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Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
Of the November 13, 2018
Academic Senate

President Timothy Lynch called the third regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at **3:16 PM**

I. Attendance:

59 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 66 members of the Academic Senate were present during the meeting.

II. Consideration of minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting of the Academic Senate:

A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 64-0-0** to approve the October 9, 2018 minutes as presented (Attachment A of the November 13, 2018 Agenda).

Secretary of the Steering Committee presented the following corrections to the September 25, 2018 minutes:

- Line 108 change from “to approve a new course” to “delete”
- Line 155-158 change to a Resolution from curriculum committee
- Lines 114, 122 and 132 should state “(Attached Q)”

A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 65-0-0** to approve the revised minutes for September 25, 2018 as presented (Academic Senate website).

III. Communications from:

1. President Lynch

The Senate received President Lynch’s November 2018 Report (Attachment B of the November 13, 2018 Agenda.) To see the full report, visit the [Academic Senate website](#).

Senator Clingan asked President Lynch if he supported a fair contract for PSC members specifically the adjuncts. A Point of Order was raised by the Parliamentarian to move this inquiry under new business as this questioning doesn’t relate to the President’s report.

2. Senate Steering Committee Report

47 Chair Dr. Joel Kuszai referred to the written report (Attachment C of the
48 November 13, 2018 Agenda). For the full report, visit the [Academic Senate](#)
49 [website](#).
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51 **IV. Annual Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate**

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53 The following committee reports included in the November agenda were received by
54 the Academic Senate:
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- 56 1. Admissions Committee (Attachment D)
- 57 2. Committee on Committees (Attachment E)
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59 **VII. Monthly Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate**

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61 The following committee reports included in the November agenda were received by
62 the Academic Senate:
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- 64 1. Committee on Committees (Attachment F)
- 65 2. Bylaws Committee (Attachment G) - vote taken.
66 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 65-0-1** to approve
67 amending the bylaw charges of the eLearning Committee (Attachment G
68 of the November 13, 2018 Agenda).
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70 **VIII. Old Business**

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72 None.
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74 **IX. New Business**

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76 1. **Religious Observance Policy and Procedure:** Senator Pecorino requested
77 that this item be moved to after the curriculum report was voted on.
78 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 63-1-1** to move the
79 Religious Observance Policy and Procedure item after the Curriculum report
80 is voted on (Attachment H of the November 13, 2018 Agenda).
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- 82 2. **Committee on Curriculum October report:** Due to ADA compliance issues, the
83 curriculum report was held back from the Senate distribution on November 6.
84 The ADA compliant report was distributed on December 7 as Attachment I. The
85 Academic Senate acted on the following items from the Committee on
86 Curriculum October Monthly Report:
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88 Senator Holden clarified that Item 2 within the Digital Art and Design program
89 should be removed as it was already passed during the 2016-17 Academic year.
90 **Thirteen course revisions (1 experimental) in the Electrical Technology**
91 **Department, six program revisions within the following departments: Art**
92 **and Design, Health, Physical Education, and Dance, Physics, and**

93 **Chemistry were all voted on, including a friendly amendment removing**
94 **item 2 of the digital art and design program revision.**
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96 **Course revisions:**

97 ET-232 Wireless Mobile Communications, ET-506 Linux Operating System, ET- 580
98 Object Oriented Programming, ARCH-111 Architectural Design I, ARCH-113 Building
99 Technology I, ARCH-121 Architectural Design II, ARCH-123 Building Technology II,
100 ARCH-125 Surveying and Site Planning, ARCH-129 Visualization II, ARCH-231
101 Architectural Design III, ARCH-237 Environmental Systems, ARCH-248 Structures I

102 **Program revisions:**

103 Digital Art and Design Program, Art A.S. Degree (Concentrations Art and Design, Art
104 History) Program, Dance – Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program, A.S. in
105 Science for Forensics Program, A.S. in Engineering Science Program, A.S. in Liberal
106 Arts & Sciences (Mathematics & Science) Program.
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108 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 66-0-0** to approve changes to the
109 following twelve courses: ET-232 Wireless Mobile Communications, ET-506
110 Linux Operating System, ET- 580 Object Oriented Programming, ARCH-111
111 Architectural Design I, ARCH-113 Building Technology I, ARCH-121 Architectural
112 Design II, ARCH-123 Building Technology II, ARCH-125 Surveying and Site
113 Planning, ARCH-129 Visualization II, ARCH-231 Architectural Design III, ARCH-
114 237 Environmental Systems, ARCH-248 Structures I, in the Electrical
115 Technology Department and the following six program revisions: Digital Art and
116 Design Program, Art A.S. Degree (Concentrations Art and Design, Art History)
117 Program, Dance – Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program, A.S. in Science
118 for Forensics Program, A.S. in Engineering Science Program, A.S. in Liberal Arts
119 & Sciences (Mathematics & Science) Program (Attachment I of the November
120 13, 2018 Agenda).
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- 122 3. **Religious Observance Policy and Procedure:** The Academic Senate received
123 the Religious Observance proposal (Attachment H of the November 13, 2018
124 Agenda).
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126 Senators spoke in opposition and others in support to this proposal. An amendment
127 to the proposal was presented as follows: *be it resolved that, the Academic Senate*
128 *Steering Committee, working with the College Office of Academic Affairs and the*
129 *Student Government Association, will develop a plan related to the rights of students*
130 *to participate in religious observances and report such plan to the Academic Senate*
131 *by May of 2019.*

132 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 39-13-6** to accept the
133 amended Religious Observance Policy and Procedure (Attachment H of the
134 November 13, 2018 Agenda).
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136 4. Senator Clingan inquired if the President and the Senate supported adjunct
137 salary increases to \$7000 per course. After some discussion...

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139 A **motion** was **made, seconded,** and **adopted 34-6-11** to support the PSC
140 union collective bargaining item on raising adjuncts salary to \$7000 per
141 course.

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143 5. Senator Montgomery proposed that the Senate support all of the PSC CUNY
144 contractual demands. Senator Pecorino asked to get a sense of the Senate on
145 [endorsing all of PSC demands.](#)

146 A **motion** was **made, seconded,** and **adopted 50-2-2** to support ALL of
147 the PSC union collective bargaining items.

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150 The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM

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152 Respectfully Submitted,

153 Jannette Alejandra Urciuoli

154 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate