

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the November 14, 2017
Academic Senate

President Diane Call called the third regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at **3:14 PM**

I. Attendance:

65 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 71 members of the Academic Senate were present during the meeting.

Absentees: Denise Ward, Anne Marie Menendez, Franca Ferrari, Mangala Tawde, Barbara Blake-Campbell, George Muchita, Richard Tayson, Emil Parrinello.

II. Consideration of minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting of the Academic Senate:

The following corrections were made: VP Timothy Lynch was incorrectly listed as absent and Debra Maslanko's name was misspelled. A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 66-0-0 to approve the October 10, 2017 minutes as amended** (see *Attachment A of the November 14, 2017 Agenda*). Did not vote: Reuvain Zahavy, Joanne Chang, Patrick Wallach Maria Khamraj.

III. Communications from:

1. President Call

President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the November 14, 2017 Agenda*.) The full report can be read on the Academic Senate [website](#).

Dr. Julian Stark: Asked about title IX compliance. President Call informed the Senate that QCC has appealed the decision and has not received a formal note of non-compliance.

Dr. Pecorino: Asked about [the article in Times](#) regarding predatory journals. FEC wants to work on an internal statement in response to the article.

Dr. Lynch: The Office of Academic Affairs submitted a statement of integrity to *The Times*. Dr. Galvin wrote response to article too.

2. Senate Steering Committee Report

Chair Dr. Joel Kuszai referred to the written report (*Attachment C of the November 14, 2017 Agenda*). The full report can be read on the [Academic Senate website](#).

IV. Monthly Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate:

1. Committee on Curriculum

1. New Course

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

57 **PSCY-201 “Research Methods in Psychology.”**

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59 A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 69-0-0 to approve PSCY-201 as new courses in
60 the Department of Social Sciences (See Attachment F of the November 2017 Agenda). Did not
61 vote: Peter Irigoyen.

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63 **2. New Program**

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65 **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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67 **Degree proposal for an A.S. in Psychology.**

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69 A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 69-0-0 to approve the program in Psychology as
70 a new A.S. degree in the Department of Social Sciences (See Attachment F of the November
71 2017 Agenda). Did not vote Peter Irigoyen.

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73 **2. Committee on Food Insecurity.**

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75 Chair Dr. Emily Tai referred to the written report (See Attachment G of the November 14, 2017 Agenda).

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V77 **Old Business**

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79 None.

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V81 **New Business**

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83 Dr. Joseph Culkin: Read a statement from the QCC chairs in response to *Times* article as follows:

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85 The chairs of Queensborough Community College would like to affirm their
86 respect for the integrity and excellence of our peer faculty at Queensborough.
87 Recent publications have called into question the scholarly integrity of the work
88 of the Queensborough faculty. As governance leaders who collaborate with
89 fellow faculty and the administration in the guidance, reappointment, and
90 promotion of faculty, we can say with certainty that Queensborough faculty
91 members are dedicated to their research, publication and creative work and
92 conduct their scholarship, research and creative work with an integrity and
93 seriousness that deserves appreciation and celebration. Continued references to
94 opportunistic publishers may easily confuse those unfamiliar with the excellence
95 of our peers, leading to the impression that this is a common issue at the college.
96 This is not the case! Materials submitted by faculty for reappointment, tenure and
97 promotion, are vetted at the departmental level in advance of being referred to the
98 college P&B and receive appropriate scrutiny. Faculty applications for
99 reappointment, tenure and promotion to Associate are vetted by up to five levels
100 of scrutiny: annual reviews, departmental P&Bs, the College P&B, the
101 administration and the Academic Review Committee. Faculty are offered
102 guidance by peer mentors, chairs, faculty on departmental P&Bs, and the
103 administration to assist them in maintaining a record of excellence. To besmirch
104 the reputation of this faculty, as a whole, is to do a disservice to the City
105 University of New York and the college. It devalues the excellent education
106 provided to our students and the quality of their degrees.
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A resolution was presented from the Bylaws committee by Dr. Susan Jacobowitz. (See attachment D of the December 2017 agenda.) A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 69-0-0** to **approve** the resolution. Did not vote: Peter Irigoyen.

Dr. Cheryl Spencer: wants to remind student senators to publicize food pantry to fellow students.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
John Talbird
Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate