

- President Call began her report by saying that the College had come close to its enrollment objectives. She then thanked faculty and staff for their work in certifying attendance of students, and in so doing saved hundreds of FTEs.
- President Call mentioned that advisement and registration for Winter and Spring would be starting much earlier than has traditionally been the case, with advisement through the academies beginning on October 7th.
- President Call described the launch of Starfish early alert system, again thanking faculty and staff for their work in this area, which has made a difference by changing behavior of students.
- President Call acknowledged the work of faculty member Jules Allen for the publication of his new book of black and white photographs, *In Your Own Sweet Way*.
- President Call also congratulated faculty for receiving CUNY Community College Collaborative Research Grants: Dr. Paul Sideris (Chemistry); Dr. Julia Rothenberg (Social Sciences); Professor Nick DiZinno (Engineering Technology), Professor Jeffrey Schwartz (Engineering Technology), Dr. Azita Mayeli (Mathematics), and Dr. Daniel Garbin (Mathematics).

- 47 • President Call also announced the award of a three-year \$171,000 National Science Foundation
48 grant in which QCC is the lead in collaboration with Allegheny Community College in
49 Pennsylvania and St. Mary's College in Maryland.
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- 51 • President Call thanked those who participate in one of several advisory committees, including
52 College Advisory Committee on Campus Security, The Sexual Harassment Awareness and
53 Intake Committee (SHAIC), and College Advisory Committee for 504/ADA Compliance
54 Committee.
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- 56 • Alluding to several upcoming events described in her written report, the President singled out one
57 that was not: the conclusion of the recent reaccreditation visit of the ABET external review team
58 to Engineering Technology. Acknowledging the work of several years to create a self-study, one
59 described by the team as a model, the President said she was hopeful that they would receive a
60 six-year reaccreditation.
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- 62 • The President discussed her recent reminder and invitation to faculty to get involved in the
63 multiple ways in which one might participate in the Middle States review process, noting that
64 schools in SUNY and CUNY have been or may soon be placed on "warning."
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- 66 • The President reminded the Senate of the Fall Faculty meeting on Wednesday, October 16.

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68 Upon conclusion of her report, President Call took two questions from Steering Committee Chair
69 Dr. Philip Pecorino.

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71 The first question involved an item from the part of the President's written report about the QCC
72 Early College Initiative. It has been stated that QCC faculty will have participation in the formation
73 of the high school curriculum, especially in the areas of English, Math, History, Social Sciences
74 and Foreign Languages. "When," Dr. Pecorino asked, "will you begin to form that group?" The
75 President answered that Dr. Fabricant has been involved at the state level at the DOE for Math
76 curriculum and that Dr. Paris Svoronos has been involved in the sciences. She also noted that
77 there had only been two meetings, and the College was represented at those meetings by Dr.
78 Jonas Falik of Business and Stu Asser of Engineering Technology, as these two areas—
79 technology and business--will be the focus of the school. Although the school is slated to open in
80 Fall 2014, the President indicated that she did not yet have a timetable for some of the
81 housekeeping matters to be resolved.

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83 The second question by Dr. Pecorino involved the [Student-Faculty Disciplinary Group], which
84 has been reconfigured by the University to handle a wider variety of cases, including regarding
85 harassment and discrimination, etc. Chair Pecorino asked President Call to report on this matter,
86 given that those who volunteered for this service were now being asked to do something other
87 than what they signed-up for. The President indicated that she was unaware of the details of the
88 matter.

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90 **IV. Senate Steering Committee Report:**

Chair Pecorino referred to his written report:
(Attachment C of the October 8, 2013 Agenda)
focusing on some of the following:

- 94 • Chair Pecorino announced that the University Faculty Senate would be undergoing a change in
95 its charter and advised that faculty on campus would be invited to participate in a referendum on
96 the UFS charter to be conducted by the Faculty Executive Committee.
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- 98 • Following-up on the requested input of Associate Chancellor Matthew Sapienza, Chair Pecorino
99 conducted an informal poll of the faculty members of the Senate regarding the question of how
100 funds in the coming fiscal year should be allocated. The results are as follows:

101 A. More Full-time faculty: 13 (25%)
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- 103 B. Improved Facilities (labs, equipment, space): 24 (46%)
- 104 C. Increased Student Support Programs: 4 (8%)
- 105 D. More Student Scholarships: 3 (6%)
- 106 E. Increased Faculty Research Support: 8 (15%)

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- 109 • Chair Pecorino mentioned once again that something has to be done about the lack of
- 110 participation in votes with respect to the Open Meetings Law. Some members of the Senate are
- 111 choosing not to vote, rather than abstain. It becomes difficult to determine the difference between
- 112 an intentional non-vote vs. a member of the body who has left the room.
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116 **V. Monthly Reports of Standing Committees of the Academic Senate**

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- 118 • Committee on Committees – September 2013 (*Attachment E of the October 8, 2013*
- 119 *Agenda*)
- 120 • Committee on Committees – October 2103 (*Attachment F of the October 8, 2013*
- 121 *Agenda*)

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123 **VI. Annual Reports of Academic Senate Standing and Special Committees**

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- 125 • Committee on Academic Development (*Attachment G of the October 8, 2013*
- 126 *Agenda*)
- 127 • Awards and Scholarships (*Attachment H of the October 8, 2013 Agenda*)
- 128 • Committee on eLearning -revised(*Attachment I of the October 8, 2013 Agenda*)
- 129 • Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Services (*Attachment J*
- 130 *of the October 8, 2013 Agenda*)
- 131 • Committee on Vendor Services (*Attachment K of the October 8, 2013 Agenda*)

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133 **VIII. Old Business**

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136 **IX. New Business**

137 Dr. Pecorino was recognized by President Call on the floor of the Academic Senate for his

138 forty years of service as a faculty member and governance leader at Queensborough

139 Community College with a copy of the Perez v. CUNY decision printed upon a tee-shirt.

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141 The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM

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143 Respectfully Submitted,

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145 Joel Kuszai

146 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate